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## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Out of Town** – Fr Dave (and family) will be unavailable from **August 19-31**. Please contact either Fr. Nik Ferencz (724-953-6046) or Fr. Michael Zak: (412-461-3264) for any hospital visits or other emergencies. Your prayers for our safe travels are much appreciated!

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

***"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, Sr., in Memory of Wife, Catherine; and by Melanie Paieski, in Memory of Mother, Catherine. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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**Welcome the Newly-Baptized!** Noella Gaydos was baptized and initiated into the Orthodox faith last Sunday. May God give strength to her as she begins her Christian life and bless her, her parents, God-Parents, and families! *Many Years!*

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**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 this week. Please sign up and give a little of your time towards this wonderful stewardship event of our parish!

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**Feast of the Dormition** – I regret that I will not be in town for this last Major Feast Day of the Liturgical Year. Please consider attending St Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church (116 Ella St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 / 412-331-2362) for their **10am** Feast Day Liturgy on **August 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Flower and Herb Blessing** – On the Sunday following the Feast of the Dormition, **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will bless Flowers and Herbs. **Please** bring to church flowers and/or herbs from your garden (or from the store) to be blessed... **Let's Live Orthodoxy!**

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**Exploring Orthodoxy Returns!** – Beginning **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** from 7 to about 8:15pm we will meet at the Eat 'n Park off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2650 Brandt School Road, Wexford, Pa 15090 / 724-940-3270) for our Exploring Orthodoxy Discussions. We will continue our examination of the priestly prayers of St John Chrysostom's Divine Liturgy. There will be 6 sessions total this fall (ending on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>). We hope and pray that everyone is able to attend these tangent oriented discussions about Orthodoxy! Come for a bite to eat and learn about your faith! (If you need a ride, please contact Fr. Dave.)

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### Our Stewardship Gift To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 366
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 215
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 1349
Matching funds transfer:	\$ 350

**Total Collections:** \$ **2280**

**Capital Improvement Fund:** \$ **131**

**Relocation Fund:** \$ **120**

*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*

**Relocation Fund** – This restricted fund is for the future of our parish. It may be used as part of our Phase 1 research or Phase 2 of an opportunity that we pursue. The important goal is for this fund to grow so that our parish has a chance to grow. As a reminder, *monies that are donated towards this fund will strictly be used towards our relocation*. In the event that we do not relocate, the monies will be distributed between Camp Nazareth or Christ the Saviour Seminary. *Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated!*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Official Notice** – Our Parish Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** following the Divine Liturgy. **New Proposals** for the Annual Meeting need to be submitted to *Matt Peifer* or *Tim Martin*. All proposals are much appreciated!

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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. Those who give \$100 (& up) are invited to the Annual Banquet, which this year will be held on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** (**Change for this year:** Doors open at **4** / dinner at **5**) at the Edgewood Country Club (100 Churchill Rd., Pgh, PA 15235). Please see Father or Larry Martin, our local ambassador, for more information.

### Coffee Social Steward Schedule

September 2: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**

September 9: **OPEN / "Pot Luck"**

September 16: **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!*

### 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

### 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)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
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## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH



### Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **August 29-September 2** – Holy Trinity (985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **September 15-16** (Noon to 5pm) – St Andrew (56 Glenn Way, McKees Rocks) *Romanian*

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**Irish Whiskey Tasting to benefit IOCC** – will be held on **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** from 7-10pm at Leaf and Bean (3525 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317). Cost is \$50 and includes a gift from Leaf & Bean, 3 whiskey samples, & light hors d'oeuvres. Please register at [www.iocc.org](http://www.iocc.org) by September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Love & Marriage, But No Baby Carriage: New Reproductive Technologies in Light of Orthodox Christian Beliefs and Ethics** – First comes love and then comes marriage, but what happens when there is no baby carriage? The grief and sadness of the barren womb, infertility, has been with us since the beginning of time. With the advent of new, assisted reproductive technologies, how are we to view them in light of Orthodox Christian beliefs and ethics? This presentation will be held on **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral (8290 Thompson Run Road Pittsburgh, PA 15237). Join us and hear from our panel: Jennifer Lahl (*President Center for Bioethics and Culture Network, Pleasant Hill, CA*), Dr. Albert Rossi (*Dir. of Counseling and Psychological Services, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY*), and V. Rev. George Johnson (*Rector, St. John the Baptist Church, Conemaugh, PA*). Visit [www.sanocpgh.org](http://www.sanocpgh.org) for more details.

