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Volume IV

7th Sunday after Pentecost / St. Juvenal (1796)

9:30 am – Deacon's Service with Communion Tone 6

Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

YOUTH Sunday

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Wed., July 18 – 7pm Moleben to St. Nectarios with holy anointing (Church Council Meeting to follow)

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

Monday	Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia	1 Corinthians 9:13-18	Matthew 16:1-6
Tuesday	St. Andrew, archbishop of Crete (712-726)	1 Corinthians 10:5-12	Matthew 16:6-12
* Wednesday	Venerable Athanasius of Mt. Athos (1003)	1 Corinthians 10:12-22	Matthew 16:20-24
Thursday	Venerable Sisoies the Great of Egypt (429)	1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7	Matthew 16:24-28
* Friday	Venerable Thomas of Mt. Maleon (10th c.)	1 Corinthians 11:8-22	Matthew 17:10-18
Saturday	Holy Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea (303)	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 12:30-37

* The Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast - Let us imitate Christ and the Saints and fast as they did.

Sunday, July 22 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Hieromartyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 7

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Panachida for the 25th anniversary of the passing of +Jack Peifer / After Coffee: Special Parish Meeting

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! (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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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



Tuesday, July 24 – 9:30am Akathist to the Great-martyr Euphemia

Sunday, July 29 – Additional Collection for our Community Outreach / Mystery of Holy Baptism and Initiation into the Orthodox Faith of Maverick Thomas Torchia.

Thursday, August 2 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias

Sunday, August 5 – Annual Blessing of modes of transportation following the Divine Liturgy

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

A Possible New Home For Our Parish – We have an excellent long-awaited opportunity for our parish to survive and flourish. The Church Council and Relocation Committee has recently been exploring an existing building that sits on nearly 2 acres (which will give us room for parking and a bit of green space for the children) at:

**2568 Wexford Bayne Road
Sewickly, PA 15143**

The building was started, but never finished. The roof is good and the foundation is in great shape. The inside has wall studs, electric run, plumbing started, and utilities in place, but no drywall or anything finished. *In comparison: North Side is 60 ft. wide and about 125 ft. long;*

Wexford building is 60 ft. wide and 135 ft. long. Feel free to drive to the Wexford Exit of 79 and look at this site (about ¾ of a mile from the exit). It is practically a neighbor of Saints John and Paul Catholic Church.

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Special Meeting Scheduled – We will have a special parish meeting following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, July 22nd**. At this meeting a vote will take place concerning the building opportunity in the 79 corridor.

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Prayer Request – Please continue to pray for our parish community and the journey that we are on together!

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Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Mary Jane Hudak; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Joanne Nelson; 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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Thank You! to everyone who brought food or other items to our Annual Patronal Feast Day Summer Picnic last week!

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Coat Drive – *Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before the last coat drive? (...but it still looks good and you don't want to get rid of it?) We are now collecting clean coats and jackets, in good condition, to donate to FOCUS Pittsburgh this August. We will collect the clean coats on the coat rack in the hall.*

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Our annual garage sale will be **August 24-25**. Tax-deductible clean donations are now being accepted. Let us collect what is 'extra' for us, as it may be needed by someone else! This stewardship community outreach is here to help others!


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Science and Nature Camp @ Camp Nazareth - will take place **Sunday, August 6 thru Saturday, August 12**. Camp participants will learn all about Astronomy, Biology, Earth Science, Geology, Meteorology and SO MUCH MORE! Participants will have the opportunity to use telescopes, microscopes, and water quality management technology as well as explore the trails, waterfalls, streams and geography of the Camp. *Special emphasis will be placed on appreciating the beauty of nature and the wonder of the fields of science they will study.* The Science and Nature Camp is a resident (sleepaway) Camp for ages 8-18. It will take place on the 289 beautiful acres of Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA). Visit www.campnazareth.org to register. Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH

Kennywood – Visit Kennywood for there Heritage days with our Orthodox neighbors:

SERBIAN Day – **Saturday, July 21st** – Contact Natalie Wuchenich (412-458-5227) for discount tickets
 GREEK Day – **Tuesday, July 24th** – contact Presentation of Christ Church at 412-824-9188 or at lkoutsavlis@ypapanti.net. Credit Cards now accepted for phone orders. Ticket Prices: Regular Day Pass - \$26.00, Seniors 55+ - \$16.00, Seniors 70+ - \$12.00 (Children 3 & under are free).

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Christmas in July! Vendor & Craft Show – St. Nicholas Church (903 Ann St., Homestead, PA 15120) will have over 20 of your favorite vendors and crafters on **Saturday, July 21st** from 10am–2pm as well as a Russian Auction, Raffles, and Cafe Nikolai for your eating pleasure!

