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Volume V

15th Sunday after Pentecost / Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised (304) Sunday after the Universal Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 6 Liturgical Color: **Red**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 / Galatians 2:16-20; Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46 / Mark 8:34-9:1

We will honor our First Confession class / SERMON SERIES: Holy Confession / Add'l collection for our community outreach, Orthodox Christian Fellowship / Noon to Dusk – Pittsburgh Deanery Picnic



SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Friday, October 4 – 9:30 Akathist to St. John the Baptist

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

Monday	Martyrs Sophia & her daughters: Faith, Hope, & Love (137)	Galatians 4:28-5:10	Luke 3:19-22
Tuesday	Venerable Eumenes, bishop of Gortyna (7th c.)	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 3:23-4:1
* Wednesday	St. Theodore, prince of Smolensk & Yaroslav (1299)	Galatians 6:2-10	Luke 4:1-15
Thursday	Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael (1245)	Ephesians 1:1-9	Luke 4:16-22
* Friday	Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (130)	Ephesians 1:7-17	Luke 4:22-30
Saturday	Prophet Jonah (9th c. B.C.)	1 Cor. 10:23-28	Luke 4:31-36

* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

October 6 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (1st Sunday of Luke)

SERMON SERIES: Holy Anointing (Unction)

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (responded with: *Glory Be Forever!*)
Slava Isusu Christu! (*Slava Na Viki!*)

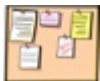
We are happy that you have joined us today! Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon!

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!

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

In Honor of our First Confession Class:
Lucy Mainolfi and
Jessica Winkler.
Many Years!
Na Mnohaja I
Blahaja L'ita!



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS TO OUR 2019 FIRST CONFESSION CLASS:

LUCILLIA MAINOLFI

JESSICA WINKLER

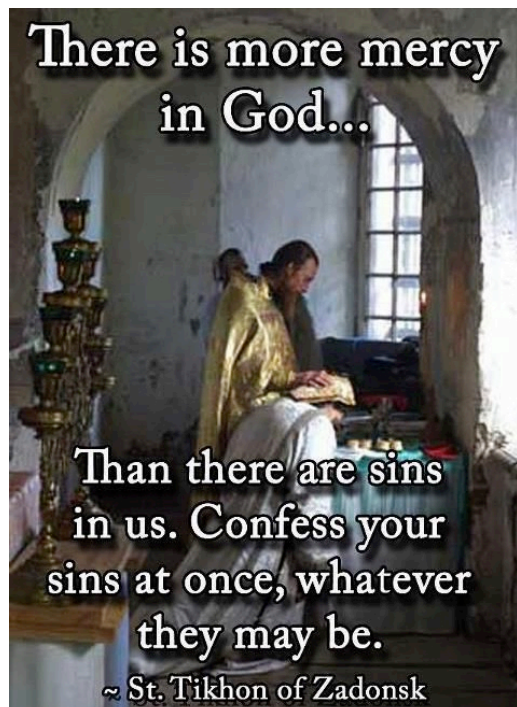
We honor them as they have taken part in another Mystery (Sacrament) of the Orthodox Church, one that will serve them well in their spiritual growth all the days of their lives.

Many thanks to their parents and teachers in preparing them for this Mystery.

May God Grant to our First Confession Class,

Lucillia Mainolfi & Jessica Winkler

Peace, Health, and a Long-Life for Many Happy and Blessed Years! Many Years!



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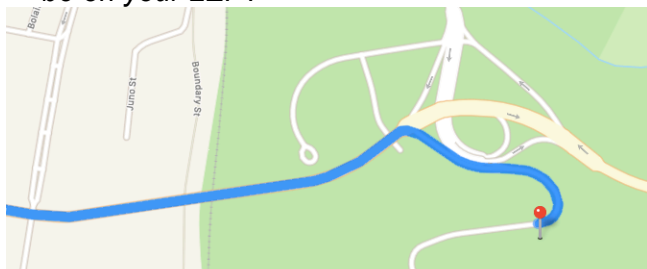
Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Mary Jane Hudak, Kirish Family, Mirilovich Family, Joanne Nelson, Cindy Pavilionis, Viola Peifer, Olga Radick, Kathy Schrmack, Theresa Sharpless, Melanie Shuster.