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**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk For Missions** – will be Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. More details coming soon...

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## ST JOHN'S MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting donations for the ***Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD) Program***. "The Distinguished Diocesan Donors program strives to provide the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese with the necessary resources to bring a resurgence of life and an abundance of growth to its apostolates and ministries." Visit <http://www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/> for more information. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:10-19

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; <sup>11</sup> so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup> I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup> since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. <sup>15</sup> And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

### Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

### The Transfiguration

<sup>17</sup> And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, <sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

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**Next Sunday's Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

### Final Messages and Greetings

<sup>13</sup> Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. <sup>14</sup> Let all that you do be done in love.

<sup>15</sup> Now, brethren, you know that the household of Steph'anas were the first converts in Acha'ia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of



<sup>21</sup>I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. <sup>22</sup>If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! <sup>23</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. <sup>24</sup>My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

So, Today, what motivates your religious practices? Why do you fast, or go to confession, or even go to liturgy? Why do you follow the Faith? Turns out what motivates you reveals to you and to the universe WHO you really are! But the wisdom of the spiritual disciplines in the Timeless Faith draw us to a deeper place. A place where I finally WAKE UP to my need for Christ, and His everlasting and unchanging LOVE for me. AND I don't practice these disciplines by myself. No, the Church stands with me in my struggle against the self-destructive spiritual blindness of self-centeredness and says "We will do this all together. We will ALL be Orthodox on Purpose!

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**Narcissistic Clericalism:**

**Clericalism shouldn't have anything to do with Christianity**

The recent release of the findings of the District Attorney of Pennsylvania, have resurrected the memory of the failure of the hierarchs of the Roman Catholic Church to properly address the problem of the continuing sex abuse in the Catholic Church.

As a priest, I am deeply shocked, almost beyond words, and troubled by the abuse perpetrated upon innocent children, by clergy who have demonstrated a total lack of commitment to the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, in turn, used their sacred positions as clergy, to take advantage of children.

That bishops and clergy would violate their duty in such a way can only be describe it as diabolical. Although there are cultural and psychological ramifications, the problem remains primarily spiritual. This whole sordid behavior is a clear sign that Christianity is under Satanic attack, both from the media who take this as the ultimate chance to criticize, and discredit, Christianity, and in a society at large that has chosen to turn away from her Judeo-Christian roots.

For those who know me, they are not surprised to hear that I am anti-clerical. I am sickened when I witness clergy who expect special treatment, or who gush before their bishops, like court officials in some kingdom of bygone days. I was thus delighted to read that Pope Francis vowed to change the mindset of the Roman Catholic church, declaring that the institution "must return to being a community of the people of God" and rethink the relationship between its leaders and the laity.

The Pope went on to say, "Leaders of the Church have often been Narcissus, flattered and sickeningly excited by their courtiers. The court is the leprosy of the papacy. Sometimes when I meet a cleric, I suddenly become anti-clerical," the pontiff said. "Clericalism shouldn't have anything to do with Christianity."

I, like this pope, pray we Orthodox clergy, be we lowly monks like myself, or patriarchs, archbishops, archimandrites, or mitered archpriests, pay attention to the prophetic witness of this man of God. I pray we will not simply dismiss the Roman pope's words, and his humble example, as those of the leader of a church in schism from Orthodoxy, but hear his

words as coming from a man who loves Christ, and who wishes to reverse the terrible turning away from God by mass numbers of people around the world.

