



Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Meatfare

FEBRUARY 11th

FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgment

Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9: 2
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Pray facing East this week.
Christ is returning from the East and
we wait for Him!
Use up/freeze dairy this week.

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 3 Liturgical Color: **Gold**
Additional collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Pre-Lenten Breakfast

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Annual House Blessings Continue Thru Saturday

Monday, February 12 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

Thursday, February 15 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord followed by
blessing of candles

The Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

* Mon.	Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom	3 John 1:1-15	Lk 19:29-40; 22:7-39
* Tue.	Holy Wonderworkers & Unmercenaries Cyrus & John (311)	Jude 1:1-10	Lk 22:39-42; 45-23:1
* Wed.	Martyr Tryphon of Campsada near Apamea in Syria (250)	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
* Thu.	St. Anthimus of Chios (1960)	Jude 1:11-25	Lk 23:2-34; 44-56
* Fri.	Holy & Righteous Symeon & Anna the Prophetess (1st c.)	Zachariah 8:7-17	Zach. 8:19-23
* Sat.	Venerable Isidore of Pelusium, monk (436-440)	Rom 14:19-23; 16:25-27	Matthew 6:1-13

** Let us imitate Christ and the Saints and fast as they did!*

Cheesefare

FEBRUARY 18th

FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Reading: Romans 13: 11-14:4
Gospel: Matthew 6: 14-21

Ask each other for
forgiveness each evening this
week before bed.

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy Tone 4 Liturgical Color: **Gold/Purple**
Youth Sunday / Chees Fare Sunday / Prayers from the Rite of Forgiveness following Liturgy

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (Glory Be Forever!)
Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava na v'iki!)

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 Fr. 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
+Anna Buhonick
on the anniversary of
her passing (2/15/06).

May her memory
be eternal!

LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

Monday, February 19 – the start of the Great Fast (Lent) – “CLEAN WEEK” Begins –

9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (I)

Tuesday, February 20 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (II)

Wednesday, February 21 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (III)

7pm – Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn, Wexford

Thursday, February 22 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (IV)

Friday, February 23 – 9:30am Lenten Third Hour with reading of the Kathisma (*Book of Psalms*)

Saturday, February 24 – 9:30am All Soul Saturday (*Zadušna Subota*) Divine Liturgy and
Panachida (*transfer of III*) / 11a – 1p Mystery of Holy Confession

Sunday, February 25 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / Additional collection for our Community Outreach /
4:30pm – Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Holy Cross in Mt. Lebanon

Wednesday, February 28 – 9:30am Paraklis to the Theotokos /

7pm – Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn, Wexford

Friday, March 2 – 9:30am Akathist Hymn to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, March 3 – 9:30am All Soul Saturday (*Zadušna Subota*) Divine Liturgy & Panachida (II)
11a – 1p Mystery of Holy Confession

Sunday, March 4 – Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas /

4pm – Syrian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service at St Nicholas Cathedral in Oakland



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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Jane Barret; Joanne Nelson; Julia Potoski; Theresa Sharpless; Cindy Pavilonis; Patty Watson.

***"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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2018 Annual House Blessings – If you are not already scheduled for or already had your house blessing, please contact Fr Dave to set up a time for this week. House blessings will continue through this **Saturday, February 17th**. Fr Dave is interested in visiting and catching up with everyone this Theophany season!

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Pirohi Sale – Our annual Lenten Pirohi Sale is here. There are a variety of flavors for \$9 per dozen.

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Blessing of Candles – We will bless candles following the Feast Day Divine Liturgy on **Thursday, February 15th** as well as after the Liturgy on the following **Sunday (Feb. 18th)**. All are encouraged to bring in candles from home to be blessed after these two Liturgies. Let's light up the world with our blessed candles!

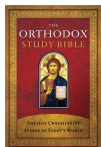
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Rite of Forgiveness – After the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, **February 18th**, we will have prayers from the Rite of Forgiveness as a community immediately following the Liturgy. Let's pray that we begin the Great Fast on the right foot-taking the step of forgiveness together.

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Gertrude Hawk Candy – Our Easter Candy Sale is underway! Order forms are in the Church Hall. Orders will be due by **February 18th** and will be delivered in time for Pascha. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

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Donors needed for Orthodox Study Bibles – An initiative has been started to have a dozen Orthodox Study Bibles available for use around the Church. We are asking that donors offer a bible anonymously, in memory of someone, or on behalf of a group. A \$35 donation is requested.

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"Clean Week" – Looking ahead to the first week of the Great Fast, also known as "clean week", this year there will be a service each day of the week in the morning at the church. The Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgy will be at **A New Location**, the Hampton Inn off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2622 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143). Evening services are also offered at the other Orthodox Churches in the area! Please contact them for their service times.

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Services of the Great Fast – The Parish Calendar on our website (www.OrthodoxPittsburgh.com) has been updated with the service schedule through Bright Week. If you would like a printed version, please let Fr Dave know.