"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

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2nd Annual Deanery Family Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** in Schenley Park (5075 Overlook Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15260) at the Vietnam Veterans Shelter (*a bigger facility than last year*) from Noon (*after church*) to Dusk (*no Steeler Game that day*). A food sign-up sheet is in the hall for pot-luck items that will be brought to the picnic. Live music will be from **2 to 4**. Plan to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with our brothers and sisters from our sister Deanery Parishes. Get together with old friends and family! Make new friends! Come enjoy God's creation in one of the best parks in Pittsburgh! *Here are directions from downtown:*

- from 376 E, take exit 72A onto Forbes Ave
- turn **RIGHT** onto Craft Ave
- turn **LEFT** onto Boulevard of the Allies
- go past St George Antiochian Orthodox Church
- in 0.5 miles, turn **RIGHT** onto Overlook Drive
- in 800 ft., the Vietnam Veterans' Pavilion will be on your **LEFT**



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Garage Sale – *Thank you again* to everyone who helped this year's garage sale be such a success! We helped many people and raised \$2,184.25 from the sale! (*over \$40 more than last year!*) **Thank you again** for your countless hours that were put into this form of community stewardship outreach! May God Bless you!

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Additional Church School Teachers Needed – Would you be interested in assisting with our Church School Program? We are looking to have multiple classes: Pre-K – 2nd grade; 3rd – 7th; and 8th – 12th. Please contact Father Dave if you can be a steward of your talents.

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Exploring Orthodoxy for teenagers through senior-citizens – We will meet every **Wednesday** from **October 23rd** through **November 20th** from 7 to 8:15pm

at the Eat 'n Park off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2650 Brandt School Road, Wexford, Pa 15090 / 724-940-3270) for our *Exploring Orthodoxy* Discussions. Save the dates and get your questions ready! We will examine the priestly prayers of St John Chrysostom's Divine Liturgy. We hope and pray that everyone is able to attend these tangent oriented discussions about Orthodoxy! Come for a bite to eat and learn about your faith! (*If you need a ride, please contact Fr. Dave.*)

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 135
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 125
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 610
Total Collections:	\$ 870
Relocation Fund:	\$ 245

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

Additional Church Curators Needed – Our curator list has become shorter. If anyone is interested and willing to be "trained" to be "on-the-door", please see Theresa Sharpless.

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IOCC Mission Trip to Texas – There is an opportunity to join an IOCC Mission Team for hurricane recovery in Texas from **October 21-26**. Please contact Fr. Dave for more details.

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Basket Raffle - our ACRY will host this year's Basket Raffle on **Saturday, October 26th**. More details coming soon but mark your calendars now!

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Sermon Series on the Mysteries of the Church - Father Dave will offer a series of sermons on the main Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church: *Baptism & Chrismation, the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Confession, Holy Anointing (Unction), Marriage, and Ordination (Holy Orders)*. **If you have a specific question that he may be able to address, PLEASE let him know ASAP.**

Reader of the Third Hour:

- October 6: John Kirish
- October 13: *Available to you*
- October 20: *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!

Steeler Ticket Raffle - We will be having a Relocation Raffle with 1st Prize being 2 Steeler Tickets (vs. the Bills) and 2nd Prize of \$100. Tickets will be \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at this year's Turkey Bingo. Please see Sharon Peifer or Carol Lorenzi for tickets.

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

- October 6: **Open / Potluck**
- October 13: **Open / Potluck**
- October 20: John and Olga Radick

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!

