



Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople



Father Dave Urban, Pastor
Very Reverend Father John Brancho, Pastor Emeritus
Timothy Martin, Reader
Matthew Peifer, Stephen Brancho, & John Radick, Cantors
Matthew Peifer, Church Council President
www.facebook.com/pg/St-John-the-Baptist-Orthodox-Church-of-Northside-Pittsburgh-169297619784149

2688 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa 15212
412-748-0148, Talk or Text
OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com
www.OrthodoxPittsburgh.com

August 11, 2019

A Two Week Bulletin

Volume V

8th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (250)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Liturgical Color: Gold

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Blessing of Students / Lesser Blessing of Water

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy	1 Corinthians 11:31-12:6	Matthew 18:1-11
Tuesday	Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (9th c.)	1 Corinthians 12:12-26	Mt 18:18-22, 19:1-2, 13-15
* Wednesday	Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord (1164)	1 Corinthians 13:4-14:5	Matthew 20:1-16
* Thursday	Blessed Basil of Moscow, fool-for-Christ (1552)	1 Corinthians 14:6-19	Matthew 20:17-28
* Friday	Venerable Anthony the Roman (1147)	1 Corinthians 14:26-40	Mt 21:12-14, 17-20
* Saturday	Holy 7 Youths (the "7 Sleepers") of Ephesus	Romans 14:6-9	Matthew 15:32-39

* Dormition (Theotokos) Fast - Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

August 18 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord / Martyr Eusignius of Antioch (362)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 8 Liturgical Color: Blue

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Fr Robert Prepelka to serve / YOUTH Sunday /

Final day to bring in clean Garage Sale donations and place everything on the tables

+++ +++ +++

Monday, August 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord (No service on the NS /

9am St. Michael's in Rankin / 10am St. Mary's (Ukrainian) - 116 Ella St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136)

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

* Monday	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord	1 Corinthians 15:12-19	Matthew 21:18-22
* Tuesday	Martyr Dometius of Persia (363)	1 Corinthians 15:29-38	Matthew 21:23-27
* Wednesday	St. Emilian the Confessor, bishop of Cyzicus (820)	1 Corinthians 16:4-12	Matthew 21:28-32
* Thursday	Apostle Matthias (63)	2 Corinthians 1:1-7	Matthew 21: 43-46
* Friday	Blessed Laurence, fool-for-Christ at Kaluga (1515)	2 Corinthians 1:12-20	Matthew 22:23-33
* Saturday	Martyrs Basil & Theodore of the Kiev Caves (1098)	Romans 15:30-33	Mt. 17:24-18:4

* Dormition (Theotokos) Fast - Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

August 25 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyrs Anicetus and Photius of Nicomedia (305)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 1 Liturgical Color: Blue

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Add'l Collection for our Community Outreach / Blessing of First Fruits & Vegetables / Moleben to the Theotokos

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (responded with: Glory Be Forever!)

Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava Na Viki!)

We are happy that you have joined us today! Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability.

He looks forward to meeting you!

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

This Bulletin Is Offered:

In honor of
Donna Horbal's
Birthday (8/17).
May God grant her
many years!



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father by Wednesday.)



Out of Town – Fr. Dave (and family) will be unavailable from August 12-23. Please contact either Fr. Nik Ferencz (724-953-6046) or

Fr. Joseph Fester (available 12th-20th 908-423-9289) for any hospital visits or other emergencies. Your prayers for our safe travels are much appreciated!

+++ +++ +++

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Eleanor Sanger; Viola Peifer; Margaret Rusnak; Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Lawrence Martin; Kirish Family; Pañi Brancho; Mirilovich Family; Patty Watson; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Cindy Pavilonis.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." - John 8:12

+++ +++ +++

Thank You! to the anonymous donor who had our entrance doors re-stained and the crosses repainted. May the blessings of God's generosity also be with you!

+++ +++ +++



ITEMS – Clean donations for our 27th Annual Garage Sale will be accepted through **Sunday, August 18th**. All are welcome to bring in items and place them on the tables. Please respect the date (8/18) as items will need to be priced after everything is set up.

