



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

*please wear masks following the CDC guidelines*  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

7<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Pascha; Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> E. Council  
Graduate Sunday  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36  
Gospel: John 17:1-13  
Panachida for +Sister Nymphodora  
(+Eleanor Dussling) (1-yr)

**MONDAY, JUNE 14**

9:30 am Morning Moleben

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**

7:00 pm Moleben to the Theotokos

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20 – FEAST OF PENTECOST, THE**

**DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; “RUSALJA”**

9:15 – Icon procession and Litiya Prayers

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11;

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Panachida for our departed Fathers and

Godfathers, and +Michael Urban (25-yr)

Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost following Liturgy

Tone 7; Liturgical Color: **Green**

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**Live-Broadcast** – If you are unable to attend church on Sunday morning, please pray along with our Cathedral’s services online at **9:00 am**.

[www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/)

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**Future Services** – Our online “Parish Calendar” is continually updated on our website at:

[www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar](http://www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar)

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## BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wed.)*

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**This Week** – We continue to **not** kneel in prayer till after Pentecost Sunday’s Liturgy as the Kneeling Prayers are prescribed for Sunday evening. This week, replace “O Heavenly King” with the Ascension Prokimen

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*Monday’s Spiritual Vitamin:*

“Be exalted O God above the heavens,  
and let Your glory be over all the earth.”

- *Prokimen from the Feast of Ascension*

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**Moleben to the Theotokos** – On **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm, we will have the same Moleben (*devotional service of supplication*) to the Theotokos that Fr Mark does with the weeping Icon of the Tender Heart in Taylor, PA. There will also be an anointing with the myrrh from the icon. All are welcome to come and pray with us!

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The Parish Council discussed having the garage sale return this year. Please begin bringing in items and placing them in the church hall behind the moveable bulletin board.

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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! 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 IS OFFERED:

In memory of  
+Anthony and  
+Dorothy Horbal.

May their  
memory be eternal!

## OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship: \$ 110  
Candles/Eternal Lamp Offerings: \$ 129  
Envelope Stewardship: \$ 204

**Total Collections: \$ 443**

**Relocation Fund: \$ 50**

*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*

## May Financial Report:

**General Stewardship = \$ 11,246.61**

*(includes \$ 157.08 from online stewardship)*

**\*Expenses = \$ 6,801.96**

**Net Income = \$ 4,444.65**

*\*details listed on the church hall bulletin board  
Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 40*

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Melanie Shuster; Mary Jane Hudak; Eleanor Sanger; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis

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**“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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**The Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Matt Peifer, in Memory of Mother, +Viola; and Tim Martin, in Memory of Parents, +Anastasia and +Lawrence. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!

**Weekly Offerings to God** – During this time, if you are not yet coming to the church, we request that weekly donations be mailed to Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143)



**On-Line Giving** is now available from our parish website! The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2<sup>nd</sup> best is to mail it in). Now you can also donate from your home and set up a recurring donation to the:

- ✘ General Stewardship Fund,
- ✘ Capital Improvement Fund, or
- ✘ Relocation Fund.

If you miss coming to church for a week, this allows you another option to “catch up” on your weekly stewardship. For our parish to continue it’s ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

## GRADUATE SUNDAY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SJB**

**2021 GRADUATES!!!**

**From High School...**

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**... And Beyond**



**Genny Martellotti** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown with a BA in Justice Administration and Criminology. She is currently doing an internship at the Allegheny County Adult Probation Office.

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**May God Grant You Many & Blessed Years of Success! Mnohaya L’ita! Many Years!**

## ORTHODOXY AROUND THE 'BURGH AND OUR DIOCESE

### VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
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### Tuesday's Spiritual Vitamin:

"For a true Christian death is merely like a sleep until the day of resurrection, or like birth into a new life."  
+St. John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Epistle: Acts 20:16–18, 28–36

<sup>16</sup> For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

### Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

<sup>17</sup> And from Mile'tus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. <sup>18</sup> And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>28</sup> Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. <sup>29</sup> I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup> Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. <sup>32</sup> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or

apparel. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" <sup>36</sup> And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

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### Gospel: John 17:1–13

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup> since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; <sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; <sup>8</sup> for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; <sup>10</sup> all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

### Wednesday's Spiritual Vitamin:

"First the memory brings some passion-free thought into the intellect. By its lingering there, passion is aroused. When the passion is not eradicated, it persuades the intellect to assent to it. Once the assent is given, the actual sin is then committed." +St. Maximos the Confessor

## LIVING ORTHODOXY

### On the Ascension of the Lord and a Reverential Treatment of the Human Body by Archpriest Pavel Velikanov

We are accustomed to our body, we accept that it gets tired, requires nourishment, experiences pain, suffers from all kinds of limitations. We start thinking that this is the way that it should be. However, the human nature that we see in the resurrected body of Christ the Saviour has completely different characteristics simply unattainable in the animal world.

We see Christ's body in the flesh walk through walls. Though we see that He is able to eat food, He, nonetheless, does not require it. We see His flesh retaining as a memory the wounds from the nails with which His body was affixed to the cross. The Ascension of the Lord asserts a very important Christian truth. We see true humanity in the Person of Christ the Saviour. The human nature which our life teaches us to perceive as weak, feeble, sickly, and dying, in Christ becomes something totally different, something that knows no constraints of the flesh, something that knows no pain, nor suffering, nor, most importantly, death.