2020 Camp Nazareth Dates – Save the dates – Family Camp **May 29-31**. Family Day: **May 31**. Pittsburgh week will be **July 26 – August 1**. *Please plan vacations around these so that your children can experience the beauty of our camp!*

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- ✘ **Thursday**, October 10 – 9:30 Moleben for Parents Grieving a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Loss of a Child
- ✘ **Sunday**, October 13 – Walk for Missions

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Fall Festivals

- **October 2-4** – Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **October 10-11** – All Saints (601 West McMurray Rd., Canonsburg) *Greek*
- **October 11-12** – St. Nicholas (903 Ann St., Homestead) *Carpatho-Rusyn*
- **October 12** – St. Nicholas (320 Munson Ave., McKees Rocks) *Slavic Food Fest*
- **October 12** – St Vladimir (73 S 18th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203) *Ukrainian*
- **October 20** – St. Michael (146 3rd Ave., Rankin) *Carpatho-Rusyn*

Please contact Father for more info on any festival.

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25th Annual 7-K Walk/Run for Missions "Fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission" –



will be on **Sunday, October 13th** at Schenley Park AND South Park Children's Playground Pavilion (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., South Park, PA 15129) sponsored by the *Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh*. Pre-register by Oct. 1st at www.holycrosspgh.org/events OR register at 1pm at South Park. Walk begins at 2pm. There will be complimentary refreshments before the walk and a light lunch following the walk. FREE T-Shirt for children 8 years and under who raise \$50 or others who raise \$100 or more. Bring your pledge forms and collected money to the event (make checks payable to "Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood"). Even if you are unable to be with us in person, your donation will be extremely helpful in carrying out this important and necessary work of the Church. For more info,

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email faith.williard@pittsburghmoves.com or stevekrakora@hotmail.com, or call 412-251-3207. Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Seminarians and Mission work of Fr. John and Presbyteria Sandy Chakos. Visit www.TheWordFromGuatemala.com to follow the blog of this mission!

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Cognac Tasting to benefit IOCC will be at the Leaf & Bean (3525 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA) on **Thursday, October 17** from 7p to 10p. Please contact Father for more information.

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Fall Retreat: "The Pursuit of God's Peace in a Fallen World" will be presented at St. George Orthodox Cathedral (3400 Dawson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213) on **Saturday, October 19** from 9a to 4:30p. There is no charge and food will be provided. Please RSVP at 412-681-2988.

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Young Adult Fall Retreat – will be run **October 25-27** at Camp Nazareth. Keynote Speaker this year will be Rev. Fr. Ken Bachofsky, Professor of Old & New Testament at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Seminary. Get the chance to explore Camp Nazareth during the Fall! The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! See Father Dave for more information.

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

Vender & Craft Fair – Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) will be holding a Vendor & Craft Fair on **Saturday, October 5th** from 10a to 3p to support their youth activities. Raffles and food will also be available. For more information, please contact bhlcsecretary@outlook.com / 412-761-4585 / or visit www.BrightonHeightsLutheranChurch.com

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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: Galatians 2:16-20

¹⁶ yet who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. ¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. ¹⁹ For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

³⁴ And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." ⁹ ¹ And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Holy Great Martyress Euphemia the All-Praiseworthy

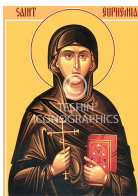
Commemorated on September 29/16

The Holy Great Martyress Euphemia the All-Praiseworthy was the daughter of Christians – the senator Philophronos and Theodosia. She suffered for Christ in about the year 304 in the city of Chalcedon, located on the banks of the Bosphorus opposite Constantinople.

The Chalcedon governor Priscus circulated an order to all the inhabitants of Chalcedon and its surroundings to appear at a pagan feast for worship and to offer sacrifice to an idol of Ares (Mars), threatening grave torments for whomever failed to appear. During the time of this impious feast 49 Christians had hidden away at one house, where they secretly made Divine-services to the True God. The young maiden Euphemia was also among those praying there. Soon the hide-out of the Christians was discovered, and they were brought before Priscus to answer for themselves. Over the course of 19 days the martyrs were subjected to various tortures and torments, but none of them wavered in their faith nor consented to offer sacrifice to the idol. The governor, beside himself with rage and not knowing still any further means of forcing the Christians into renunciation, sent them for trial to the emperor Diocletian, but he separated from them the youngest – the maiden Euphemia, hoping that she, alone by herself, would not hold out.

