



# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople



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## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Trophimus (305)

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 1

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

*Annual Blessing of Vehicles following the Divine Liturgy*

### SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday**, August 9 – 9:30am Akathist to St. Panteleimon with holy anointing

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

Monday	Martyr Christina of Tyre (300)	2 Corinthians 2:4-15	Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday	The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most Holy Theotokos	2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3	Matthew 23:23-28
* Wednesday	Venerable Moses the Hungarian (1043)	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Matthew 23:29-39
Thursday	Holy Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon (305)	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Matthew 24:13-28
* Friday	Holy Apostles of the 70: Timon & Parmenas (1 <sup>st</sup> c.)	2 Corinthians 4:13-18	Mt 24:27-33,42-51
Saturday	Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (250)	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Matthew 19:3-12

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

**Sunday**, August 12 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Tone 2

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

*Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / following Coffee Social:*

*Mystery of Holy Baptism and Initiation into the Orthodox Faith of Noella Gaydos*

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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**, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins / 9:30am Akathist in Honor of the Dormition

**Thursday**, August 16 – 9:30am Moleben to the Theotokos

**Saturday**, August 18 – 11-1 Mystery of Holy Confession offered

**Sunday**, August 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord with Blessing of Fruit and Vegetables

**Friday/Saturday**, August 24/25 – 9a-3p Annual Garage Sale (*Helpers are needed!*)

**Sunday**, August 26 – Additional collection for our Community Outreach

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### PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

**Garage Sale Helpers Needed!** – There is a sign up sheet in the church hall looking for helpers for the upcoming Garage Sale at the end of August. Items will need to be cleaned and placed on the tables before hand, items will need to be priced, assistance will be needed the weekend of the sale, and it also takes time to pack everything up after the sale. Please sign up and give a little of your time towards this wonderful stewardship event of our parish!

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

**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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**The Blessing of the First Fruits** – On **Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** following the Divine Liturgy, we will bless our 'first fruits' from our gardens (or purchased from the grocery store). Everyone is encouraged to bring in a bowl, basket, or bushel of fruits and/or vegetables!

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**Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials** were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Pañi Brancho; Lawrence Martin; Barbara Kirish; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; Rich Mirilovich

***"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 John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine; and by Mary Jane Hudak, in Memory of Mother, Ann. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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**East Pittsburgh** – Our sister parish of St John the Baptist in East Pittsburgh will have a new Pastor beginning on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Father Joseph Fester as he transitions to Pittsburgh! May God grant him many and blessed years in da' burgh!

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**Flea Market**  
**F ♦ U ♦ N**  
MARSHALL  
SHADELAND AREA  
**ETHIC FOOD KITCHEN**  
Eat in or Take Out  
**August 24th & 25th**  
Fri. 9am-3pm, Sat. 9am-3pm  
**St John The Baptist**  
**Orthodox Church**  
2688 California Ave, 15212  
**"LOOK FOR THE GOLD DOMES!"**  
Plus FLEA MARKET with  
100's of items \$1.00 or less  
Lots of Great Items.  
All Welcome!

Our Stewardship Gift To God	
Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 770
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 183
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 599
Community Outreach:	\$ 150
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1702</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 1120</b>
Collection for the Saints: <i>"On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper."</i> 1 Cor 16:2	

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**Coffee Social Steward Schedule**  
August 12: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**  
August 19: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**  
August 26: **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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**Parish Stewardship Opportunities...**  
*As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Lk. 6:31)*

- Sign up to help at the garage sale
- Pray for our parish and it's future
- Sponsor a Coffee Social
- Donate towards our coat drive

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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)  
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**ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH**

**Annual Pilgrimage: Patronal Feast & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration** – Each year the monastery (321 Monastery Lane, Ellwood City, PA 16117) hosts its Patronal Feast Day Celebrations & Pilgrimage on **Aug 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>** for the Transfiguration of our Lord (*New Calendar*). This year's schedule is in the church hall and in last week's bulletin.

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**Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:**
  - **August 14-16** – International Village (Ave., McKeesport)
  - **August 16-19** – Presentation of Christ (1672 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh) *Greek*
  - **August 17-18** – St Spyridon (1207 Grand Blvd., Monessen) *Greek*



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**SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16**  
<sup>9</sup>For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. <sup>10</sup>We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup>To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, <sup>12</sup>and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup>when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things.

