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



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A Two Week Bulletin

Volume V

17th Sunday after Pentecost / Hieromartyr Gregory of Armenia (335)

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)

Add'l collection for our Cap. Fund / Church School Begins / Walk for Missions



SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 14 – Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov)

(No service on the NS / 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	Venerable Romanus the Melodist (556)	Ephesians 4:25-32	Luke 6:24-30
Tuesday	Sts Cyprian & Justina (304)	Ephesians 5:20-26	Luke 6:37-45
* Wednesday	Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, (96)	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 6:46-7:1
Thursday	Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bp. of Athens (1st c.).	Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 7:17-30
* Friday	Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304)	Ephesians 6:18-24	Luke 7:31-35
Saturday	Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.)	1 Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 5:27-32

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

October 20 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303)

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 (3rd Sunday of Luke)

Fr. Robert Prepelka Serving / YOUTH Sunday / Church School

Panachida for +Richard Radick (29th anniversary), +Anastasia Martin, and +Lawrence Martin

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Wednesday, October 23 – 87th Anniversary of the founding of our parish / 7pm Exploring Orthodoxy

Friday, October 25 – 9:30am Akathist in times of Sorrow and Depression on the Feast of St. Anastasia, Patron Saint of those suffering from mental disorders (October is Mental Health Awareness Month)

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

Monday	Venerable Pelagia the Penitent (457)	Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 7:36-50
Tuesday	Holy Apostle James (1st c.)	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 8:1-3
* Wednesday	Martyrs Eulampius & Eulampia at Nicomedia (296)	Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 8:22-25
Thursday	Holy Apostle Philip of the 70, 1 of the 7 dcns. (1st c.)	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:7-11
* Friday	Venerable Anastasia of Rome (250)	Philippians 1:27-2:4	Luke 9:12-18
Saturday	Martyrs Carpus and Papyrus at Pergamus (251)	1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 6:1-10

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October 27 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Venerable Parasceva (Petka) of Epibatima (11th c.)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (787)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 2 Liturgical Color: Gold

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (4th Sunday of Luke)

Blessing of Parish Council and Curators / Add'l collection for our Community Outreach / Church School

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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 Remembrance of
+Anna Louis
Pavilonis' Birthday.
May her memory
be eternal!



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Blessing of Parish Council and Curators will be on Sunday, October 27th. Additional Church Curators are still needed. If anyone is

interested and willing to be trained to be "on-the-door", please see Theresa Sharpless.

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Shuster Family; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Mirilovich Family; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson; Melanie Paieski; 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**

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by John Gaydos, Sr., in Memory of Wife, Catherine. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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***** 100th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, East Pittsburgh** celebration will be on **November 16 - 17**. Vespers Saturday 11/16 at 5pm. Anniversary Brunch will be on Sunday 11/17 at the Edgewood Country Club. Ticket prices are: 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 or sign up on the desk in the hall. **Deadline is October 15.**

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Italian Feast & Basket Raffle, hosted by our ACRY, will be held in our hall on **Saturday, October 26th** from 4-6:30pm (doors open at 3pm). Over 25 Amazing Gift Baskets to be raffled! Ticket Prices are: Adults - \$20; Youth (6-17) - \$10; and a Family Admission - \$50. Tickets include: Admission, 8 Basket Raffle Tickets, 2 Drink Coupons, and a homemade Italian Pasta Dinner with Appetizer, Salad Bar, and Dessert. *(Extra Raffle tickets may also be purchased.)* Reservations can be made by **October 22nd** to 412-748-0148, OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com, or by signing up on the sheet in the church hall.