Our Stewardship Gift To God

Stewardship/Dues: \$ 240
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box: \$ 96
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special: \$ 912

Total Collections: \$ 1176

Collection for the Saints: "On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper." 1 Cor 16:2

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Fellowship Meal following Presanctified –

After our Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at the Hampton Inn, our tradition is to gather for a meal. Again this year, we are asking people to sign up for a week and bring something (meatless) for all to enjoy. If you wish, you can team up with someone else to share the effort. The Hampton does not have a kitchen, so we will be taking supplies from the hall and we will need to clean up. A sign up sheet is in the Church Hall.

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Ride Request for Presanctified – If you are able to assist in giving someone a ride on Wednesday evenings, please let Father know ASAP. Thank you!

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Orthodoxy Sunday February 25th – In 2 weeks we will be celebrating Orthodoxy Sunday. On this Sunday, you are encouraged to **bring an icon from home** for you to use in the procession of icons. (See below for the details of the Pan-Orthodox Vespers to be held later that day.)

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Pittsburgh Deanery Lenten Mission: Confession, Service, & Fellowship - Each Sunday Vespers begin at 3pm with Confessions heard beginning around 2:30pm. A light meal is offered after the service.



March 11 – East Pittsburgh

March 18 – Rankin

March 25 – North Side

(Homilists will be 3 of our seminarians.)

All are encouraged to attend our Lenten Missions throughout the Great Fast! **Pray with our Pittsburgh Deanery and see our sister parishes!**

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

February 18: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

February 25: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

March 4: **Open / "Pot Luck"**

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

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Food Drive – For the month of February we will be collecting unexpired food and donations in order to make a delivery to St. Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry on Pittsburgh’s South Side. Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month! The list of food items that they are looking for is available in the church hall or at: <http://stmaryorthodoxchurch.net/stcyrilfoodpantry.html>
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Bulletin Sponsor – Please contact Fr Dave or sign up in Vestibule to sponsor a bulletin *In Memory of* someone or *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is kindly requested.

Parish Stewardship Opportunities...
As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.
 (Luke 6:31)

- Take a Coffee Social week
- Attend additional services
- Donate towards a Study Bible
- Car pool to Presanctified

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA ‘BURGH



A Journey through Serbian Song & Dance: “Ruku pod ruku” - Saturday, February 17th, 7pm at the University of Pittsburgh, Bellefield Hall. Featuring performances by: *Sumadija Serbian Folk Dance Ensemble (from Milwaukee, WI), Academy of Serbian Folk Dancing Association "Miroslav Bata Marcetic" (Toronto, Canada), and Carica Milica Choir (Pittsburgh, PA). Tickets for the concert are \$15. Tickets for the concert and the post-concert reception at the Serb Club are \$20. (23% of our online ticket sales profits go towards LifeLine Humanitarian Organization - Chicago!) Tickets may be purchased at: www.talentshadows.events/event/sumadija-and-academy-of-serbian-folk-dance. For further information and questions, please call Aleksandra Sretenović at 440-520-9064.

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Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Service - The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh is hosting the annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Service and Celebration on **Sunday, February 25th**, at 4:30 pm at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church in Mt. Lebanon across from the Galleria Mall (123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa 15228). There will be the annual Procession of the Holy Icons and a Pan-Orthodox Choir singing the responses. Come and celebrate Orthodoxy in Pittsburgh! **"This is the Faith of the Apostles. This is the Faith of the Fathers. This is the Faith of the Orthodox. This is the Faith which has established the Universe."**

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IOCC Syrian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service – The evening will begin with a Prayer Service led by various Hierarchs at 4pm followed by Dinner & Reception from 5-7pm on **Sunday March 4th** at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Oakland (419 S. Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Tickets are \$50 per adult & \$20 for ages 7-18 and need to be purchased by **March 2nd**. (A children’s room will be available.) *Net Proceeds will benefit IOCC’s Syrian Crisis Response Fund to aid our brothers and sisters in need.* For more info, to purchase tickets, or volunteer, contact Zelfa at 412-417-4706 / zkhalil1@live.com.

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The Annual Diocesan Lenten Retreat: For All Orthodox Christians, Family, & Friends – Will take place on **Saturday, March 17th** from 9am–5pm at St Nicholas Orthodox Church (903 Ann Street, Homestead, PA 15120). His Grace, Bishop Gregory will present “*Our Calling as Disciples and Evangelists*” for the teens and adults. Fr. Dave Urban will present “*Windows to Heaven – Icons & The Feasts Of The Church*” for those aged 6-12. The schedule for the day is posted in the church hall. A Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch are included and the cost is covered by a Free Will Offering. The registration deadline is **March 10th** (You may sign up on the sheet in the Church Hall). (This is sponsored by the National ACRY.) **Come Escape From The World For A Day and Be Spiritually Renewed!**

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Monk Lavrentii (Lawrence), Hermit of Pechersk & Bishop of Turov, in the Nearer Caves

Commemorated on February 11 / January 29, October 11 / September 28 and on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

The Monk Lavrentii (Lawrence), Hermit of Pechersk and Bishop of Turov, in the Nearer Caves – at first asceticised as an hermit at the monastery of the GreatMartyr



Demetrios, built by Greatprince Izyaslav at Kiev near the Pechersk monastery. Later he transferred to the Pechersk monastery, and was glorified by a gift of healing. From the Pechersk monastery he was elevated in 1182 to the cathedra-seat of Turov (Turov is a city in the Minsk region) and was successor to Sainted Kirill (Cyril) of Turov. He died in 1194, and was buried in the Nearer Caves.

