

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Services for the Week

Sunday, October 11 Volume VI

18th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Wenceslaus, Prince of Moravia (935)
9:15 – 3rd Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (1st Sunday of Luke)
Tone 1; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
+Ann Kunsak (22-year anniversary)

Tuesday, October 13

9-10:30am Church open for personal prayer
(enter from the side door)

Wednesday, October 14

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos
9:30 Divine Liturgy

Thursday, October 15

9:30 Morning Moleben (Prayer Service)

Sunday, October 18

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Charitina of Amisus (304)
9:15 – 3rd Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)
Tone 2; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
Panachida for +Richard Radick (30-year) and
the newly departed

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Our Cathedral's Online Services can be viewed
at: www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

“Without quietude [stillness], which the
Fathers call hesychia, we do not even realize
how dominated we are by our thoughts.
With it, we at last are given eyes to see how
they flood through us and out of us with such
abandon.” - Bishop Irenei Steenberg

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! 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 again soon! **If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

Bulletin Board Announcements

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

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Council President Change - Matt Peifer has decided to step down as President of our Parish Council. **THANK YOU Matt for your years of dedication in that role!** Larry Martin, our previous Vice-President, has agreed to step into the role as Parish Council President.

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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. (This year, DDD is basically the only source of income for Camp Nazareth.) For more information, please get a brochure in the vestibule, visit www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/, or see Larry Martin (our local ambassador) or Fr. Dave.

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Confessions continue to be offered after ALL services and by appointment. All faithful are encouraged to come to this Mystery (Sacrament) each of the four fasting periods of the Church to help maintain spiritual health.

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Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy – Order forms for our Christmas Candy Sale have arrived and are in the Church Hall. Orders will be due by **November 8th** with delivery December 7th. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 385
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 142
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 512
Community Outreach:	\$ 10

Total Collections: \$ 1049

Relocation Fund: \$ 390

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 Cor. 9:10

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Shuster Family; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Mary Jane Hudak; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Patty Watson; 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

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September Financial Report:

General Offerings = \$ 3327.47

***Expenses = \$ 4590.60**

Net Deficit = \$ 1263.13

*details listed on the church hall bulletin board
Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: **17**

Fiscal Year Financial Report (Sept-Aug.):

General Offerings = \$ 81,230

***Expenses = \$ 75,011**

Net Increase = \$ 6,219

*details listed on the church hall bulletin board
Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: **23**

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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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- ✘ October 23 – 88th Anniversary of the founding of our parish in 1932
- ✘ October 26 – Carpatho-Rusyn Day in North America

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or *In Memory of* someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet in the Church hall or contacting Fr. Dave (email, text, or call). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

Orthodoxy Around the 'Burgh

27th Annual Walk for Missions – is occurring TODAY at South Park Children's Playground Pavilion (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., South Park, PA 15129) sponsored by the *Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh*. Register at NOON at South Park. Walk begins at 1pm. To offer a donation for this cause, please make checks payable to "*Holy Cross Mission Fund*" (*please note the change). Your donation will be extremely helpful in carrying out this important and necessary work of the Church. For more info, visit www.holycrosspgh.org/events, email emmanuelmaginas@gmail.com, or call 412-251-3207. Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Mission work of Fr. John and Presbyteria Sandy Chakos. Visit www.TheWordFromGuatemala.com to follow the blog of this mission!

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SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry - The 3rd Issue of SPF50 is available! If you did not start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. (*Don't forget to fill out the Commitment Card and return it to Fr. Dave.*) Visit the Diocesan SPF50 web page at 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.

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Monthly Community Outreach



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)**. The OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the *Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA*. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students (and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith) to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by:

- Supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith;
- Providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service projects; and,
- Training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.

Visit <http://www.ocf.net> for more info. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

Sunday's Scripture Readings

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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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. ²And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, ⁷they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons

of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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"No one can say, 'I am poor and hence I have no means of giving alms.' For even if you cannot give as the rich gave their gifts into the temple treasury, give two farthings as the poor widow did, and from you God will consider it a greater gift than the gifts of the rich. And if you do not have as much as two farthings? You can take pity on the sick and give alms by ministering to them. And if you cannot do even this? You can comfort your brother by your words. 'A good word is better than the best of gifts.'"