Saint Euphemia, separated from her brethren in faith, fervently prayed the Lord Jesus Christ, that He Himself would strengthen her in the impending ordeal. Priscus at first urged the saint to recant, promising her earthly blessings, but then he gave the order to torture her. The martyress was tied to a wheel with sharp knives, which in turning cut at the body. The saint prayed loudly. And here it happened, that the wheel stopped by itself and would not move even with all the efforts of the executioners. An Angel of the Lord, having come down from Heaven, removed Euphemia from the wheel and healed her of her wounds, and with gladness the saint gave thanks unto the Lord.

Not perceiving the miracle that had occurred, the



torturer ordered the soldiers Victor and Sosthenes to take the saint to a red-hot oven. But the soldiers, seeing amidst the flames two fearsome Angels, refused to carry out the order of the governor and became themselves believers in the God, Whom Euphemia worshipped. Boldly proclaiming that they too were Christians, Victor and Sosthenes bravely went to suffering. They were given over for devouring by wild beasts. During the time of execution they cried out for mercy to God, that the Lord should receive them into the Heavenly Kingdom. An heavenly Voice answered their cries, and they expired unto life eternal. The beasts however did not even touch their bodies.

Saint Euphemia, cast by other soldiers into the fire, remained unharmed. And with the help of God she emerged unharmed after many another torture and torment. Ascribing this to sorcery, the governor gave orders to dig out a new pit, and filling it with knives he had it covered over with ground and grass, so that the martyress would not know about the preparation for her execution; but here also Saint Euphemia remained safe, easily passing over the pit. Finally, they sentenced her to be devoured by wild beasts at the circus. Before execution the saint began to implore, that the Lord deem her worthy to die a violent death. But none of the beasts, set loose at her in the arena, attacked her. Finally, one of the she-bears struck her a small wound on the leg, from which came blood, and the holy GreatMartyr Euphemia instantly died. During this time there occurred an earthquake, and both the guards and the spectators ran in terror, so that the parents of the saint were able to take up her body and reverently bury it not far from Chalcedon.

A majestic church was afterwards erected over the grave of the GreatMartyr Euphemia. At this temple took place the sessions of the Fourth OEcumenical Council in the year 451, during the time of which in miraculous manner the holy GreatMartyress Euphemia confirmed the Orthodox confession, and setting limits to the Monophysite heresy, the details of which are related under the day of the commemoration of this miracle, 11 July.

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ORTHODOX WORDS OF THE WEEK



Antimins – (Gr: *Antimension* meaning “instead of the table”) is among the most important furnishings of the altar in Orthodox Christian liturgical traditions. It is a rectangular piece of cloth, of either linen or silk, typically decorated with representations of the entombment of Christ, the four Evangelists, and scriptural passages related to the Eucharist [Holy Communion]. A small relic of a martyr is sewn into it. **[Ours is from Saint Euphemia]** The

Eucharist cannot be celebrated without an antimins.... The antimins is consecrated and signed by our bishop. *Read more at: <https://orthodoxwiki.org/Antimension>*

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CONFESSION – (1) The avowal or verbal witness of faith in Christ, leading to salvation (Rom. 10:9). (2) The Mystery (Sacrament) of Forgiveness of sins, whereby the repentant sinner confesses their sins to Christ in the presence of the priest, who pronounces God’s absolution of those sins.

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Hospice or Hospital?

Spiritual pain control or spiritual healing?

Since the Church is a hospital for the soul wherein we come for healing, it is important that we take full advantage of all the resources the Church offers us for such healing. Frequent confession, where we bare our sins before God with the priest as the witness is an important beginning to the healing process. Receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood on a regular basis gives us the grace needed for the healing of the soul, freeing it from the bondage that comes from the sin that has weighted us down.

