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**Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials** were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Olga Radick; Mary Jane Hudak; Carol Lorenzi; Joanne Nelson; Peggy Rusnak; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson; Rich Milirovich  
***"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; by John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine; by Melanie Paieski, in Memory of Mother, Catherine Gaydos. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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**Flag Sale** – This Friday is Carpatho-Rusyn Day in North America. As this approaches, Father remembered that he never sent in the flag order that we took a number of months ago. If you would like to purchase a Carpatho-Rusyn Flag for \$25, please let him know by the end of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Father.

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**Lots – O – Luck Calendars** – The National ACRY Lots-O-Luck Calendars are available. Only \$25 per ticket for a year's worth of prizes totaling \$10,000! Please see Theresa Sharpless for tickets.

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#### Coffee Social Steward Schedule

Oct. 28: **Melanie, Michael, & Mareena Shuster**  
November 4: **Tim Martin**  
November 11: **???**

*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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## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH

### Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **October 21 – TODAY Noon to 6pm** – St. George (New Church / New Location: 3230 Washington Pike, Bridgeville) *Mediterranean* [www.StGeorgeBridgeville.org](http://www.StGeorgeBridgeville.org)
- **October 27** – St John the Baptist (211 Cable Ave., East Pittsburgh) *Carpatho-Rusyn*

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**Raising Believing Children** – This workshop will be on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 3pm at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Rd., Mercer, PA) Presentations and discussions led by His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa and Very Rev. Stephen Loposky. Lunch and Snacks provided. Freewill offering will be taken at the door. *Child Care provided by Camp Nazareth.* Register for the event at [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)

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**Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble** - will have their next performance on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** at 2:30pm at the Andrew Carnegie Music Hall (300 Beechwood Ave, Carnegie, PA 15106) with a reception to follow. From Noon to 2:30 there will be a Ukrainian Marketplace with Traditional Ukrainian Food and Cultural Items. Concert tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for Seniors and Students. To reserve tickets or for information contact: [kyivdance@aol.com](mailto:kyivdance@aol.com) or 412-527-5359 or [www.kyivdance.org](http://www.kyivdance.org). Sponsored by St Peter & St Paul Ukrainian Church, Carnegie, PA.

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**Visitation of the Myrrh-streaming Tender-Heart Icon of the Theotokos, the "Kardiotissa"** – On **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, the weeping icon from our sister parish in Taylor, PA will be visiting Holy Cross Orthodox Church (Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh, PA) for an All-night Vigil. The Icon will arrive at 6p; Small Paraklesis Service at 7p; Festive Matins at 10p; Divine Liturgy at 11:30p; Light Meal at 1am. The church will then be open all night before the icon departs Saturday morning.

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### Our Stewardship Gift To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 557
Candles/Small C./Eternal Lamp/C. box:	\$ 189
Envelopes: Sunday/Feast Day/Special:	\$ 474
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1220</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 90</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 81</b>
<i>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</i>	

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**Patron Saint Commemorations** – We began commemorating our Patron Saints during the Proskomedia (Preparation) prayers of the Divine Liturgy and during the Great Entrance prayers. (FATHER WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE THEM IN OUR NEXT PARISH DIRECTORY). Please contact Father Dave with the date of your Name's Day. Here are a couple website to search if you are not sure when your Name Day is:

[orthodoxwiki.org/Baptismal\\_names](http://orthodoxwiki.org/Baptismal_names)

(can help with more unique names)

[holyltrinityorthodox.com/calendar/](http://holyltrinityorthodox.com/calendar/)

(an "Old" Calendar site)

[christopherklitou.com/when\\_is\\_my\\_nameday\\_d.htm](http://christopherklitou.com/when_is_my_nameday_d.htm)

("New" calendar, but includes a lot of links to see the icons for the Saints)

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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
- Offer to Read/Chant the Third Hour

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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)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
You Tube: [youtube.com/acroddiocese](https://youtube.com/acroddiocese)

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**Fall Youth Encounter** – The Annual Fall Youth Encounter will take place from **Friday, Nov 9 at 7pm thru brunch on Sunday, Nov 11** at Camp Nazareth (Pew Road, Mercer, PA). The Encounter is sponsored by the National JR. ACRY and is open to youth ages 8-18. All Diocesan youth are invited and do not have to be a member of the JR. ACRY to attend. The weekend will be full of fun activities, spiritual activities and time spent in one of the best places on earth along with His Grace Bishop Gregory. Come and bring a friend and experience all your faith and friendships have to offer in our Lord Jesus Christ! Please contact Father Dave for registration information.

