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Volume V

6th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalen (1st c.) 9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Liturgical Color: Gold

Tone 6

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35 Annual Blessing of Chariots (Cars, Trucks, Bicycles, etc.) following Divine Liturgy

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 10 – 11a-1p Mystery of Holy Confession offered as we approach the Dormition Fast The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

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Monday	Martyr Trophimus (305)	1 Corinthians 9:13-18	Matthew 16:1-6	
Tuesday	Martyr Christina of Tyre (300)	1 Corinthians 10:5-12	Matthew 16:6-12	
* Wednesday	The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of	1 Corinthians 10:12-22	Matthew 16:20-24	
	the Most Holy Theotokos			
Thursday	Venerable Moses the Hungarian (1043)	1 Corinthians 10:28-11:7	Matthew 16:24-28	
* Friday	Holy Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon (305)	1 Corinthians 11:8-22	Matthew 17:10-18	
Saturday	Holy Apostles of the 70: Timon & Parmenas (1st c.)	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 12:30-37	
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Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did! August 11 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (250)

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Liturgical Color: Gold

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22 Additional Collection for our Capital Improvement Fund / Lesser Blessing of Water

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!

This Bulletin Is Offered: In honor of Nicholas Martin Dzambo's Birthday (8/5). May God grant him many years!

PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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ITEMS - Clean donations for our 27th Annual Garage Sale will be accepted through Sunday, August 18th. All are welcome to bring in items and place them on the tables. Please respect the date (8/18) as items will need to be priced after everything is set up.

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Coat Drive – Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before our last coat drive but it is still in good condition? We are now collecting clean coats and jackets to donate to (who FOCUS Pittsburgh provide Food, **U**nderstanding, **O**ccupation, **C**lothing, and Shelter to those who are in need). We will collect the clean coats on the coat rack in the hall through August.

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New School Year Blessing - for students (including college students) will be **Sunday**, **August 11th** this year.

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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 6th: Doors open at 4 / dinner at 5) at the Edgewood Country Club (100 Churchill Rd., Pgh, PA 15235). Please see Father Dave, Larry Martin (our local ambassador), or get a brochure in the vestibule for more information.

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Reader of the Third Hour: August 4: Available to you August 11: Available to you August 18: 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!





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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Shuster Family; Lawrence Martin; Kirish Family; Kathy Schrmack; Pańi Brancho; Olga Radick; Kirish Family; Joanne Nelson; Margaret Rusnak; Melanie Paieski; 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 Kathy Schrmack, in Memory of Parents, Peter and Katherine Silon; by Melanie Paieski, in Memory of Mother, Catherine Gaydos; and by Nick Matelen, in Memory of Jane Barclay. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnava Pamjat!

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Out of Town - Fr Dave (and family) will be unavailable from August 12-23. Please contact either Fr. Nik Ferencz (724-953-6046), Fr. Joseph Fester (412-), 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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The Blessing of the First Fruits -On Sunday, August 25th 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! +++ +++ +++

Relocation Update - We have spoken to Franklin Park and Ohio Township offices about the Shipley Lane location and it would be cost prohibitive for us to access the water and sewage that would be needed for a church building. We are no longer looking at this property. Please pray for the future of our parish as we continue to look.

+ + + Please continue to talk with the Relocation Committee or Father with any thoughts or concerns about our next steps in our journey together. (Committee includes: Sharon P, Larry M, Carol L, John K, John Righetti, Lynn M, Matt P, Peggy +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

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Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- > August 13-15 60th Annual International Village (Eden Park Blvd. & University Dr., McKeesport) from 3pm to 9pm each day
- August 15-18 Presentation of Christ (1672) Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh) Greek
- > August 23-25 St George (315 W. Englewood Ave., New Castle) Greek

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2nd Annual Camp Nazareth Golf Classic - St. Michael Orthodox Church in Binghamton, NY is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on September 7th

to benefit Science Camp at Camp Nazareth. Proceeds from the Tournament will go towards the purchase of scientific equipment to be use at during that week. Information on registration and