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Ukrainian Food Festival (or *Ukie Fest* as it is affectionately known by locals) will offer the opportunity to eat, drink, dance and be merry in the McKees Rocks Bottoms. **July 25–28** at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (116 Ellen St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136), the event will include all your favorite Ukrainian dishes. Doors open daily at 5pm (Wed. 7pm Parade, 8:30p-10p Bobby Thompson and the Groove; Thu 8p-10p Justen Fabus; Fri 8p-10p The Jaggerz; Sat 8p-10p The Marcells) Visit www.ukiefestrocks.org for more information or call 412-331-2362.

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Our Stewardship Gift To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 509
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 134
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 858
Total Collections:	\$ 1501
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 325
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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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

July 22: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**

July 29: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**

August 5: **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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People at Work – Ruth E. Hendricks, a local photographer, has put together a photo display of *People at Work* (Primarily Pittsburghers) and Father Dave was honored to be asked to be one of them! Here are the details: Panza Gallery (115 Sedgwick St., Millvale, PA 15209) – **July 7-28** – W, Th, F 10-5; Sat. 10-3 – for more information, contact Ruth at rutheh@gmail.com / 412-901-6128 / rutheh.com

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Parish Stewardship Opportunities...

As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Lk. 6:31)

- Pray for our parish and it's future
- Sponsor a Coffee Social
- Donate towards Bibles for Babies
- Bring in items for our garage sale
- Donate towards our coat drive

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Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
You Tube: youtube.com/acroddiocese

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Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **July 17-21** – Holy Trinity (2930 Beaver Rd., Ambridge) *Greek*
- **July 25-28** – St. Mary (116 Ellen St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136) *Ukrainian*

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church hall for times and more information or visit <http://www.holytrinitypgh.org/pittsburgh-greek-festivals-guide>



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“Saints Alive” **Vacation Church School** at Holy Cross **July 30-August 3** from 9am~12 Noon. Registration forms and more information can be found at: www.holycrosspgh.org/ministries/vacation/

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“Miracles of Jesus” **Vacation Church School** at Presentation of Christ **August 6-9** from 9am to 12 Noon. For registration and more information, contact the office (412-824-9188 / LKoutsavlis@ypapanti.net)

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Please Others, Not Yourselfes

15 We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; ²let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. ³For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me.” ⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

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²⁷ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” ²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” ³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” ³¹ But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

Jesus Heals One Who Was Mute

³² As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. ³³ And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” ³⁴ But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.”

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

LIVING ORTHODOXY

12 Practical Ways to Live Out the Faith at Home

By Sarah Wright: an Orthodox Christian, a wife, a mother of three, a teacher, and blog writer
(Continued from last week...)

1. Pray the Morning Prayers as a Family

Related Article: Making Time for Morning Prayers

2. Create an Icon Corner

Related Article: How to Create an Icon Corner

3. Read Orthodox Children’s Books Together

If your children are anything like mine, they look forward to our family reading time each night! One simple way to bring our faith into our daily lives is to begin reading some Orthodox stories during that reading time. There are many fantastic children’s books out there about the life of Christ, of the saints, of holy living, and more. We also have a shelf in our living room that is dedicated to our Orthodox books. The shelf is easily accessible to our children, inviting them to read them at any time.

Related Article: [Top 5 Favorite Orthodox Children’s Books](#)

4. Read (or Listen To) the Daily Readings as a Family

In the Orthodox Church, each day has certain Scripture readings that are assigned to it. These include a Gospel reading and either an Epistle or an Old Testament reading. Your family can read these together, perhaps at the dinner table or before Evening prayers. You can also listen to the daily readings through Ancient Faith Radio’s podcast *The Path*. We also like to read the Gospel in our children’s Bible so it is slightly easier for the little ones to understand.

Related Article: [Top 10 Best Resources for Orthodox Families](#)

5. Pray the Evening Prayers

Adding the Evening Prayers to your bedtime routine can be transformational to your family. You can make it as simple as you would like. In our family we often just pray the Trisagion prayers, the Jesus Prayer, and then sing a hymn. I am amazed at how even our youngest can learn to pray the Lord’s Prayer and sing along with us!

Related Article: [Creating a Routine of Evening Prayers](#)

6. Ask Forgiveness of Each Other

Each member of a family will offend the others at one time or another. That is why asking each other for forgiveness is so important. Parents can teach their children how to ask for forgiveness, model it, and in turn ask their children or spouse for forgiveness when needed. Another great way to practice forgiveness is by having a “mini-Forgiveness Vespers” as a family once a week or more. Each family member will prostrate before the others, say, “Forgive me, a sinner” and hear, “God forgives and so do I.” What a powerful practice.