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Dinner and Wine Paring to **Benefit IOCC – Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6p~8p at Khalil's II Restaurant (4757 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213). Come enjoy a traditional family style Middle Eastern feast with four wine pairings. Tickets are \$75 per person. Limited seating available. Contact Danielle Opacic at [dopacic@verizon.net](mailto:dopacic@verizon.net) or 412-915-5525 to register.

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IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



**Pirohi Fest** – St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (3455 California Avenue) will be having their Fall Pirohi Festival on **Saturday, November 3<sup>th</sup>** from 11a-4p. For more information on this event please call the parish office at 412-766-8801. Here is the menu: **7** Varieties of pirohi: potato and cheese, sauerkraut, half and half, loaded potato, jalapeno, farmer's cheese, lekvar (prune plum); **3** Kinds of Soup: borscht, chicken noodle, mushroom barley; and Baked goods

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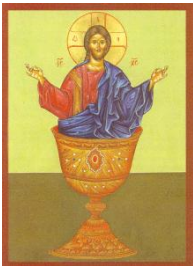
LIVING ORTHODOXY

The place where heaven and earth are united

As a priest, I bear the awesome burden of offering the Holy Oblation before the Throne of God, on behalf of all the people who's names are submitted to the monastery. I offer for my spiritual children, and even for the whole world. I commemorate my own beloved parents, Albert and Dolores, who both converted to the Orthodox Faith while in their mid seventies, and who both lived many years in Orthodoxy before reposing in the Lord.

I remember my best friend in college, Russell, who, like myself, converted from Lutheranism to Orthodoxy, and died at the age of 56, in the pastoral care of my friend Archpriest Nicholas Letten. I offer the Holy Oblation for the people who regularly attend the Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies, here in our monastery's temple. I offer, like all priests, the Holy Oblation for our nation, our civil authorities, and our armed forces. I offer the Eucharistic sacrifice for our Holy Patriarch Kirill, our Metropolitan Hilarion, for Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco, and my Bishop Theodosy of Seattle. I offer the Oblation for all those who have no one to pray for them, and for those who have died, but are forgotten. I offer the Holy Sacrifice for all the clergy of the Seattle area, and for my brother priests of the diocese. I offer the Holy Sacrifice for myself.

As a priest, I am a Servant of the Altar, and when



I stand before the holy table I am bound together with every priest who has ever served, and with everyone who has laid down his life for Christ, as a martyr. I am bound to every Christian who has ever lived. I am bound to Christ in His Eternal Kingdom wherein the Heavenly Banquet is eternally celebrated, eternally offered, and am falling down, together with all the heavenly hosts, in worship of the Holy Trinity.

The whole of the cosmos is united together in this heavenly offering, for it is the very source of Life itself. This offering is not simply a "symbol" or "memorial" of something that took place in the past, but a place where we meet the Eternal God, for Christ said, "he who eats of My Body, and drinks of my Blood, has life". Within this celebration we enter into the place where there is neither time, nor space, and we enter into the Heavenly Kingdom, where the Church Triumphant (in heaven) unites with the Church Militant (on earth). We enter into the Communion of Saints!

I am a proponent of frequent communion because we need the Eucharist. It sustains us, encourages us, fortifies us, heals us, transforms us. The early Christians received whenever they gathered together, for they knew the communal participation in the Eucharistic banquet, was life giving.

With love in Christ,  
Abbot Tryphon

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787)**  
Commemorated October 24/11

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, convoked by the Empress Irene and met at Nicaea from September 24 to October 13,



787. Patriarch Tarasios (commemorated February 25) presided. The council ended almost fifty years of iconoclast persecution and established the veneration of the holy icons as basic to the belief and spirituality of Christ's Church. As the Synaxarion says, "It



was not simply the veneration of the holy images that the Fathers defended in these terms but, in fact, the very reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God."

