



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church



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## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;

### The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most Holy Theotokos (395-408)

9:30 – Reader’s Service

Tone 5

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Prayers for +Michael Tongel (9/13/05) on the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his passing. Memory Eternal!

*Father Dave will be attending the Ordinations of Father Deacon Marc Wisnosky to the Holy Priesthood and Nicholas Ditmore and John Fedornok to Reader*



## SERVICES, SAINTS, & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, September 14** – Ecclesiastical (*Church*) New Year

**Tuesday, September 15** – Church will be open for personal prayer from 9am to 11am (*enter from the side door*)

**Thursday, September 17** – 9:30 Moleben (*Prayer Service*) of Thanksgiving

Additional services can be viewed online from our Cathedral at: [www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/).

A schedule can be found each week in the Cathedral bulletin: [www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/bulletins/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/bulletins/)

Monday	Venerable Symeon Stylites (the Elder) (459)	Galatians 2:11-16	Mark 5:24-34
Tuesday	Martyr Mamas of Caesarea (275)	Galatians 2:21-3:7	Mark 6:1-7
* Wednesday	Blessed John the Merciful of Rostov (1580)	Galatians 3:15-22	Mark 6:7-13
Thursday	Hieromartyr Babylas, bishop of Antioch (251)	Galatians 3:23-4:5	Mark 6:30-45
* Friday	Holy Prophet Zacharias and Righteous Elizabeth (1st c.), parents of St. John the Forerunner	Galatians 4:8-21	Mark 6:45-53
Saturday	Martyr Zeno of Melitene (311)	1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5	Matthew 24:1-13

*The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service AND by appointment.*

*\* Weekly Fasting Days: Let Us Imitate Christ & The Saints & Fast As They Did!*

**September 20** – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Sozon of Cilicia (304);

Sunday before the Universal Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord

9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy

Tone 6

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

*40-day Panachida for +Ruth Metil*

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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 memory of  
+Helen Kailyar,  
22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of her  
passing (8/31/98).  
May her memory be eternal!

## 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 1:21-2:4

<sup>21</sup> But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; <sup>22</sup> he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

<sup>23</sup> But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. **2** <sup>1</sup> For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. <sup>2</sup> For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? <sup>3</sup> And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. <sup>4</sup> For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause



you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

### The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those

murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

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## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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**Annual Meeting / "Floor is now open"** – As previously noted, our Annual Meeting is canceled this year, BUT the "floor is now open" for questions, comments, or concerns to be addressed in the reports that will be shared later this month. Please contact Matt Peifer or Larry Martin with any of your thoughts. *Please continue to pray for our parish community and our future as we continue to look to grow Orthodoxy!*

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**LAST CALL** - 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 the Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) [Formerly FOCUS Pittsburgh (who provide Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter to those who are in need)]. We will collect the clean coats on the coat rack in the hall through August.

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**Pittsburgh Forerunners** – Thank-you to our local OCMC Trek 4 Missions team members:

Gina Fall, Larry Martin, Tim Martin,  
Renee Mirilovich, Rich Mirilovich,

Cindy Pavilonis, Liz Radomsky, Melanie Shuster, Fr.  
Dave Urban, and Patty Watson

To support our team, please visit [http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Pittsburgh\\_Forerunners](http://secure.ocmc.org/goto/Pittsburgh_Forerunners). If you would like to join (it is not too late), use the team password "SJBPGH2020".

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**A Weekday Service Returns** - *At this time, we will return to having a weekday morning service on the North Side. (Research on Covid-19 living on surfaces has been downplayed as long as people are properly washing their hands and not touching their face.) If a Feast Day does not fall during the week, then a morning moleben (also called a service of intercession or service of supplication) will be offered. This is a devotional service in honor of either our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mother of God, or a particular saint or martyr for healing. (The front door will remain locked so please come in through the side door by the alley.)*

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## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

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**Orthodox Parenting Online Conference**  
**Saturday, September 19** from Noon to 4pm

**THEME:** Difficult Conversations

12:00 – "Is God Real?" by Fr. Patrick Cardine

12:30 – "Sexuality", Fr. Raphael Barberg

1:00 – "When Parents Disagree", Kh. Kerry Pappas

1:30 – "The influence of Friends", Fr. Michael Nasser

2:00 – "Sibling Rivalry", Kh. Gigi Shadid

### Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 105
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 43
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 210
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 358</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>

*We must give in trust that God will use it to produce fruit: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your sowing (resources) and increase the harvest of your righteousness (benevolence)." 2 Corinthians 9:10*

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**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Shuster Family; Mary Jane Hudak; Cindy Pavilonis; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger.