+++ +++ +++

Coat Drive – Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before our last coat drive but it is still in good condition? We are now collecting clean coats and jackets to donate to FOCUS Pittsburgh (who provide **F**ood, **O**ccupation, **C**lothing, **U**nderstanding, and **S**helter to those who are in need). We will collect the clean coats on the coat rack in the hall through August.

+++ +++ +++



Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD) – We invite you to join with other St John's faithful in giving to the annual DDD program.

This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth and other programs in our diocese. Those who give \$100 (& up) are invited to the Annual Banquet, which this year will be held on **Sunday, October 6th**: Doors open at **4** / dinner at **5** at the Edgewood Country Club (100 Churchill Rd., Pgh, PA 15235). Please see Father Dave, Larry Martin (our local ambassador), or get a brochure in the vestibule for more information.

+++ +++ +++

The Blessing of the First Fruits –

On **Sunday, August 25th** following the Divine Liturgy, we will bless our 'first fruits' from our gardens (or purchased from the grocery store). **Everyone** is encouraged to bring in a bowl, basket, or bushel of fruits and/or vegetables!



+++ +++ +++

ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

+++ +++ +++

Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **August 13-15** – 60th Annual International Village (Eden Park Blvd. & University Dr., McKeesport) from 3pm to 9pm each day
- **August 15-18** – Presentation of Christ (1672 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **August 23-25** – St George (315 W. Englewood Ave., New Castle) *Greek*
- **August 28-September 1** – Holy Trinity (985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*

+++ +++ +++

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 437
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 423
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 705
Community Outreach 3 mo. matching funds:	\$ 470
Total Collections:	\$ 2035
Relocation Fund:	\$ 770

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

+++ +++ +++

Congratulations! to Justin Watson of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers who got to play in his hometown this past Friday (catching 4 passes for 37 yards). Justin is a relative of the parish and from South Park. The hometown Steelers pulled through and thankfully some family members were able to attend!

+++ +++ +++

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

- August 18: **Open / "Pot Luck"**
- August 25: **Open / "Pot Luck"**
- September 1: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

+++ +++ +++

Reader of the Third Hour:

- August 18: Available to you
 - August 25: Available to you
 - September 1: Available to you
- This should begin by 9:15 and can be read or chanted. Please contact Fr Dave if you are interested in participating in this wonderful stewardship prayer opportunity!*

+++ +++ +++

LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- Tuesday, August 27 – 7pm** Feast Day Vespers
- Wednesday, August 28 – 9:30am** Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
- Sunday, September 1** – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs / 12 noon – Akathist to the "Inexhaustible Cup" Icon and Panachida for those who have overdosed
- Tuesday, Sept 3 – 7pm** Moleben to St. Nectarios
- Friday/Saturday, September 6/7** – 9a-3p 27th Annual Garage Sale

+++ +++ +++



2nd Annual Camp Nazareth Golf Classic

– St. Michael Orthodox Church in Binghamton, NY is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on **September 7th** to benefit Science Camp at Camp Nazareth. Proceeds from the Tournament will go towards the purchase of scientific equipment to be use at during that week. Information on registration and opportunities for sponsorships are posted on the bulletin board. Please check there for deadlines. There is also a raffle that will be drawn following the Tournament. Prize is a 55" Visio 4K UHD LED TV. Tickets are \$5 each or 4/\$20.

Church Slavonic Class - The 2019/20 academic year at Christ the Saviour Seminary will begin on September 9th. Fr. John Brancho, instructor for the Church Slavonic course (both in the fall and spring), is inviting parishioners who would like to participate to join the seminarians. The class is offered on Fridays from 9 AM to noon. There is **no** tuition charge and pre-registration is not required. The first class is **Friday, September 13th**. Any questions may be directed to Fr. John (814-539-5043 / frbrancho@aol.com.)

+++ +++ +++



The Diocesan Council-**SOBOR** will take place in Johnstown on **October 13-16**. Please contact Fr Dave for information on placing ads in the commemorative journal.