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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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<p>Coffee Social Steward Schedule October 20: Radicks and Martins October 27: Open / Potluck November 3: Open / Potluck</p>

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God	
Stewardship:	\$ 238
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 152
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 725
Total Collections:	\$ 1115
Relocation Fund:	\$ 200
<i>Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3</i>	

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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.)*

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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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<p>Reader of the Third Hour: October 20: John Kirish October 27: Available to you November 3: Available to you <i>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!</i></p>
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- LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY**
- ✘ **Saturday**, October 26 – Carpatho-Rusyn Day in North America
 - ✘ **Friday**, November 1 – 9:30am Moleben to St. Nectarios with holy anointing
 - ✘ **Sunday**, November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

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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Fall Festivals

- **October 20** – St. Michael (146 3rd Ave., Rankin)

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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.

<p>Visit Our Diocese On-Line Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org FB: www.facebook.com/acroddioocese Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews You Tube: youtube.com/acroddioocese</p>
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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: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

¹⁶What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

"I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹⁷Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean;

then I will welcome you,

¹⁸and I will be a father to you,

and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

7 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

³¹And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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Next Sunday's Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

⁶The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain

¹¹Soon afterward he went to a city called Na'in, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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

Sainted Michael, the first Metropolitan of Kiev

Commemorated on October 10 / September 30

Sainted Michael, the first Metropolitan of Kiev, according to the Joakimov chronicle was a Syrian by birth, but according to the account of other chronicles – he was a Bulgarian or Serb. In the year 989 he arrived at Korsun together with other clergy for holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Vladimir (Comm. 15 July), not long after Vladimir's acceptance of Baptism (988). To the lot of the first metropolitan of the Russian Church felt a difficult, but graced service. He zealously made the rounds of the newly-enlightened Russian Land, preaching the Holy Gospel, baptising and teaching the newly-illuminated people, founding the first churches and religious schools. In Rostov he established the first wooden church in honour of the Uspenie-Dormition of the MostHoly Mother of God and installed there as bishop Theodore the Greek. Saint Michael was a wise and gentle, but also strict hierarch. The Russian Church has preserved the memory of the



meritorious deeds of the saint: in the synodikon-lists of the Novgorod and Kiev Sophia cathedrals he is rightfully called the initiator.

Saint Michael died in the year 992 and was buried in the Desyatin-Tithe church of the MostHoly Mother of God in Kiev. In about the year 1103, under the hegumen Saint Theoktist (afterwards Bishop of Chernigov, Comm. 5 August), his relics were transferred to the Antoniev Cave, and on 1 October 1730 into the Pechersk Great Church (Uspenie temple). In connection with this his memory was established under 30 September, and also 15 July – the day of his repose. Earlier, his memory was noted also under 2 September, together with the Monks Antonii and Theodosii of Pechersk. Evidence for this is contained in the service to him: in the 2nd verse of the "Praises" about Saint Michael it speaks thus: "The first passages of the new year having begun, we do offer unto thee first songs, O blessed one, for having been the first beginning of the hierarchy in the Russian land".

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ORTHODOX WORD OF THE WEEK

CANONS – Literally, “a rule.” It describes (1) the inspired Books of the Bible— the Canon of Scripture; (2) the rules and decrees issued by the early Church (see Acts 15:23–29) and by

Ecumenical Councils— Canon Law; and (3) certain parts of worship, such as the Liturgical Canon or the Canon of Matins.

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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 only 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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LIVING ORTHODOXY

The Holy Canons

The Holy Canons of the Orthodox Church are the plumb line by which the bishops have historically responded to pastoral and theological difficulties in the Church. Beginning very early in Church history, Church leaders responded to pastoral challenges by drawing up guidelines for Church life. These canons were written during important councils of assembled bishops.

Many canons cover conduct of clergy or specify areas of authority for certain episcopal sees, placing constraints on Church leadership to mitigate potential for abuse or scandal. Many canons also apply to non-clerics in the Church. Canons speak on matters as varied as sexuality and marriage, sacraments, excommunication, reception of converts, how clergy are to behave in public, and even matters of personal violence.