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$	90			
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$	261			
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$	647			
Community Outreach (Light of Life):	\$	191			
Total Collections:	\$	1189			
Relocation Fund:	\$	1270			
Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3					

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July Financial Report: Donation Income = \$ 4003.00 *Expenses = \$ 5928.78 Net Income = \$ 1925.78 *details listed on the church hall bulletin board Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 44

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Steelers AT Browns Raffle Tickets – Our sister parish in Erie is holding a raffle for tickets to the Pittsburgh Steelers AT Cleveland Browns game this fall. Please contact Father Dave for more information. Here we go Steelers, here we go! +++ +++ +++

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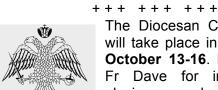
Wednesday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins Sunday, August 18 – YOUTH Sunday Monday, August 19 - Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord **Sunday**, August 25 – Additional Collection for our Community Outreach / Blessing of First Fruits and Vegetables



opportunities for sponsorships are posted on the bulletin board. Please check there for deadlines. There is also a raffle that will be drawn following the Tournament. Prize is a 55" Visio 4K UHD

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LED TV. Tickets are \$5 each or 4/\$20.



The Diocesan Council-SOBOR will take place in Johnstown on

October 13-16. Please contact Fr Dave for information on placing ads the in

commemorative journal. For any of our faithful interested in attending any of the meals during the SOBOR, especially the Grand Banquet, are asked to contact Fr Dave as soon as possible. Ticket prices vary (deadline for reservations is Sept. 8).

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100th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist. East Pittsburgh celebration will be on November 16 -17. Anniversary Ad Book ads: Full page (\$100); Half page (\$50); Quarter Page (\$25); Patron (\$10), Booster (\$5). A sign up sheet is in the hall for Patrons and Boosters with a deadline of

November 17 at the Edgewood Country Club. Ticket prices: Adult: \$35. Children 3-12: \$15 OR Chicken Finger Plate \$10. Children 2 and under: no charge. For reservations, please call DeBorah at Hutnyan 412-288-3299. Deadline is November 1.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Maintaining our Stewardship during vacation season

With Summer upon us, many are away on vacation or attending family gatherings. During this time we kindly remind you that we are still here and continue to function. Just like at home, the bills for water, electricity, etc. continue to come in. If you



are going to be away for one Sunday or many, please do not forget about your parish! Mail your offering in via postal mail, hand in your offering before you leave, or when you return. It is important to us! Without your support we would not be here.

Please talk with members of the Church Council, Fr. Dave, or leave thoughts anonymously in an envelope on the desk in the vestibule as we continue to learn and grow in stewardship together. +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++

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: Romans 15:1-7

Please Others, Not Yourselves

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

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

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

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Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

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

Jesus Heals One Who Was Mute

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

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

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

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Holy Myrh-Bearer Equal-unto-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene.

Commemorated on August 4 / July 22 The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal of the apostles, was a disciple of Jesus named Mary from Magdala, a town in Galilee. Her feast is celebrated on August 4 / July 22, and she is also remembered on the Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women.

Some of her titles include: Apostle to the Apostles, Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Myrrhbearer.



She is often confused with other women of the New Testament. Frederica Mathewes-Green writes: "She is not Mary of Bethany (a city south of Jerusalem), the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who anointed Jesus' head. She is not the prostitute who anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. These two understandably get confused, and historically in

the West all three women are lumped together under Mary Magdalene's name, a confusion continued in the Last Temptation of Christ, The DaVinci Code, and other works."