Keeping to a regular Prayer Rule, given to us by our priest, confessor, or spiritual father or mother, also contributes to the healing process. Reading spiritually uplifting books, as well as the lives of the saints, also greatly contributes to the transformation that can be ours if we take our faith



Position of the fingers of the right hand in making the sign of the cross

seriously. As well, the fasting rules of the Church are designed to help us become whole, furthering the healing process that began when we first made a commitment to living a life in Christ.

If we fail to follow these time tested spiritual practices that are meant to bring about healing of body and soul, we will not find the healing that is available to us. Instead, we will find ourselves treating the Church as though she were simply a hospice, where we get a quick fix for the pain and sin that keeps us from becoming whole, and find ourselves with short term results that only mask the sin and sickness that rule our lives.

It is up to us to decide if we will allow the Church to be a hospital that brings about the cure, or simply use the Church as a hospice that only masks the pain and sin. The choice is ours.

Love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father can meet M-F 9:30a-4p or by appointment.
Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.
Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to be fully prepared.

Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other

a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Father for more details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

Marriages – are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for more details (*before* arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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"The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning." - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

"In the Mystery of Repentance the spiritual afflictions of a man are treated, impurities of the soul are removed, and a Christian, having received forgiveness of sins, becomes innocent and sanctified, just as he came out of the waters of Baptism." - excerpt from *The Forgotten Medicine* by Archimandrite Seraphim Aleksiev

MONDAY

"Be careful with your mouth, but primarily with your mind; do not let evil thoughts start talking to you. Do not let your mouth say words that could perhaps wound your brother. Let your mouth put forth words which are fragrant: words of consolation, courage and hope. It is a person's mouth that reveals his interior, inner man." - Elder Ephraim

TUESDAY

"To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love, it is not to look backwards with self-reproach, but forwards with trustfulness. It is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the Grace of Christ, I might yet become." +St. John of the Ladder

WEDNESDAY

“Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.” +St. Theophan the Recluse

THURSDAY

“Greater than baptism itself is the fountain of tears after baptism, even though it is somewhat audacious to say so. For baptism is the washing away of evils that were in us before, but sins committed after baptism are washed away by tears.” +St. John of the Ladder

FRIDAY

“Acts of charity, almsgiving and all the external good works do not suppress the arrogance of the heart; but noetic meditation, the labor of repentance, contrition and humility--these humble the proud mind" - Elder Joseph the Hesychast

SATURDAY

“Do not be angry with those who show pride, or malice, effeminacy, and impatience in their intercourse with you, or others, but, remembering that you yourself are subject to the same and greater sins (errors) and passions. Pray for them and be meek with them.” +St. John of Kronstadt

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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(s)**. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver **him/her/them** from sickness and bitter pain. Heal **him/her/them** so that **he/she/they** may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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

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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:* Sean, Thomas, John, 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, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):

Sophia Urban - Martyr Sophia (9/30)
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Juliana Anton (9/29), Wendy Martellotti (9/29), Fr Dcn Art Steinstra (9/30),

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Genevive Martellotti (10/3/98) ...*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!

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Daniel ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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For those preparing for Marriage...

Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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Anniversary Prayers for... Rich & Renee Mirilovich (10/1), Allen & Anastasia (Martin) Dzambo (10/2), Brian & Rhonda Gogal (10/5) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Pregnant Mothers... Caitlinn ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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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.*

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For the souls of the newly departed...
+Douglas Painter (8/22), +Harry Coe (8/26) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!*

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.** Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

A PRAYER OF REPENTANCE BEFORE HOLY CONFESSION

O Lord my God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.
I have also omitted to do what Your holy law requires of me.
But now with repentance and contrition I turn again to Your love and mercy.
I entreat You to forgive me all my transgression and to cleanse me from all my sins.
Lord, fill my heart with the light of Your truth. Strengthen my will by Your grace.
Teach me both to desire and to do only what pleases You. Amen.

