



Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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



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Meatfare

MARCH 3rd

FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgment

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

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

9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy

Tone 7

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

*Panachida for +Nicholas Jordanoff (10-year Anniversary) and 40-day memorial for
+Patricia French, Archon +Michael Serko Jr., the Priest +Nicholas Palun, Pañi +Patricia Patrick /
Pre-Lenten Breakfast Following Liturgy*



SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Annual Home Blessings through Saturday

Saturday, March 9 – 9:30am All Soul Saturday (*Zadušna Subota*) Divine Liturgy & Panachida (I transferred)

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

Monday	Apostle Philemon of the Seventy (1st c.).	3 John 1:1-15	Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39
Tuesday	Venerable Leo of Sicily (ca. 780)	Jude 1:1-10	Luke 22:39-42; 45-23:1
* Wednesday	Venerable Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (795)	Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
Thursday	Venerable Athanasius the Confessor (826)	Jude 1:11-25	Luke 23:2-34; 44-56
* Friday	Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (167)	Zachariah 8:7-17	Zachariah 8:19-23
Saturday	First (4th c.) and Second (452) Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist	Rom 14:19-23; 16:25-27	Matthew 6:1-13

** Let us imitate Christ & the Saints & Fast as they did!*

Cheesefare

MARCH 10th

FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

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

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

9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy

Tone 8

Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund

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A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory be to Jesus Christ! (*responded with: 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



Monday, March 11 – the start of the Great Fast (Lent) – “CLEAN WEEK” Begins –

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

Tuesday, March 12 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (II)

Wednesday, March 13 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (III)

7pm – Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn (2622 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143)

Thursday, March 14 – 9:30am The Great Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete (IV)

Sunday, March 17 – Sunday of Orthodoxy / YOUTH Sunday /

5pm – Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers at St. Nicholas in Monroeville (*see “Around da Burgh” below*)

Wednesday, March 20 – 9:30am Paraklis to the Theotokos /

7pm – Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn, Wexford

Friday, March 22 – 9:30am Akathist Hymn to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, March 23 – 9:30am All Soul Saturday (*Zadušna Subota*) Divine Liturgy & Panachida (II)

11a – 1p Mystery of Holy Confession

Sunday, March 24 – Sunday of St. Gregory of Palamas /

3 pm – Deanery Lenten Missions: St. Michael (146 Third Avenue, Rankin, PA 15104)

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

In Memory of
+Julia Potoski and
+Jane Barrett.

May their memory
be eternal!



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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Elderly Help Needed – If anyone is willing or if you know a (*retired*) nurse, an aide, or caregiver who would be willing to help someone in any way thru the night and/or during the day, please contact Father Dave if you have any ideas. Compensation will be offered.

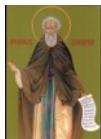
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Weekly Candle Intentions/Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Melanie Shuster; Lawrence Martin; Barbara Kirish; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson; Rich Mirilovich; Cindy Pavilonis

***"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 Theresa Sharpless, In Memory of Mother, +Anna Buhonick; and anonymously In Memory of +Jane Barrett. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Jim Pamjat!

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Thank You! to everyone who brought in donations for our February Food Drive for St. Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry on Pittsburgh's South Side.

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Home Blessing Update:

40 homes (1115 miles) and 14 scheduled **LAST CALL - Please contact Fr Dave today to schedule yours.** He is interested in being with EVERYONE this season.

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Rite of Forgiveness – After the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, **March 10th**, we will have prayers from the Rite of Forgiveness as a community immediately following the Liturgy. **Let's pray that we begin the Great Fast on the right foot-taking the step of forgiveness together.**

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"Clean Week" – Looking ahead to the first week of the Great Fast, also known as "clean week", this year there will be a service Monday thru Thursday in the morning at the church. The Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgy will be at the Hampton Inn off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2622 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143).

Evening services are also offered at other Orthodox Churches in the area!

Please contact them for their service times.

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

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

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship/Dues:	\$ 164
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 306
Envelopes:	\$ 768
Parish House Offering:	\$ 150
Community Outreach:	\$ 97
ACRY Tithe	\$ 25

Total Collections: \$ 1510

Relocation Fund: \$ 1900

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

Bring an Icon to Church – In 2 weeks on **Orthodoxy Sunday, March 17th**, you are encouraged to bring an icon from home for you to use in the procession of icons.