*"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 Cindy Pavilonis in honor of Paul Kiskaw's birthday. Many Years!

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**Weekly Offerings to God** – During this time, if you are not coming to the church, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to:

Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143) For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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"If a man resolves to treat and heal his soul, he must first apply himself to a careful examination of his whole being. He must learn to distinguish good from evil, the things of God from those of the devil, for 'discernment is the greatest of the virtues.'" *+St. Justin of Serbia*

### LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

✦ **Monday, Sept. 21** – Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

✦ **Sunday, Sept. 27** – Procession of the Holy Cross on the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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2:30 – "Discipline vs. Anger", Fr. John Finley

3:00 – "Difficult Conversations", Dr. Philip Mamalakis

Register for this FREE conference at:

<https://mailchi.mp/a60dd8312645/2020-fall-parenting-conference>

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### Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
FB: [www.facebook.com/acroddiocese](https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
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**SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry** - The THIRD Issue of SPF50 is available NOW!! It is another digital edition. If you didn't start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. (Commitment cards will be emailed out.) Visit the Diocesan Website at [acrod.org](http://acrod.org) and look for the SPF50 section or go directly to the SPF50 web page at [www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50](http://www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50) to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home. (Don't forget to fill out the Commitment Card and return it to Fr. Dave.)

Calling all Diocesan Youth  
Ages 5-18 (K-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
To Come be a part of...

**The Vine and the Branches**

A First-of-its-Kind Diocesan Youth Event

When: Sunday, September 27, 2020

Where: Online from 6:30pm – 8pm

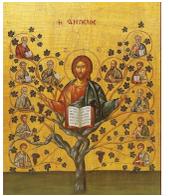
See your friends and be together... meet new friends...

Have some fun... Learn a Little... Hear from His

Eminence Metropolitan Gregory... And Much More!

The Event is Free-of-Charge. Please Pre-Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUif--trzgrE9FZAxyE1kEWLVkKcFMMMy1D>



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**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

Source: [www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar](http://www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar) © 1996-2001 by translator Fr. S. Janos

**The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most-Holy Mother of God**

Commemorated on Sept. 13 / Aug. 31

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the MostHoly Mother of God in the Constantinople Blakhernae Church was during the reign of the emperor Arcadius (395-408). Before this the holy relict, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was after Her Dormition thereafter kept at Jerusalem by pious Christians. After many years, during the reign of emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), from the Belt of the Mother of God was accomplished a miraculous healing of his spouse Zoa, suffering from an unclean spirit.



with his petition to the Patriarch. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the vessel in which the relict was kept: the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and she immediately was freed from her infirmity. They served a solemn thanksgiving molieben to the MostHoly Mother of God, and the venerable Belt they placed back into the vessel and resealed the seal.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the MostHoly Mother of God was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Athos Batopedia monastery, in Trier monastery and in Gruzia (Georgia).

The empress had a vision, that she would be healed of her infirmity when the Belt of the Mother of God would be placed upon her. The emperor turned

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**Sainted Gennadios, Patriarch of Tsargrad**

Commemorated on Sept. 13 / Aug. 31

Sainted Gennadios, Patriarch of Tsargrad, was placed on the throne of the Constantinople Church in the year 458, during the reign of the holy nobleborn emperor Leo the Great (457-474). His life is known about from the book "Spiritual Meadows" in which were inscribed tales of the monks of Salamis monastery (near Alexandria), – the Monks Sophronios and John. These monks were clergy of the Constantinople Church under Patriarch Gennadios. Sainted Gennadios was distinguished for his mildness, tolerance, purity and abstinence. About his power of prayer one might judge from the following instance: in the church of the holy Martyr Eleutherios at Constantinople was a disreputable clergyman Charisimos, spending his life in idleness, impurity and even occupying himself with theft and sorcery. For a long time Saint Gennadios admonished him with gentleness and patience, but Charisimos did not change his conduct. The patriarch resorted to strictness and gave orders to give the disreputable cleric several blows for comprehension. But even after the punishment he did not straighten out. Patriarch Gennadios then entrusted his emissary in his name to turn to the holy Martyr Eleutherios (Comm. 4 August) in whose church Charisimos served. Entering the temple, the emissary of the patriarch came before the altar, stretched out his hand to the grave of the martyr and said: "Holy Martyr Eleutherios! Patriarch Gennadios announces to thee through me a sinner, that the cleric Charisimos, serving in thy temple, doth do much iniquity and create great scandal; wherefore do thou either improve him or cut him off from the Church". On the following morning Charisimos was found dead. Another instance, displaying the great strength of prayer of Saint Gennadios, occurred with