7. Make Name Days a Big Deal

Our culture goes all out in celebrating birthdays! However, in many Orthodox countries, name days (or saint days) are an even bigger deal. Each Orthodox Christian has a saint that they were named after or received at chrismation. That saint’s feast day is then known as the person’s name day. Help teach your child the importance of their relationship with their saint by celebrating their name day. We let the child celebrating choose a special meal and special treat, hold the icon of their saint during prayers, lead in singing their saint’s troparion, and listen to the story of their saint.

Related Article: [Celebrating Name Days](#)

8. Sing the Hymns of the Church

Children love to sing and listen to music. They also learn things much better when they are put to music. This makes singing hymns such a fun and natural way to incorporate the faith into daily life. You can listen to Ancient Faith radio, purchase Orthodox music to play at home and in the car, sing hymns from Liturgy during prayers, etc. If your church sings the Lord’s Prayer, sing it during prayer time to help your children learn it. The options are endless!

9. Fast Together

There are four fasting periods in the Orthodox Church—Great Lent, the Apostles Fast, the Dormition Fast, and the Nativity Fast. In addition, Orthodox Christians also fast every Wednesday (in remembrance of the betrayal of Christ) and Friday (in remembrance of Christ’s crucifixion). Fasting for the Orthodox means

abstaining from meat and dairy products as a way to eat more simply and focus on prayer and almsgiving. Involving your entire family in the fasts—talking about the reasons for fasting, giving to food banks, letting children help plan the menus—can be a meaningful way to live out the faith at home.

Related Article: [Our Family’s Plan for Great Lent](#)

10. Find Ways to Give to Others

The family unit is not only focused on itself, however. We are called to help our children learn to love and serve others as Christ commanded. This can mean volunteering together at a local charity, cleaning the church building, writing letters to elderly church members, or donating toys and clothes to shelters.

Related Article: [10 Ways Your Children Can Serve Others](#)

11. Pray Before and After Meals

Perhaps the simplest way to begin making the home a Little Church is by praying before and after meals. This small act reminds the entire family that everything is a gift from God, that everyone depends on His blessing and provision. Giving thanks for our food can lead to a spirit of humility and gratitude in other areas of life.

12. Attend Liturgies as a Family

Finally, one of the most important things that we as parents can do for our children is to take them to Church. Bring them before God in the Divine Liturgy, pray with them, listen to the Word of God, and receive the Eucharist together. Yes, it can be very difficult (not to mention exhausting!) having young children in Church. But, remember, they are God’s children. And he wants them in Church. He welcomes them—and you—to His house.

Related Article: [Engaging Children in Church: Tips and Tricks for Parents](#)

Above all, the greatest way to live out your faith at home is through love. Love God. Love each other. Love others.

The rest will follow.

Full Article with links can be found at: <http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/12-practical-ways-live-faith-home/>

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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St. Juvenal, protomartyr of America and Alaska (1796)

Commemorated on July 15/2

"St Juvenal was (together with St Herman) a member of the first mission sent from Russia to proclaim the Gospel in the New

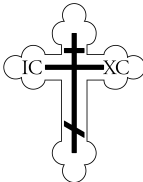


World. He was a priest-monk, and a zealous follower of the Apostles, and baptized hundreds of the natives of Alaska. He was martyred by enraged pagans in 1796." (Great Horologion)

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father can meet M-F 9:30a–4p or by appointment.
Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.
Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.
Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to



be fully prepared.
Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.
Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged by all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared

themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Please consult Father for details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the

Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required. **Marriages** – Are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for details (*before* arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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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... Julie, Jane, Mildred, Anna Mae, Andrew, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Barbara, Matthew, Patricia, Lino, David, Melissa, Louis, Marjorie, Jonathan, Donna, Doug, Danielle, June, Helen, Mary Jane, Alimamy, Willy, Mary ...*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, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, John S., Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Ashley, John, and Noella, Rose *our seminarians:* Michael and Daniel, *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,* The Monastery of the Transfiguration ...*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... Ben Scherer, Sr. (7/14), Pañi Joanna Ferencz (7/17), Rebecca Horbal (7/17), Mark Tongel (07/17), Fr Michael Polanichka (7/17), Fr Michael Chendorain (7/18), Fr Luke Mihaly (7/18), Dustin Brozell (7/20), Father's Godson, Nathaniel Salio (7/21) ...*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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Anniversary Prayers for... Fred & Juliana Anton (7/20/63) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For those preparing for Marriage... Nicole & Jeffrey ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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For Expectant Mothers... Lindsay, Mary Ann, Elyse, and Lauren ...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Ashley and Patrick ...*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... ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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For the souls 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 PRAYERS OF THE WEEK:

Lord, keep the thoughts of Your servant untroubled, and keep far from me every satanic activity. Enlighten the reason-endowed eyes of my heart, lest I fall into the sleep of death. Send to me an angel of peace, a guide and guardian of my soul and body, that he may deliver me from my enemies; that, rising from my bed, I may offer You prayers of thanksgiving. Amen.