For any of our faithful interested in attending any of the meals during the SOBOR, especially the Grand Banquet, are asked to contact Fr Dave as soon as possible. Ticket prices vary (deadline for reservations is **Sept. 8**).

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures." +Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chlo'e's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apol'los," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Ga'ius; ¹⁵lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Steph'anas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

+++ +++ +++

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

¹⁴As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the

+++ +++ +++

100th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, East Pittsburgh celebration will be on **November 16 - 17**. Anniversary Ad Book ads: Full page (\$100); Half page (\$50); Quarter Page (\$25); Patron (\$10), Booster (\$5). A sign up sheet is in the hall for Patrons and Boosters with a deadline of **August 15**. Anniversary Brunch: Sunday, November 17 at the Edgewood Country Club. Ticket prices: Adult: \$35. Children 3-12: \$15 OR Chicken Finger Plate \$10. Children 2 and under: no charge. For reservations, please call DeBorah Hutnyan at 412-288-3299. Deadline is **November 1**.

+++ +++ +++

Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
You Tube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus Walks on the Water

²²Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

+++ +++ +++

Next Sunday's Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

⁹For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

+++ +++ +++

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Jesus Walks on the Water

²²Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came,

he was there alone,²⁴ but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land,^[a] beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them.²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out for fear.²⁷ But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the

water and came to Jesus;³⁰ but when he saw the wind,^[b] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

³⁴ And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret.

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Source: www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar © 1996-2001 by translator Fr. S. Janos

The Holy Martyr Callinikos

Commemorated on Aug. 10 / July 29

The Holy Martyr Callinikos (III-IV), a native of Cilicia, was raised from childhood in the Christian faith. In grief that many misguided people would perish for eternity in their worshipping of idols, he went through the cities and villages to proclaim Jesus Christ and His teachings to the pagans. With the Word of God he converted many to Christianity. In the Galatian city of Ancyra the holy confessor was arrested and brought to trial before a governor named Sacerdonus, a fierce persecutor of Christians. The governor, threatening martyrdom and death, ordered the saint to offer sacrifice to the idols. But the saint fearlessly declared that he was not afraid of martyrdom, since every believer in Christ receives from Him strength in ordeals, and through death inherits an eternal blessed life. They cruelly beat the saint with ox thongs and tore at his body with iron hooks, but he endured everything with patience and calm. This led



to a still greater fury in Sacerdonus, and he commanded to shod the saint in sandals with sharp nails within, and that with whips they should drive the martyr to the city of Gangra for burning. The pathway was arduous, and the soldiers who accompanied the condemned man, were weak from thirst. In despair they began to implore the saint, that he beseech the Lord for saving water. The unassuming saint, taking pity on his tormentors, with the help of God drew forth from a stone a miraculous spring of water. The astonished soldiers were pervaded with a sense of sympathy for their rescuer and they wanted even to set him free, but fear of execution compelled them to convey the martyr further. In Gangra Saint Callinikos, with joy having offered up thanks to the Lord, Who had vouchsafed him the crown of martyrdom, went himself into the blazing bonfire and gave up his soul to God. His body, remaining unharmed, was reverently given burial by believers.

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

LIVING ORTHODOXY

The Necessity Of Orthodox Mariology

By Fr Jonathan Tobias

"Therefore the steps in the revelation of the Holy Spirit are essentially and necessarily steps in the showing of the Mother of God to the world, which has not been completed and in fullness belongs only to the future age."

-- Fr Sergius Bulgakov, in *The Burning Bush*

If anyone ever thought (as I think some do, who have moved from protestantism into Orthodoxy) that Orthodox Holy Tradition is less "Marian" than the Roman Catholic Church and thus more amenable to modern, rational sensibilities, they could not be more mistaken.

Mary's complete "Spirit-filling" is one and the same with her "divinization," or theosis. And to turn this statement around produces an even more arresting proposition. "Spirit-filling," or what the evangelicals like to call "sanctification," really cannot be understood at all outside of the history (past and present) of the Theotokos.