**Fatherly Admonition**  
<sup>14</sup>I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. <sup>15</sup>For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup>I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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**Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23**  
**Jesus Cures a Boy with a Demon**  
<sup>14</sup>And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, <sup>15</sup>"Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. <sup>16</sup>And I

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## Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

<sup>22</sup> As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, <sup>23</sup> and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

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*Commemorated on August 5 / July 23*

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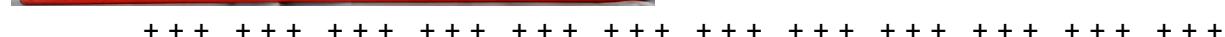
themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, they threw the holy martyrs with broken legs into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and still all the moreso did they glorify Christ. Then in despair of breaking the will of the holy confessors, the torturers beheaded them.

## 6 Times to Make the Sign of the Cross in the Car

1. When you get in the car...  
*a. For safe travels.*
2. When you pass an Orthodox Church...  
*a. To honor your God and Savior.*
3. When you pass a Cemetery or Funeral...  
*a. To remember the departed.*
4. When you see or hear an Ambulance...  
*a. To strengthen the sick or dying.*
5. When you pass an accident...  
*a. To comfort those in peril.*
6. When you pass a police car...  
*a. To protect them.*

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As the waves of passions confront us and threaten to hurtle us against the rocks, it is good to remember that as long as we remain on board the ship of the Church, we are safe. We sail aboard a ship that is piloted by Christ Himself, and we are comforted with the knowledge that this ship is headed to the safe harbor, which is the eternal Kingdom of God.



An excerpt from Chapter 9 of Donald Sheehan's forthcoming book, *Reflections On Psalms And Psalmic Prayer*

As penitents, we live on earth as guerilla fighters in enemy territory. The fighter's starting point in repentance is the knowledge that his own strength is weak; only God's strength is truly good and right. Thus his chief weapon is supplication, spoken outcry to God.

The author looks first at LXX Psalm 136 and then at Psalms 1 and 101, citing Psalm 1 as indicating the way into the endpoint of blessedness: **first**, separating from evil; **second**, bringing our will into the law of God; and **third**, achieving the perfected life in union with God.

He says **depression**, vividly described in Psalm 101, **triumphs when we lose this way and thereby lose who we are by identifying ourselves with how we are.** “In the day I am afflicted, . . . I call out to thee,” the psalmist cries, and by so doing sharpens the distinction between his personhood and his (temporary) spiritual condition of affliction. That is, in seizing hold of the unceasing aliveness of God, the psalmist pushes back against the overwhelming condition (the how he is) and calls forth the deeper reality of **who he is in relation to who God is.**



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## SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

“No one heals himself by wounding another.” +St. Ambrose of Milan

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"It is a good thing **to believe in Christ**, because without faith in Christ it is impossible for anyone to be saved; but one must also be instructed in the word of truth and understand it.

It is a good thing **to be instructed in the word of truth, and to understand it is essential**; but one must also receive Baptism in the name of the Holy and Life-giving Trinity, for the bringing to life of the soul.

It is a good thing **to receive Baptism and through it a new spiritual life**; but it is necessary that this mystical life, or this mental enlightenment in the spirit, also should be consciously felt.

It is a good thing **to receive with feeling the mental enlightenment in the spirit**; but one must manifest also the works of light.

It is a good thing **to do the works of light**; but one must also be clothed in the humility and meekness of Christ for perfect likeness to Christ.

He who attains this **and becomes meek and humble of heart**, as if these were his natural dispositions, will unfailingly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven and into the joy of His Lord."

+St. Symeon the New Theologian

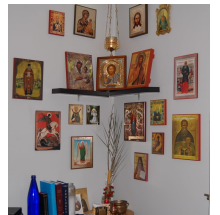
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## PRAYER CORNER

*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, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Barbara, Matthew, Patricia, Lino, David, Melissa, Louis, Marjorie, Jonathan, Donna, Doug, Danielle, June, Helen, Alexander, Steven, Thomas, Bishop Antony ...*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., Amee, 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, Todd *and for those working towards our Community Outreach, The DDD (Distinguished Diocesan Donors) ...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...** Nicholas Dzambo (8/5), John Gaydos Jr. (8/6), Rylie Winkler (8/7), Killian Brozell (8/9), Michael Tongel (8/11) ...*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...** Robert & Gina Fall (8/6), Steve & Elaine Buhonick (8/6), Ben & Tina Scherer (8/7) ...*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...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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## DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS OF THE WEEK:

**Prayer Before Travel** (Formatted to be cut out and pinned on your sun visor)

O Lord Jesus Christ my God,  
be my Companion, guide and protector during my journey.  
Keep me from all danger, misfortune and temptation.  
By Your divine power grant me a peaceful and  
successful journey and safe arrival.  
In You I place my hope and trust and You I praise,  
honor and glorify, together with Your Father and Holy Spirit  
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.