Having once risen from the dead, Christ cannot die again. And that is exactly what explains the Christians' reverential treatment of the human body already here on earth, in anticipation of the universal resurrection. And it is by means of this feast that we learn the reason for the existence of the Orthodox Church, the reason for the veneration of the relics of the saints, the reason for the respectful treatment of the bodies of saints who have not yet been glorified.

May the Lord help us in celebrating this feast to

treat the bodies of each other not as temporary resting places of the soul, but as true temples of the Holy Spirit in which He is supposed to live and act.

## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### The Holy Martyr Hermias

Commemorated on June 13 / May 31

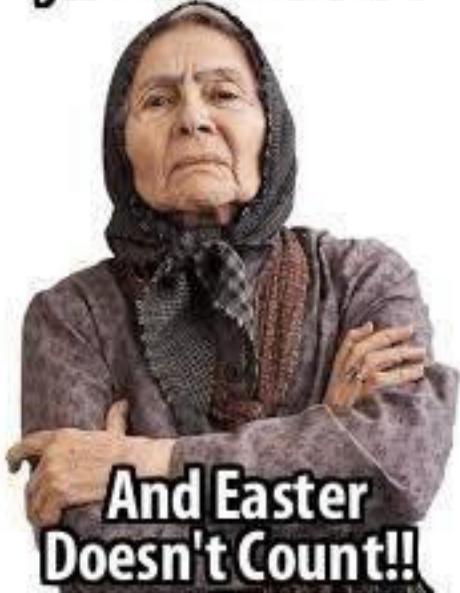
The Holy Martyr Hermias suffered for Christ in the city of Komana during the time of persecution under the emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161). The governor Sebastian, having arrived in Cappadocia to carry out a commission to chase down Christians, urged the saint to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, promising for this both honours and the mercy of the emperor. But the soldier grey with age bravely confessed his faith in Christ. After long exhortation the governor gave orders to torture the saint. They beat him on the face such that the skin peeled from his face, and they threw him into a red-hot oven. When the oven was opened after 3 days, the Martyr Hermias emerged from it unharmed. The governor Sebastian ordered a sorcerer to poison Saint Hermias with a potion. The poisonous drink did the saint no harm. So likewise a second goblet with even stronger poison failed to kill the saint. The sorcerer believed and offered repentance to Christ the Saviour and was immediately beheaded, baptised by his own blood and receiving a martyr's crown. But Saint Hermias was subjected to even more terrible torturings: they tore at his sinews, threw him in boiling oil, dug out his eyes, but he humbly gave thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ. Then they suspended the Martyr Hermias head downwards. For three days he hung in such a position. People, sent by the governor to verify his death, found him alive. Struck by the miracle, they were blinded with fright and began to call out to the saint that he should help them. The holy martyr ordered the blind to approach to him, laid hands on and healed them in the Name of Jesus Christ. In anger the governor ordered to flay the skin on the body of the saint, but as before he remained alive. Then the crazed Sebastian by his own hand beheaded him. Christians secretly buried the body of the Martyr Hermias

Thursday's Spiritual Vitamin:  
"A dog is better than I am,  
for he has love and does not judge."  
+St. Xanthias

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Listen to Baba:

**When was the last time  
you were in church?**



**And Easter  
Doesn't Count!!**

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Friday's Spiritual Vitamin:  
"Do not give way to laziness... Do not neglect  
your small prayer rule. Make it a rule to turn to  
the Lord or the Theotokos at least once every  
hour with prayer for forgiveness and assistance.  
If you find the strength and opportunity to do this  
more often, so much the better."  
- Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

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**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...** Joseph, Gary, Joanne, Barbara, Mary Jane M., Dale, Brian, Kristina, Fr. George L., Sean, Julia, Susan, John, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, and 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, Fr. Photios, Fr. Theodore, Deacon Charles, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Elizabeth, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Dylan, Thomas, Nicholas, and Aydin *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Lawrence, Matthew, 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):**  
*(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Fr. Nicholas Mihaly (6/13), Kylee Winkler (6/14), Rebecca Zak (6/15), Julia Lanick (6/16), Aaron Zak (6/16), Anthony Horbal (6/17)

*...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 Graduate...** Genevive Martellotti ...*may she be guided in God's Light and His Will all the days of her life!*

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**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...**

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

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

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Father's Parents, Dave & Andrea Urban (6/16)

*...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Carley (*due in July*), Lindsay (*July*), Pañi Davina (*September*) ...*through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...** 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*

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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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*Saturday's Spiritual Vitamin:*  
"He who has the Kingdom of God in himself will imperceptibly pass it on to others. People will be attracted by the peace and warmth in us; they will want to be near us, and the atmosphere of heaven will gradually pass on to them. It is not even necessary to speak to people about this. The atmosphere of heaven will radiate from us even when we keep silence or talk about ordinary things. It will radiate from us even though we may not be aware of it."  
Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica  
*Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*

**DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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