one of the portrait painters who dared to paint an image of Christ, giving the Saviour the features of the pagan god Zeus. The hand of the painter, having done such blasphemy, immediately withered. The repentant painter was brought in the church and confessed all his sins to the patriarch. Saint Gennadios prayed over the sinner, and the hand of the painter was healed.

To settle iniquitous actions and false teachings arising in the Church, Saint Gennadios summoned a Local Council at which were condemned the Eutykhian heresy and which interdicted simony (the buying of the dignity of ordination). The saint concerned himself that a person wishing to accept the priestly dignity would be quite knowledgeable in Holy Scripture and know the Psalter by heart.

During the time of the patriarchate of Saint Gennadios, there was built a temple in honour of Saint John the Precursor. Then a certain senator Studius having come from Rome founded a monastery, which afterwards became known as the "Studite". The church steward under the holy Patriarch Gennadios was the Monk Marcian (Comm. 10 January). The patriarch also ordained to the priesthood the Monk Daniel the Stylite (Comm. 11 December). Saint Gennadios was the author of dialogues and commentaries on the Prophet Daniel (the works have not survived). There is known also his Circular Missive against Simony", affirmed by a Council of the year 459. Sainted Gennadios governed the Constantinople Church for 13 years. He died peacefully in the year 471.

Once during the time of night prayer it was made known to the saint that a powerful enemy would fall upon his flock. He incessantly offered up prayer for the peace of the Church, that the Lord would preserve it invincible against the gates of Hades.

## LIVING ORTHODOXY

### A Subdeacon

(2<sup>nd</sup> in a series on the Orders of the Church)

Those who serve as subdeacons traditionally serve the altar with precision and excellence.

The earliest mention of subdeacons is around 215 a.d. in the *Apostolic Tradition* of St. Hippolytus of Rome, who includes in his writings the prayers of blessing said over a subdeacon at his ordination.

#### Ordination

The ordination to the subdiaconate is performed outside of the altar and in a context other than the Divine Liturgy, as it is a minor order. During the Sixth Hour, after Psalm 90, the reader who is to be ordained subdeacon is presented to the bishop by two other subdeacons, who first lead him to the nave. There he faces east and makes a prostration before turning to make three prostrations towards the bishop, moving further west after each one. He is then led to stand immediately before the bishop. The subdeacons present the orarion to the bishop, who blesses it. The ordinand then kisses the orarion and the bishop's hand, and the subdeacons vest the ordinand in the orarion.

The bishop blesses the ordinand three times with the sign of the Cross upon his head, then lays his right hand upon the ordinand's head and prays the prayer of ordination. The new subdeacon kisses the bishop's right hand and makes a prostration before the bishop, after which the more senior subdeacons drape a towel over his shoulders and present him with a ewer and basin, with which he washes the bishop's hands after the usual manner. The bishop dries his hands and the three subdeacons receive the bishop's blessing and kiss his hands.

The senior subdeacons return to the altar while the new subdeacon, still holding the ewer and basin, stands on the solea, facing the icon of the Mother of God and saying particular prayers quietly. The Sixth Hour is completed and the Divine Liturgy continues as usual. The subdeacon remains on the solea until the Cherubikon, when he and two senior subdeacons wash the bishop's hands as usual.

At the Great Entrance, the new subdeacon joins on the very end of the procession, carrying the ewer and basin and, after the commemorations, takes the blessed water to the people so that they may bless themselves with it. He returns to his place on the solea until the end of the Anaphora, when he re-enters the altar, lays the ewer and basin aside, and joins the other subdeacons.

On the day that a subdeacon is ordained, he may be required to serve at the Liturgy (particularly if there is a shortage of altar servers). In this case, the taking of the blessed water to the people may be omitted, and he may be asked not to stay on the solea but rather to assist with serving duties in the altar and at the entrances. This will depend on jurisdictional preferences.