"The second Council of Nicaea is the seventh and last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Church. This does not mean that there may not be ecumenical Councils in the future although, in holding the seventh place, the Council of Nicaea has taken to itself the symbol of perfection and completion represented by this

number in Holy Scripture (e.g. Gen. 2:1-3). It closes the era of the great dogmatic disputes which enabled the Church to describe, in definitions excluding all ambiguity, the bounds of the holy Orthodox Faith. From that time, every heresy that appears can be related to one or other of the errors that the Church, assembled in universal Councils, has anathematized from the first until the seventh Council of Nicaea." Synaxarion

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

“Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures.” +Saint John Chrysostom

**Epistle:** Hebrews 13:7-16

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp, and bear the abuse he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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**Gospel:** John 17:1-13

**Jesus Prays for His Disciples**

**17** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, <sup>2</sup> since thou hast given him power

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over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; <sup>5</sup> and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

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

SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY – COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS

O Christ our God You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as lights to all the earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O Most Bountiful Lord, glory to You! – *Tropar of the Council Fathers*

MONDAY

"You have not yet acquired perfect love if your regard for people is still swayed by their character." +St. Maximus the Confessor

TUESDAY

" Try to fill your soul with Christ so as not to have it empty. Your soul is like a cistern full of water. If you channel the water to the flowers, that is, to the virtues, you will experience true joy and all the thorns of evil will wither away." +St Porphyrios

WEDNESDAY

"Every affliction tests our will, showing whether it is inclined to good or evil. That is why an unforeseen affliction is called a test, because it enables a man to test his hidden desires." +St. Mark the Ascetic

THURSDAY

"Seeing the many examples of your love for mankind shown to sinners before me, even I have dared to raise my eyes to You who dwell in the heavens. Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am weak; deliver me from this bitter sorrow and allow me to sing with joy and happiness; Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" – Kondak 2 from the Akathist to Almighty God in times of Sorrow and Depression

## FRIDAY – CARPATHO-RUSYN DAY IN NORTH AMERICA



"Your sojourn on this earth proved a good example of how we should lay down our lives for our friends, O faithful laborer in the American vineyard of Christ, for thousands of Galicians and Carpatho-Rusyns returned to Orthodoxy through you. Wherefore with them, we your children here on earth cry to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!" – Kondak 10 from the Akathist to Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre

## SATURDAY

"The Most Holy Mother of God prays for us ceaselessly. She is always visiting us. Whenever we turn to her in our heart, she is there. After the Lord, she is the greatest protection for mankind. How many churches there are in the world that are dedicated to the Most Holy Mother of God! How many healing springs where people are cured of their ailments have sprung up in places where the Most Holy Theotokos appeared and blessed those springs to heal both the sick and the healthy! She is constantly, by our side, and all too often we forget her." + Elder Thaddeus

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## PRAYER CORNER

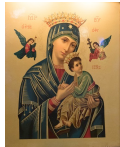
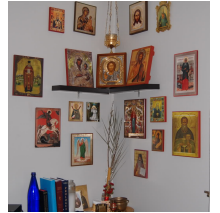
*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs \**

**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, Jonathan, Danielle, June, Helen, Steven, Thomas, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Fr. Tony J. ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; & 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, Lawrence, Timothy, Patricia, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Olga, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John,



Margaret, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach,* Christ the Saviour Seminary ...*through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):** Saint Kenneth (10/24) – Kenneth Parks. *(Please contact Fr Dave with your date.)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Alyssa Duray (10/23), Fr. Daniel Vaskalis (10/24), Paula Watson (10/25), Kaitlyn Duray (10/26), Fr. Mark Leasure (10/26) ...*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 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 Expectant Mothers...** Lindsay, Mary Ann, Elyse, Lauren, Pañi Marianna, Faith  
...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...** +Susan Semancik, The Priest, Fr. +Dragan Filipovic, +Anna Evanisko  
...*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:

### A Prayer Before Making A Decision

*By Fr. Ruperto Santos*

O God, author of life and source of goodness, I come to You and humbly implore Your divine assistance. I sincerely promise to decide and do things not on the basis of what I want nor of what others desire, not solely for my benefit nor my own advantage, not for profit nor prestige, but for the common good, according to Your Holy Will. Forgive me, Lord, for my harsh judgments, my selfish interests, enlighten me with Your Truth that I may listen to my conscience. Grant me the grace that I may follow Your commandments. I come on bended knees, my loving Savior and Redeemer, to offer my penitent self... turn me into an instrument of creation; keep me from being an agent of destruction; show me how I can serve my brothers and sisters; let me not abandon them in their hour of need; let me share my gifts, my talent and my life. I have received Your gift of life, Your gift of love, I pray that I may never cease to cherish these. Amen.