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Lenten Soup Sale – Our ACRY will be hosting a Meatless Soup Sale on **March 17th** (\$4 a pint). *Anyone interested in making some soup should see an ACRY member for the containers.*

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

March 24 – Rankin

March 31 – East Pittsburgh

April 14 – North Side

All are encourage to attend our Lenten Missions throughout the Great Fast! **Pray with our Pittsburgh Deanery & see our sister parishes!** [see below about the retreat in Homestead]

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

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Donors Wanted – Father will be looking to purchase Purple Dalmatics (or Acolyte Robes) for the Altar Boys and eventually black cassocks for them as well (which goes under the colored garment). Please talk with Father if you are interested in making an offering towards this.

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Relocation Updates – More research is still being conducted on the property off of Nicholson Road (below 279 / 79). As things progress, information will be shared to all!

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

March 10: Tim Martin

March 17: **OPEN**

March 24: **OPEN**

Reader of the Third Hour:

March 10: Available to you

March 17: Available to you

March 24: Available to you

This should begin by 9:15 and can be read or chanted. Please contact Fr Dave if you are interested in participating in this wonderful stewardship prayer opportunity!

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
- Bring in your clean used pill bottles
- Sponsor a Coffee Social
- Offer to read the Third Hour prior to Liturgy

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

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



Much has been talked about over the recent years about Orthodox Christian Stewardship. Your Church Council and Fr. Dave want to hear more from you about this basic question:

"What is stewardship to you?"

Over the next couple months, a series of stewardship questions or ideas will be posted in the bulletin. Throughout this series, please talk with members of the Church Council, Fr. Dave, or leave thoughts anonymously in an envelope as we continue to learn and grow in stewardship.

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Spaghetti Dinner - On **Saturday, March 16**, Sts Peter & Paul (220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie, PA) will have a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in support of Charest Family Summer Hosting from 4p to 7:30p. Menu includes: Spaghetti, Marinara Sauce, Clam Sauce, Salad, Bread, and Beverages. There will be a Free Will Offering basket. Additional info can be found at www.orthodoxcarnegie.org / 412-276-9718 / or orthodoxcarnegie@gmail.com.

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Pan-Orthodox Sunday Lenten Vespers - The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh is pleased to offer for the first time in the Pittsburgh region a series of Sunday Lenten Vespers services to be held in Orthodox parishes of various jurisdictions around the Pittsburgh area. Each service will take place at **5:00pm** and will be followed by Lenten refreshments. All Orthodox Christians in the area are invited to join the Orthodox clergy of the area in praying these beautiful Lenten services together. The order of services and their locations is as follows:

- **March 17:** Saint Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, 2110 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville, PA
Speaker: His Eminence Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern PA, OCA. Pan-Orthodox Choir of Pittsburgh to sing responses. Lenten Dinner following.
- **March 24:** Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1128 Summit St., White Oak, PA (Festal Great Vespers of the Annunciation)
- **March 31** - Saint Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral, 290 Thompson Run Rd., Pittsburgh, PA
- **April 7** - Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie, PA
- **April 14** - Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 3230 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA (Veneration of Relic of Saint John Maximovitch following Vespers)

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Young Adult Spring Retreat - "Staying Sane in a Troubled World" will be presented by Dr. Al Rossi at Camp Nazareth from **March 29-31**. Open to Young Adults 19-35. Fee: \$75 (*Scholarships available*). For more information, email YoungAdultRetreats@gmail.com or see the flyer in the hall.

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The Annual Diocesan Lenten Retreat: For All Orthodox Christians, Family, & Friends - Will take place on **Saturday, April 6th** from 9am-5pm at St Nicholas Orthodox Church (903 Ann Street, Homestead, PA 15120). His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory will present "*Focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent and Our Spiritual Journey One Step at a Time*" for the teens and adults. Fr. Dave Urban will present "*Windows to Heaven - Icon of Divine Ascent & The Feasts Of The Church*" for those aged 6-12. The schedule for the day is posted in the church hall. A Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch are included and the cost is covered by a Free Will Offering. (*This is sponsored by the National ACRY.*) The registration deadline is **March 31st** (***You may sign up on the sheet in the Church Hall***). Come Escape From The World For A Day and Be Spiritually Renewed!

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Family Camp will be on **May 31 - June 2**. Here is the link to all the information. <http://campnazareth.org/summercamp/news/family-camp-2019> Registration for this event is now open.

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Archangel Icons Studio presents Icon Workshops - Iconographer Michael Kapeluck will conduct 3 workshops (**June 10-15**; **July 22-27**; or **August 12-17, 2019**) which will be an intense 6 days where the student will create an icon using acrylic/gouache techniques. Learn basic color mixing, drawing and painting techniques. Be instructed in the history and theology of the icon. Receive personal instruction and demonstration for each stage of painting. Gain a deeper understanding of the mystical art of the icon and its place in the Church. For more information, contact Michael at kapeluck@verizon.net.