While Christ Himself is the "hominized divinity," as the Second Hypostasis becoming human (and, I might add, with nothing of His hypostasis left un-hominized), the Virgin herself is the perfected "divinized humanity." She is the model

of theosis, and is the interceding agent of theosis for all who come after her.

As the one human who is present with Christ before all the rest of Creation is transfigured at the Last Judgment, Mary is the fullness of "creaturely Wisdom," just as the Trinity's divine essence is "divine Wisdom."

Thus, Wisdom and theosis cannot be separated. "Sanctification" cannot be isolated from Mary nor Sophia [*Wisdom*].

Perhaps the constant appeal of Nestorianism can be explained by the world's resistance to this linkage, between wisdom and theosis, or between sanctification and Mary. If Mary is the mother only of the human nature of Christ, then she is effectively removed from all religion, spirituality, and faith.

She has become unnecessary in the Nestorian frame. But her removal produces just another appearance of Docetism.

The Holy Spirit, in coming upon Mary at the Annunciation, brings Christ with Him and creates a motherhood that is first spiritual and also physical. Mary is the mother of Christ divine and human. And her motherhood continues in a singular, but also exemplary, way.

Christianity -- especially Orthodox Christianity -- cannot be non-Mariological in any moment. The Wisdom of the Theotokos is necessary for every prayer, every Mystery (Sacrament), even every institutional or administrative moment of Church life. I think, because we live in such a secularized, flattened age, that the most immediate indication of our crypto-secularity is our invention of non-Marian, non-sophiological moments.

God will not be entertained (or "pleased," which is probably the same thing in the modern psyche) by our institutional experiments, especially if they are launched in the dreary non-wisdoms drawn from the marketplace and social theory. He will probably remain deafeningly silent. Until we think, and speak, the way we are. "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Be it unto me according to your Word."

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

SPIRITUAL VITAMIN FOR THE WEEK

"The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many



healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her."

~ Elder Thaddeus

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

PRAYER CORNER

*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs **

A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her* so that *he/she* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

+++ +++ +++

For the Health of... James, Emilia, Olga, Fr. Michael Rustick, David, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Doug, Joanne, Anthony, Eleanor ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

+++ +++ +++

For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Alisha, Aaron, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Daniel and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach, The DDD (Distinguished Diocesan Donors) ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

+++ +++ +++

+++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++



Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): Patty Watson - St Patricia (8/22); Lawrence Martin - Blessed Laurence, fool-for-Christ at Kaluga (8/23) *(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

+++ +++ +++

Birthday Prayers for... Michael Tongel (8/11), Nicole Martellotti (8/12), Lindsay Matolyak (8/12), Jim Schrmack (8/12), Jane Gaydos (8/13), Wade Winkler (8/14), Craig Bowser (8/16), Anthony Jesko (Jr) (8/16), Donna Horbal (8/17), Emma Martellotti (8/18), Ernest Pido (8/20), Ana Karen Mushinsky (8/21), Maria Urban (8/21), Sophia Urban (8/21), Everly Torchia (8/22), Renee Mirilovich (8/24) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

+++ +++ +++

For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Daniel ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

+++ +++ +++

For those preparing for Marriage... Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

+++ +++ +++

Anniversary Prayers for... Ana Karen & Walter Dylan Mushinsky (8/22) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

+++ +++ +++

For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzadoovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*



DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

A prayer for our Neighborhoods by Archbishop Demetrios of America

I pray to you, God, for the families of my neighborhood. Visit them. Throw their troubles out of them and bring hope. Make the daily cares that devour the heart disappear. Present solutions to life's problems. Settle the disturbed relationships among members of different families whom I know or do not know. O Lord, remind the people of our area that You exist, that You are a strong and loving Protector. Keep away, Lord, anything that causes the disappearance of peace from souls, and the escape of sleep from our eyes. Stay a little while more tonight in our neighborhood. Spread peace along with the night. Let the harshness of the day and its struggles not spread over the night. Amen.