This world cannot well afford the remnant of Christianity to continue living the bad example of privilege, power and wealth, while witnessing the slaughter of innocent Christians in the Middle East, the mass turning away from Christ in the West, and the masses of people lost in poverty and hopelessness.

It would do us well, as priests and bishops, to remember that the kissing of our hand by the laity is not about us. It is given as a way of honoring Our Lord Jesus Christ, for the priest is a servant of Christ and steward of the Mysteries. When someone kisses his right hand, it is about Christ, and Christ only.

"And for their sake I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth" (John 17:19). To sanctify means to consecrate. Christ consecrated Himself for the ministry and our redemption. All the ranks of the priesthood are consecrated for ministry, according to the example of Christ, the High Priest, and if we truly follow the example of Christ, we will serve His people as simple servants.

As Orthodox clergy, we dare not dismiss the actions of child rapists, and those who would cover the sins and crimes in their house, as simply a Roman Catholic problem. We Orthodox clergy need to remember that very time the media publishes such horrid news, more people walk away from all forms of Christianity. Like the first century, people need to see in us the Co-Suffering Saviour Who would lift us out of the mire and filth of this fallen world. They need to see, in us, humble, loving servants of the Lord God, clergy who, like Saint Paul, see ourselves as the worst of sinners, who point the way to the salvific role of the Church, and the Lord of Mercy, Who is the salvation of our souls.

Finally I ask, who hates children? The one who has never forgiven us for producing a God-Child! Unless we save all the children, we are allies of the one who hates every one of our spiritual brothers and sisters. They have nothing to do with my church, and when they go to hell, as most of them surely will, Mother Church will not follow them there. Because there are some places that mothers should not have to go.

Love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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**LIVES OF THE SAINTS**

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**Sainted Theoktist, Bishop of Chernigov**

*Commemorated on August 6*

Sainted Theoktist, Bishop of Chernigov, prior to entering upon the cathedra-chair, pursued an ascetic life at the Kievo-Pechersk monastery. He was among the number of the great startsi-elders, healing by prayer the Monk Nikita, afterwards Sainted Bishop of Novgorod (Comm. 31 January). In the year 1103 Saint Theoktist

was made hegumen of the Kievo-Pechersk monastery. In the year 1108 he built on the means of pious prince Gleb Vseslavich a stone refectory. Saint Theoktist particularly insisted, that the name of the Monk Theodosii (Feodosii, Comm. 3 May), be included in the synodikon of the saints of all Russia. In the year 1110, on 11 February, there was an heavenly apparition at the Pechersk monastery: a pillar of fire from the

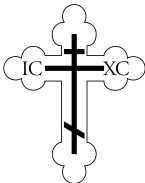
ground to the sky appeared and lightning lighted up all the earth, and at the 1st hour of the night there was the crash of thunder; the fiery pillar stood over the stone refectory so that its cross was not visible; afterwards it proceeded to the church and settled over the grave of the Monk Theodosii, and then, turning to the East, it disappeared. "This was not a pillar of fire, but rather an angelic face, – wrote the Monk Nestor the Chronicler, – because an angel appears thus, when there is a pillar of fire, a flaming, as says the Prophet David: Who maketh His angels spirits and His servants flames of fire" (Ps. 103 [104]: 4). In the year 1113 Saint Theoktist was ordained Bishop of Chernigov. The PriestMartyr Monk Kuksha (Comm. 27 August), enlightening at this time the Vyatichi, belonging to the Chernigov diocese. On 2 May 1115 Saint

Theoktist participated in the transfer of the relics of holy Princes Boris and Gleb to Vyshgorod, and later in Chernigov near his cathedral he consecrated a church in the name of the holy Princes Boris and Gleb, erected in the year 1120 by prince David of Chernigov. And to the noble Prince Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb the saint made a sermon on the day of their memory. On 6 august 1123, the feast of the Transfiguration, Saint Theoktist died, and because of the feastday, his memory is made on 6 August. On one of the lists of the Saints it is said, that he was buried at the Pechersk monastery. For the memory of Saint Theoktist believers resort also to 28 September, when he is remembered in the 9th ode of the Canon of the Sobor-Assemblage of the Monastic Fathers of the Nearer Caves.