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2019 Camp Nazareth Summer Program for Pittsburgh will be **July 14-20**. Visit campnazareth.org or our bulletin board for more information. Online registration for Camp is now open!

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Science and Nature Camp will be on **August 4-10**. Here is the link to all the information. <http://campnazareth.org/science-camp> Registration for this event is now open.

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ORTHODOX WORD OF THE WEEK

HARAMOTY - This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage. Every year, just before Meat-Fare Saturday, the families give the lists of their departed loved ones (Hramoty) to the pastor with the request that they be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the All Soul Saturdays. St. John Chrysostom assures us that: "It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on." (*Homily on the Acts 21, 4*) **Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Soul Saturdays for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving the Eucharist (Holy Communion) they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!** (*The All-Souls Saturday Liturgies or Parastas for 2019 will be on March 9th (transferred), March 23rd, March 30th, April 6th, and June 15th.*)

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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: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

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

The Rights of an Apostle

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

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Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment of the Nations

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

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

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Examination of the Heart:

Spiritual progress comes through examination of the heart

Not an hour should pass without taking time to examine our heart, for the hour of judgment can come at any time, and we must be ready to give account to God for our life.

According to Saint Theophan the Recluse, when we examine our lives we find many instances when God shows His unmistakable mercy on us. Those moments we experienced trouble brewing, God delivered us. We must acknowledge these moments, and give thanks to God for His love.



When we practice examination of the heart, we do so with the knowledge that there is no spiritual improvement if we do not seek to please God with holiness of life. If we find good in our deeds, we must attribute it to Christ. If we find we've neglected our spiritual struggle, and acted with foolish abandon, we must turn to God in repentance.

Each moment of each hour must find us resolved to turn ourselves around, knowing that with God's help, we will defeat the enemy of our souls. Holiness comes only to those who struggle, but with God we have the grace needed to battle the enemy.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

Source: www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar/orthodox-calendar © 1996-2001 by translator Fr. S. Janos

Sainted Leo I the Great, Pope of Rome

Commemorated on March 3 / February 18

Sainted Leo I the Great, Pope of Rome (440-461), received an exceedingly fine and diverse education, which opened for him the possibility of an excellent worldly career. But his yearning was in the spiritual life, and so he chose the different path of becoming an archdeacon under holy Pope Sixtus III (432-440) – after whose death Saint Leo in turn was chosen as Pope of the Roman Church, in September 440. These were difficult times for the Church, when heretics besieged the bulwarks of Orthodoxy with their tempting false-teachings. Saint Leo combined within himself a pastoral solicitude and goodness, together with an unshakable firmness in questions of the confession of the faith. He was in particular one of the basic defenders of Orthodoxy against the heresies of Eutykhios and Dioskoros – who taught that there was only one nature in the Lord Jesus Christ, and he was a defender also against the heresy of Nestorius. He exerted all his influence to put an end to the unrest by the heretics in the Church, and by his missives to the holy Constantinople emperors Theodosius II (408-450) and Marcian (450-457) he actively promoted the convening of the Fourth OEcumenical Council, at Chalcedon in 451, for condemning the heresy of the Monophysites. At this OEcumenical Council at Chalcedon, at which



630 bishops were present, there was proclaimed a missive of Saint Leo to the then already deceased Sainted Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople (447-449). Saint Flavian had suffered for Orthodoxy under the Ephesus "Robber Council" in the year 449. In the letter of Saint Leo was posited the Orthodox teaching about the two natures [the Divine and the human] in the Lord Jesus Christ. And with this teaching all the bishops present at the Council were in agreement. The heretics Eutykhios and Dioskoros were excommunicated from the Church.

Saint Leo was likewise a defender of his fatherland against the incursions of barbarians. In the year 452, by the persuasive power of his word, he stopped a pillaging of Italy by the dreadful leader of the Huns, Attila. And again in the year 455, when the leader of the Vandals [a Germanic tribe], Henzerich, turned towards Rome, he boldly persuaded him not to pillage the city, burn buildings, nor spill blood. He knew about his death beforehand and he prepared himself by ardent prayer and good deeds, for the passing over from this world into eternity.

He died in the year 461 and was buried at Rome, in the Vatican cathedral. His literary and theological legacy is comprised of 96 sermons and 143 letters – of which the best known is his missive to Saint Flavian.