It is helpful to think of the Canons as the “house rules.” They are the standard for daily activity, but they are not necessarily strictly applied in every instance. That should not lead us to be dismissive of them, though. Just as good parents consider how to apply their own house rules with their children, so it is the bishop’s (and by proxy, a priest’s) job to determine when and how to apply applicable canons to particular pastoral situations.

Canons are not all created equal—some local canons never reached beyond a particular region, and were eventually phased out, while other canons went on to enjoy universal acceptance in the Church. Other canons were more specifically focused on the situations and cultural concerns of

their time, finding application to a lesser extent in the Church today. It is not that these canons are ignored or abrogated, it is more that the very specific contexts in which they were introduced are absent, and should some similar context emerge again in the future, those canons would be relevant again. Until then, many simply don’t apply.

The manner of applying the Canons is typically categorized as *akravia* or *oikonomia* in popular Orthodox teaching. *Akravia* refers to a strict, to-the-T application of a rule. *Oikonomia* literally refers to the management of a household (Greek: oikos = household; nomos = law; or “economy” in English). It is used commonly to describe adjusting canonical requirements for pastoral considerations, with an individual’s salvation in mind.

St. Nicodemos the Hagarite (1749-1809) explains: *One kind of judgment is called strictness (akrivia); the other kind is called economy (oikonomia) with which the economists at times [go] with the one, and at times with the other.*

The definitions and applications of *oikonomia* and *akravia* have varied through the centuries. The current usage is consistent with the harmonizing synthesis described by St. Nikodemos, and may refer to a departure from the norm for pastoral reasons for the salvation of those involved—this departure may be more lenient or even more strict. St. Nikodemos is only one voice among many, but he is at least the most prominent voice when it comes to canonical commentaries in English.

Access to the Canons by the laity in the age of the

Internet has been a mixed blessing. Some modern Orthodox people have been openly critical of the Canons, and have used certain canons to mock Orthodoxy; others, who are more rigorist have used strict application of the Canons to criticize clergy of the Church (*ironically, forbidden by the very Holy Canons they are seeking to preserve and defend*) for not strictly applying certain canons. As we move toward greater administrative unity in Europe and America (*and more in line with canonical norms*), it is important that our bishops and clergy familiarize themselves with the Holy Canons, and that laity support them in this endeavor as we all grow into the future of the ancient Orthodox Faith.

There is always a danger of misapplying the Canons in a zeal to embrace the Canons. It may be something of a cliché to call this Pharisaical, but isn't this what the spirit of the Pharisees was? They took legitimately enacted regulations of religious life and turned them into ends in themselves.

Certainly, the Canons should not be ignored willy-nilly, but the canonical corpus itself demonstrates that canons may be altered over time for various (good) reasons that don't have anything to do with compromise. After all, the Church was not made for the Canons, but the Canons were made for the Church.

Source: orthodoxfieldguide.com/2014/10/04/the-holy-canons/

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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... Lori, Michael, Daniel, 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, Christ the Savior Seminary ...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):

John Kirish - Venerable John Kukuzelis the Singer of Mt. Athos (10/14);

Kenneth Parks - Venerable Cainnech (10/24) *(please contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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Birthday Prayers for... Sheila Jesko (10/13), Frank Martellotti (10/15), Cameron Watson (10/17), Rhonda Gogal (10/19), Fr. Robert Buczak (10/20), Alyssa Duray (10/23), Fr. Daniel Vaskalis (10/24), Paula Watson (10/25), Doloris Bowser (10/26), Kaitlyn Duray (10/26), Fr. Mark Leasure (10/26) ...*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, 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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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...

+Peter Joyce (10/8) ...*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 A MARRIED COUPLE

O merciful God, we ask You always to remind us that the married state is holy, and that we must keep it so. Grant us Your grace, that we may continue in faithfulness and love; increase in us the spirit of mutual understanding and trust, that no quarrel or strife may come between us. Grant us Your blessings, that we may stand before our friends and in Your sight as a loving family; and finally, by your mercy, count us worthy of everlasting life. For You are our sanctification and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.