+St. Dorotheos of Gaza

Lives of the Saints

The Holy Nobleborn Prince Wenceslaus of the Czechs

Commemorated on October 11 / September 28

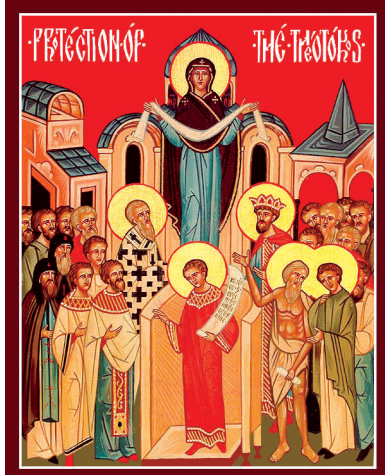


The Holy Nobleborn Prince Vyacheslav of the Czechs was a grandson of the holy Martyress and Princess Liudmila (Comm. 16 September), and he was raised by her in deep piety. He began to rule at age 18 after the death of his father prince Bratislav (+ 920). In spite of his youthful age, he ruled wisely and justly and concerned himself much about the Christian enlightenment of the people. The holy prince was a widely educated man, and he studied in the Latin and Greek languages. Saint Vyacheslav was peace-loving. He built and embellished churches, and in the Czech capital Prague he raised up a magnificent church in the name of Saint Vitus, and he had respect for the clergy. Envious nobles decided to murder the saint and at first to incite his mother against him, and later to urge his younger brother, Boleslav, to occupy the princely throne. Boleslav invited his brother to the dedication of a church, and then asked him to tarry and stay for still another day. In spite of the warnings of his servants, the holy prince refused to believe in a conspiracy and exposed his life to the will of God. On the following day, 28 September 935, when the nobleborn Vyacheslav went to matins, he was wickedly murdered at the doors of the church by his own brother by birth and that one's servants. His body was stabbed and thrown down without burial. The mother, hearing about the murder of her son, found and placed him in a recently consecrated church at the princely court. They were not able to wash off the blood splashed on the church doors, but after 3 days it disappeared by itself. Repenting himself, the perpetrator of the fratricide transferred the relics of Saint Vyacheslav to Prague, where they were placed in the church of Saint Vitus, which the martyr himself had constructed (the transfer of the relics of Saint Vyacheslav is celebrated on 4 March). The memory of the Nobleborn Prince Vyacheslav is honoured from of old in the Russian Orthodox Church. (There exists conjecture, that the death of the saint occurred instead in the year 929).

Feast Day Feature

The Protection (Pokrov) of the Most-Holy Theotokos (Mother of God):

Commemorated on October 14/1



The Protection of the Mother of God is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox calendar among the Slavic peoples.

The Russian word Pokrov (Ποκροϋ) has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the *Veil of Our Lady*, the *Protecting Veil of the Theotokos*, the *Protection of the Theotokos*, or the *Intercession of the Theotokos*.

The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Vlaherna in the tenth century. At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople, a Slav) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Vlaherna, nearby the city gates. The Vlaherna Palace church was where several of her relics were kept. The relics were her robe, veil (*omophor*), and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering. The celebration of this feast day dates back to the 12th century. It is a one day feast.

“Those who consider it a misfortune to lose money or any other of their belongings, must realize that in the first place they should be satisfied with what is given them by God; and then, when they have to give it back, they should be ready to do so gratefully, without any indignation at being deprived of it, or rather at giving it back — for since they have been enjoying the use of what was not their own, they are now in fact returning it to God.” + *Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great*

Prayer Corner

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs

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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... Justin, Katie, Brian, Douglas, Thomas, Dacia, James, Sean, Michael, Julia, Theresa, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Pañi 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.

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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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):

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

(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... *Father's sister*, Melissa Dittmore (10/11), *Father's mother*, Andrea Urban (10/11), Kevin Anton (10/12), Sheila Jesko (10/13), Frank Martellotti (10/15), Cameron Watson (10/17) ...*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!*

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...

Dustin, Stephen, 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... Meredith & Ryan Blobner (10/12) ...*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. Dzadovsky and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St. George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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For the souls of the newly departed...

+George Puhac (10/6), +Paul, +Sylvia Louise, +Dorothy, +Leona (Smoley) Hawke (9/25), +Natalie, +Donald, +Robert Spirnak (9/10), 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*

Devotional Prayer of the Week

A Prayer of Stewardship

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the good steward, who redeemed Adam and Eve of their failed stewardship by offering Yourself for the life of the world. You did teach us in the feeding of the multitudes that whatever we give to God is returned to us multiplied.

You did praise those good and faithful servants in the parable of the talents who returned to the Master their gifts. So help us to learn the joy of stewardship, remembering that everything we have comes from You and belongs to You. We know, Lord, that we often live in fear of the future and insecurity.

Help us to remember the lilies of the field and so to trust in Your providence. Grant to us a cheerful and generous spirit. Enkindle in the hearts of all Your people a zealous love for You. For You are the Good Steward, and to You we give thanks, praise and glory, together with Your Father and Your all holy good and life-giving Spirit now and ever and onto the ages of ages. Amen.