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

"My brother is my life." +St. Silouan the Athonite

MONDAY

"For a marriage to be happy, it must not be built on the principle of trying-it-out. Crowns are placed upon the heads of those being married in the Church, and these crowns symbolize martyrdom. Martyrdom, because someone decides to live for the other, transcending his egotism, and abandoning a life lived only for himself. And not just for a day, or for two years, but for your whole life. This is a real martyrdom and podvig [struggle], when a person rises to the full measure of his human dignity." - Archpriest Artemy Vladimirov

TUESDAY

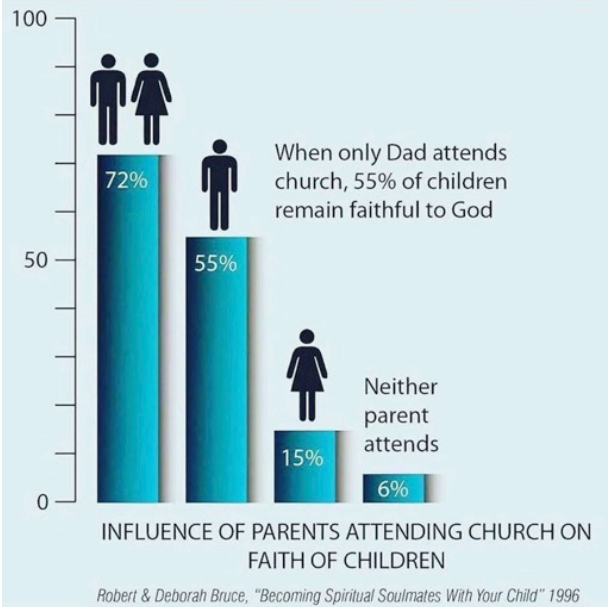
"There is a need, rather, to become good watchers of the heart, as well as the mind; to discern that which is good and fosters our prayer from that which rends it from us. This is the spiritual labor of disciplined prayer, and is the preparation by which we draw near to God." - Bishop Irenei Steenberg

WEDNESDAY

"A little girl noticed that after the collection was taken in church, the ushers brought it up to the altar. She whispered to her mother, "Mommy, how do they get the money up to heaven?" The mother replied, "The church doesn't send the money to heaven, but uses it to bring heaven down to us." That mother could not have given a better answer. For the purpose of the Church is to get God's heaven into each one of us. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." - Fr Anthony M Coniaris

THURSDAY

"Only struggle a little more. Carry your cross without complaining. Don't think you are anything special. Don't justify your sins and weaknesses, but see yourself as you really are. And, especially, love one another." - Father Seraphim Rose



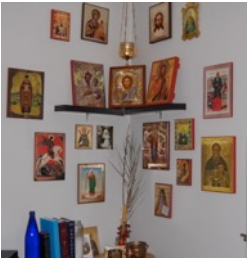
“God has a way of providing. He sees our needs, our desires, and when something is for our good He gives it to us. When someone needs help in something, Christ and Panaghia help.”
+St. Paisios of Mount Athos

"Everyone who believes in the Savior must necessarily acknowledge and confess his fall and his state of exile on earth; he must acknowledge and confess it by his actual life so that his acknowledgement and confession may be living and effective, and not dead and ineffectual." +St. Ignatius Brianchaninov
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*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... Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, David, Louis, June, Helen, Steven, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Luca, Emily, Barbara, Francis, Anthony, Fr. Joseph Cervo, Irene, Eleanor, Eric ...*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... Metropolitan Gregory, Marianne, Steve, Christopher, Nicholas, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles *our seminarians:* Michael, Daniel, and Dylan *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, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Margaret, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach,* St. Cyril of the White Lake Food Pantry *...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*



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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): *your name here* – Saint ____ (Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Matthew Wensel (3/3), Christopher Kubis (3/6), Michael Shuster (3/6), Fr Daniel Mahler (3/6), Randall Paieski (3/09), *Father's nephew*, Michael Verbanick (3/9) ...*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 l Blahaja L'ita!*

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For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Dustin, Stephen, Peter
...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.

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

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Anniversary Prayers for... Wendy & Mark Martellotti (3/7)
....May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

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For Expectant Mothers... Sarah, Lauren, Pañi Marianna, Faith, Pañi Eleni, Hayley, Carley
...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... +Patricia French (1/12),
Archon +Michael Serko Jr (1/17), the Priest +Nicholas Palun (1/23), Pañi +Patricia Patrick (1/26),
+Jane Barrett (2/14), +Barbara Banofsky (2/18), +Heather Chuba (2/24)
...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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Sticheron at Matins from the Lenten Triodion

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Life-Giver;
for my spirit hastens early towards Your holy temple,
bearing the temple of my body all defiled;
but in Your compassion purify me by Your gracious mercy.
Amen.