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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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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY – FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

“Master Jesus Christ our God, lead us upon the All-holy mountain of love, just as Thou led Thy chief apostles upon a lofty mountain. Open the eyes of our minds to a sight of unspeakable beauty just as for Thy apostles Thou surrounded Thy bodily form with a marvelous brightness, for Thou revealed the rays of Thy Godhead through Thy body. Guide us into better things by Thy all-powerful right hand. Beyond our understanding Thou changed this limiting form: now raise our senses to see Thy lordship witnessed by Moses and Elias. Give us a constant memory of the voice of Thy eternal Father, revealing His beloved Son, so that we may put Thy commandments into action, and shine forth with Thee to those worthy of Thy immortal Kingdom, who see in Thee the eternal Father, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thy all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.” - Amvon Prayer from the Feast

MONDAY

"If God the Father chose her, God the Holy Spirit descended upon her, and God the Son dwelt in her, submitted to her in the days of His youth, was concerned for her when hanging on the Cross - then should not everyone who confesses the Holy Trinity venerate her?" +St John Maximovitch

TUESDAY

"Nobody can become a Christian by being lazy. It needs work, lots of work." +Elder Porphyrios

WEDNESDAY

"When we bravely and quietly endure the afflictions sent to us, we participate a little, albeit not fully, in the sufferings of Christ." +St. Macarius of Optina

THURSDAY

"Keep from prying into other people's affairs, for such prying gives occasion for slander, judgment, and other grievous sins. Why do you need to be concerned about others? Know and examine your own self." +St. Tikhon of Zadonsk



FRIDAY

All the time, no matter what you do, whether you are sitting, walking, or working, say with your heart, "Lord have mercy!" +St. Nikon of Optina

SATURDAY

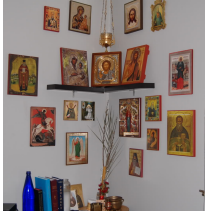
"When we read the lives of saints we gain two things. Firstly, the example of their struggles wakes us from the numbness of negligence and, secondly, when we read the lives of saints with reverence, the saints intercede to Christ for us." - Elder Arsenios Galanopoulos, the cave dweller

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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, Lino, David, Melissa, Louis, Marjorie, Jonathan, Danielle, June, Helen, Alexander, Steven, Thomas, Bishop Antony, Doug, Joanne, Lynn ...*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...** Ana Karen Peña-Juarez (8/21/), Maria Urban (8/21), Sophia Urban (8/21), Everly Torchia (8/22), Meredith Blobner (8/28), Adam Zak (8/28), Lucillia Mainolfi (8/29), Samuel Mainolfi (9/1) ...*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...** Ana Karen & W. Dylan Mushinsky (8/22) and Sharon & Ryan Dzacorny (8/25) ...*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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**For the souls of the newly departed...** +John Horbal and +Andrew Gogal ...*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:

Amvon prayer for Dormition

O Christ our God, You transferred Your incorrupt Mother from life to death to the fullness of life. Though she was buried in a grave of corruption, beyond our understanding You lifted her on high and gathered Your apostles from everywhere to be at her side. By her prayers, ransom all of us who celebrate the feast of her Dormition from all deadly thoughts and deeds and free us from spiritual corruption. Save us from the death of despair, and keep us from disbelief or any memory of bad faith. Put to sleep all tyranny and treachery against governments following the pure way. Put to death the audacity of barbarous people and humble all who rise to scoff at Your teachings. Make all of us worthy of eternal life, for You want all men to be saved, and to You belongs glory together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.