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

The Rights of an Apostle

9 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? ²If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment of the Nations

³¹“When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will place the sheep at his

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right hand, but the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? ³⁸And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? ³⁹And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ ⁴⁶And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

LIVING ORTHODOXY

How to Forgive:

We must put aside all resentment

The decision to forgive another person a wrong done to us begins when we decide to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. To forgive someone does not mean that we forget what they did to us, for this may be impossible. The memory of the hurt might always remain with you, but when you decide to forgive the person who wronged you, the grip of resentment is put aside. When we forgive someone it is even possible the find yourself filled with compassion and empathy for the person, for the act of forgiveness opens the heart to God's grace.

When we forgive someone, we are not denying their responsibility for hurting or offending us, nor are we justifying their act. We can forgive them without approving or excusing their transgression against us. The act of forgiving another opens our heart to the peace that brings closure to hurt and pain, and opens us up to the love and peace that comes from living a life without resentment.

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If we find ourselves struggling to forgive, it is a good reminder to recall those hurtful things we've done to others, and remember when we've been forgiven. It is especially good to recall how God has forgiven us, and call upon Him to give us the grace needed to put aside our resentment, and truly forgive the other person. Being quick to forgive, and putting aside all thoughts of revenge will open our heart to a joyful and peaceful life.

Finally, if we pray for those who've offended us, we open the door to all kinds of possibilities. When we ask God to help the person whose been unkind and hurtful, our own hearts receive healing, for when we've forgiven others, grace abounds.

“Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate when people say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it.” (1 Peter 3:9)

Love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

When You will come to earth in glory, O God, and all things will tremble before You, the river of fire will flow before Your judgment-seat and the books will be opened and all hidden things revealed, deliver me from the unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at Your right Hand, O righteous Judge.
– *Kondak of the day*

O Lord, You have received Your priestly and divinely inspired preachers, the crown of Your teachers, into the enjoyment of Your goodness and repose. You accepted their labors and death above any other sacrifice, for only You can glorify Your Saints. – *Kondak from the Feast*

“Fasting is a mechanical aid to cleansing the mind, to subjecting the will to the mind.”
- *Priest Daniel Sysoev*

“...the more closely we imitate the Fathers in their way of life, the more we will be able to attain their successful end.” - *Archimandrite Cherubim*

You who have sanctified by Your Birth a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon, You have come O Christ our God, and on this day have saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen the Orthodox people whom you have loved, for You alone love mankind. – *Kondak from the Feast*

“Bear with every man in such a way that God may also bear with thee.” - *Abba Amonis*

"Fasting is a great thing, but love is even greater. If, through fasting, demons are cast out, passions tamed, the body pacified and the spirit steadied; then through love, God takes up His abode in man. The Lord Himself emphasized fasting as necessary, but stressed love as the main commandment."
+St. Nikolai Velimirovich

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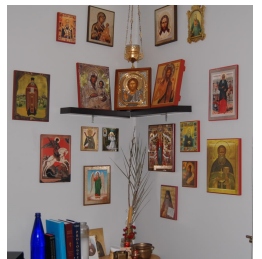
PRAYER CORNER

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

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For the Health of... Mildred, Anna Mae, Andrew, Julie, Jane, Eleanor D., Mark, Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Katie, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Wendy, Gary, Barbara, Matthew, Patricia, Lino, Mary, Michael, Pañi Connie, Joseph, Anthony, Maria, Joshua, Eli, Samuel, Lucy, and everyone battling the flu ...*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... Bishop Gregory, Stephen, David, Joshua, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, John S., Amee, Joshua, and Anthony ***and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:*** Matthew, John, Timothy, Patricia, Theresa, Lawrence, Donald, Jane, Cynthia, Katherine, Eleanor, Kenneth, Gina, Robert, Jillian, Wendy, Olga, John, Melanie, Michael, John, Richard, John, Margaret, Sarah, Patricia, ***and for those working towards our Community Outreach,*** St. Cyril of the White Lake Food Pantry...***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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Birthday Prayers for... Harmonie Torchia (2/11), Pańi Buczak (2/11), Fr. Jim Gleason (2/12),
Father's Niece, Samantha Ditmore (2/14), W. Dylan Mushinsky (2/17), James Hanchulak (2/17)
...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! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

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For those preparing for Marriage... Nicole & Seminarian Nathaniel and Kristyn & Seminarian Vince
...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia & all Holy Martyrs.

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For Expectant Mothers... Pañi Ileana, Pañi Svetlana, Ashley, Katie, Meredith, Brittany, Harmonie, Pañi Stacey, and Aimee ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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For the soul of the newly departed...

...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal Memory!

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you would 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 Orthodox Christians.*

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Prayer When Lying Down To Go To Sleep

Into Your hands, O Lord Jesus Christ,
I commend my soul and body;
bless me,
save me, and
grant me eternal life. Amen.