#### Vestments

All degrees of clergy wear the sticharion (Greek: sticharion (singular) / sticharia (plural); Slavonic stikhar / stikharii; Latin: dalmatic). The sticharion is a long-sleeved tunic that reaches all the way to the ground. It reminds the wearer that the grace of the Holy Spirit covers him as with a garment of salvation and joy. In addition to this, a subdeacon will also wear an orarion, representing the grace of the Holy Spirit. The orarion will be tied around his waist, up over his shoulders (forming an X-shaped cross in back), and with the ends hanging down in front, tucked under the section around the waist in an X-shaped cross. In jurisdictions where acolytes are able to wear orarions, they are distinct from subdeacons in that an acolytes orarion hangs straight down in front.



#### Duties

The ordained subdeacon has the following duties:

- Serving in the altar, generally as the head server
- Co-ordinating and leading the serving team
- Training new altar servers
- Care of the altar area, including
  - Cleaning the altar area
  - Looking after the vestments of clergy
  - Looking after the cloths of the Holy Table, including cleaning, mending and changing them according to feasts, fasts and seasons
- To assist the bishop when he is presiding, by:
  - Vesting the bishop
  - Holding the bishop's service book
  - Carrying the bishop's staff
  - Presenting the bishop with the dikiri and trikiri
  - Placing eagle rugs on the floor
  - Other duties that the bishop may assign
  - Any of the duties of a Reader, if required
  - Other duties that the priest may assign

As a member of minor clergy, a subdeacon—according to his abilities – might be entrusted with the duties of:

- Cantor
- Catechist
- Other leadership roles in the community.

#### Contemporary Practice

In the common event that there is no bishop present, a subdeacon will take the role of acolyte (Altar Server), assisting the priest during religious services in the Sanctuary

Sources: <https://goodguyswearblack.org/holy-orders/minor-orders/subdeacon/> and <https://orthodoxwiki.org/Subdeacon>

"We must not avoid Communion because we deem ourselves to be sinful. We must approach it more often for the healing of the soul but with much humility and faith considering ourselves unworthy. Otherwise it is impossible to receive communion once a year, as certain people do such people manifest more pride than humility for when they receive, they think of themselves as worthy" +St. John Cassian

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## PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions & 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...** Douglas, Thomas, James, Sean, Michael, Wendy, Anthony, Julia, Theresa, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Paňi Marie, Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...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, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...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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“Whoever does not make a firm resolution and effort each morning to pre-serve himself from sin during the coming day never diligently keeps himself from sin and little by little may finally abandon not only diligence, but the very desire and even the thought of obligation to preserve himself from sin.”  
- Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of St. Petersburg from “How to live a holy life”

**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):**  
Cora Dzakony - Martyr Coralia (9/14)  
Penelope Maruscak - Martyr Penelope (9/14)  
*(please contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Paňi Andrea Cochran (9/14), Paňi Daria Lopusky (9/16), Cindy Morrison (9/17), Fr. Vincent Dranginis (9/19), Fr. Dave Urban (9/19) ...*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 Mnohaya I Blahaya L'ita!*

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### For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

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

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

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Barbara & Richard Gedid (9/17), Patricia & Louis Deluca (9/17), Thomas & Carol Lorenzi (9/19/70) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Brittany (due in October), Elaine (November) ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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

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### For the souls of the newly departed...

+Robert, +Dolores Smoley (8/22), +Ruth Metil (8/5), and those who have passed from the coronavirus ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!*

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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.

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## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

### A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (AND OUR SEMINARY)

O Lord, the High Priest of God's people, You have shown us that it is Your will that men be called to the service of Your Holy Church. From the ranks of fishermen, You called Andrew and Peter and James and John, and made them and their successors in every age to be the "fishers of men." We, your people in this age, call upon Your great love to inspire for our churches, young men to be Your future priests. Touch their lives with Your Holy Spirit; give them the courage to answer Your call and the strength to work all the days of their life for Your service. Continue to shower upon our Diocesan Seminary Your choicest blessings and make us aware of her needs so that it may continue to be a place where the souls of those called to Your service may be trained and prepared to teach and preach, to pray and labor, to forgive and heal - to care in every way as priests of Your fold, O Good Shepherd. You told us with Your precious lips, "Without me, you can do nothing." As we call upon Your Name for more vocations, O Great High Priest, hear us and have mercy. Amen.

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