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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; Pañi 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! Vičnaya 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 25<sup>th</sup>** following the Divine Liturgy, we will bless our 'first fruits' from our gardens (*or purchased from the grocery store*). **Everyone** is encouraged to bring in a bowl, basket, or bushel of fruits and/or vegetables!

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**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.*

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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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## ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

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### Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **August 13-15** – 60<sup>th</sup> 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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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camp Nazareth Golf Classic** – St. Michael Orthodox Church in Binghamton, NY is sponsoring a Golf Tournament on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**

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 ( <i>Light of Life</i> ):	\$ 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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### 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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### LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

**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



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

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The Diocesan Council-SOBOR will take place in Johnstown on **October 13-16**. Please contact Fr Dave for information on placing ads in the 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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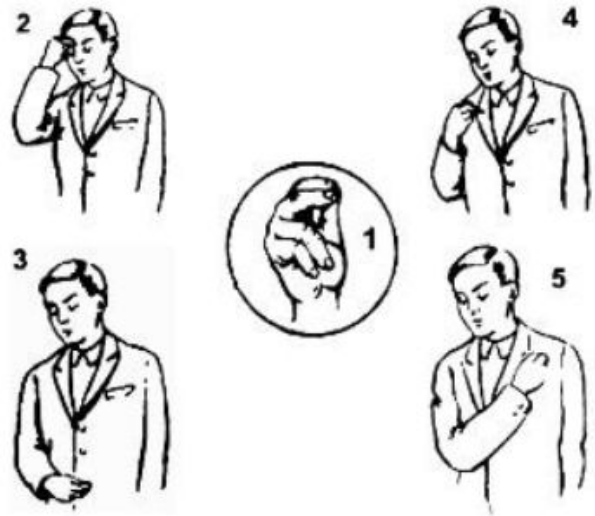


## LIVING ORTHODOXY

## 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.*
2. 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.*



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## 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)



might die (*1 Kings 19: 4*), – in which case God did not “harken” to his small-hearted prayer. But God did hear the “fervent” prayers of His prophet.

Thus we ask for the prayers of the “saints,” not because they were perfect, but because they were “sanctified,” that is to say, “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/](http://www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/) for more information. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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## 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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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...** 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.*

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**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.*

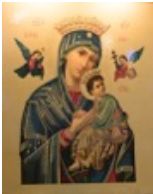
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**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):**  
*(Please contact Fr Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**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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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!*

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

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**For those preparing for Marriage...**  
Andrew & Davina, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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**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 George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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**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!*

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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.**

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

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.