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7 Times to Make the Sign of the Cross in the Car

by Fr. Matthew Stagon

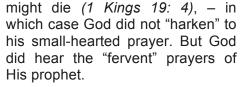
- 1. When you get in the car... For safe travels.
- When you pass an Orthodox Church... To honor your God and Savior.
- 3. When you pass a Cemetery or Funeral... > To remember the departed.
- 4. When you see or hear an Ambulance... > To strengthen the sick or dying.
- 5. When you pass an accident...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

WHY PRAY TO THE "SAINTS"?

by Sr. Vassa on Friday, August 2 "...Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three

years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." (James 5: 16-20)

This passage explains not only why we should pray to the (canonized) "saints," but also why we should ask one another for prayers, and why we should, ourselves, pray for others. The Prophet Elijah, celebrated August 2nd, is indeed one of the greatest saints of Salvation History, but he was, nonetheless, "a man of like nature with ourselves." On occasion Elijah demonstrated small-heartedness, and even prayed that he



Thus we ask for the prayers of the "saints," not because they were perfect, but because they were "sanctified," to that is sav. "dedicated" to God. This is also

why we ask for the prayers of, and pray for, other faithful in our church-community, because we have all been "sanctified" in Holy Baptism. The extent of our or their "saint-hood" is not something we are given to judge or evaluate. But even those of us who are well aware of our own falling short in the area of "saint-hood" need not hesitate to pray fervently for others in need of prayers, because this "labor of love" for others can also "save" our own "soul from death," and "cover a multitude of sins" of our own. **So let us** love one another, and pray for one another, because it's good for all of us, both ourselves and our others! "Remembering our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." Amen!

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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 www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/ for more information. Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month! +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ +++ ++++ +++

SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

"Without having freed itself from the world, the soul cannot love God sincerely. For worldly things, in the words of St. Antioch, are as it were a veil for the soul." +St. Seraphim of Sarov

MONDAY

"O Queen of heavenly beauty, embrace my heart with motherly caring." +St. Nikolai Velimirovich

TUESDAY

"The knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith." +St Irenaeus of Lyon

WEDNESDAY

"Ask & it will be given to you; seek & you will find; knock & the door will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7

THURSDAY

"The goal of our profession, as we have said, is the kingdom of God. Its immediate purpose, however, is purity of heart, for without this we cannot reach our goal." - Abba Moses

PRAYER CORNER

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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 <u>name</u>. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver <u>him/her</u> from sickness and bitter pain. Heal <u>him/her</u> so that <u>he/she</u> may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of... Alisha, Emilia, Olga, Fr. Michael Rustick, David, John, Patricia, John, Jake, Anna Mae,

Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Steven, Doug, Joanne, Lynn, Mary, Kathy N., Emily, Anthony, Eleanor ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the

Healer. ++++++++

For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin our seminarians: Daniel and Dylan and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee: Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Donald, Jane, Margaret, Eleanor, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Melanie, Michael, John, John, Todd and for those who labor 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. ++++++++

Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): (Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint) +++ +++++

Birthday Prayers for... Steven Anton (8/4), Joseph Mainolfi, Jr. (8/4), Nicholas Dzambo (8/5), John Gaydos Jr. (8/6), Rylie Winkler (8/7), Killian Alexi



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FRIDAY

"Help me, my God, to conquer the world within myself; and I shall easily conquer the world outside me." St. Nikolaj Velimirovič

SATURDAY

"The mind that is occupied with the thought of God has little room for the other thoughts, especially evil ones." St. Ignatius Brianchaminov

> Brozell (8/9) ... 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 I Blahaja L'ita! +++ +++ +++ For our Catechumens & Inquirers... Dustin, Stephen, Peter, Daniel ...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magadalene, and St. John Maximovitch. +++ ++++

For those preparing for Marriage... Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek

...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all

Holy Martyrs. + + + + + + + + +

Anniversary Prayers for... Steve & Elaine Buhonick (8/6), Robert & Gina Fall (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 Pregnant Mothers... ...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



For the souls of the newly departed... ...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!

George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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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. <u>Please let Fr. Dave know if you would wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List</u>. 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. <u>This prayer list is **NOT** limited to Orthodox Christians</u>.

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

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

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