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16th Sunday after Pentecost / Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist

9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Liturgical Color: Gold Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (1st Sunday of Luke)

SERMON SERIES: Holy Anointing (Unction) / 25th Anniversary Moleben for Renee and Rich Mirilovich

SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, October 10 – 9:30 Moleben for Parents Grieving a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Loss of a Child *The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.*

Monday	Holy Protomartyr & Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c)	Ephesians 1:22-2:3	Luke 4:37-44
Tuesday	St. Euphrosyne (445)	Ephesians 2:19-3:7	Luke 5:12-16
* Wednesday	Repose of the Apostle John	Ephesians 3:8-21	Luke 5:33-39
Thursday	Martyr Callistratus (304)	Ephesians 4:14-19	Luke 6:12-19
* Friday	Venerable Chariton the Confessor (350)	Ephesians 4:17-25	Luke 6:17-23
Saturday	Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit (556)	1 Corinthians 14:20-25	Matthew 25:1-13

* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

October 13 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Hieromartyr Gregory of Armenia (335) 9:15 - Third Hour; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy Tone 8 Liturgical Color: Gold Epistle: 2 Corinthians 16-7:1; Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)

SERMON SERIES: Marriage & Ordination / 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! In Honor of the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Renee and Rich Mirilovich. *Many Years! Mnohaja L'ita!*

This Bulletin Is Offered:



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Italian Feast & Basket Raffle, hosted by our ACRY, will be held in our hall on Saturday, October 26th from 4-6:30pm (doors open at 3pm). Over 25 Amazing Gift Baskets to be raffled! [12 Baskets

Have Been Offered So Far. A Minimum Value Is \$30 Is Requested] Ticket Prices are: Adults -\$20; Youth (6-17) - \$10; and a Family Admission \$50. Tickets include: Admission, 8 Basket Raffle Tickets, 2 Drink Coupons, and a homemade Italian Pasta Dinner with Appetizer, Salad Bar, and Dessert. (Extra Raffle tickets may also be purchased.) Reservations can be made 22nd 412-748-0148, October to bv OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com, or bv signing up on the sheet in the church hall. Come spend an Italian evening out with friends while supporting a great cause!

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Exploring Orthodoxy for teenagers through senior-citizens – We will meet every Wednesday from October 23rd through November 20th from 7 to 8:15pm 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. Save the dates and get your questions ready! We will examine the priestly prayers of St John Chrysostom's Divine Liturgy. 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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100th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist, East Pittsburgh celebration will be on November 16 -17. Vespers Saturday 11/16 at 5pm. <u>Anniversary</u> <u>Brunch</u> will be on Sunday 11/17 at the Edgewood Country Club. Ticket prices are: Adult: \$35. Children 3-12: \$15 OR Chicken Finger Plate \$10. Children 2 and under: no charge. For reservations, please call DeBorah Hutnyan at 412-288-3299 or sign up on the desk in the hall. Deadline is October 15.



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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Shuster Family; Lawrence Martin; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Kirish Family; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson.

"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

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Sermon Series on the Mysteries of the Church - Father Dave concludes the series of sermons on the main Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church next week with *Marriage and Ordination* (Holy Orders). If you have a specific question that he may be able to address, PLEASE let him know ASAP.

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Additional Church Curators Needed – Our curator list has become shorter. If anyone is interested and willing to be "trained" to be "onthe-door", please see Theresa Sharpless.

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Garage Sale – <u>Thank you again</u> to everyone who helped this year's garage sale be such a success! We helped many people and raised \$2,184.25 from the sale! (over \$40 more than last year!) **Thank you again** for your countless hours that were put into this form of community stewardship outreach! May God Bless you! +++ ++++

IOCC Mission Trip to Texas – There is an opportunity to join an IOCC Mission Team for hurricane recovery in Texas from **October 21-26**. Please contact Fr. Dave for more details.

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2020 Camp Nazareth Dates – Save the dates – Family Camp **May 29-31**. Family Day: **May 31**. Pittsburgh week will be **July 26 – August 1**. *Please plan vacations around these so that your children can experience the beauty of our camp!* +++ +++++

Coffee Social Steward Schedule October 13: Open / Potluck October 20: John and Olga Radick October 27: Open / Potluck

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God Stewardship: \$ 270 Candles/Eternal Lamp: \$ 168 Envelopes/Stewardship: \$ 514 Community Outreach (OCF): \$ 93 **Total Collections:** \$ 1045 **Capital Improvement Fund:** \$ 25 Fundraising Acc't (Garage Sale): \$ 2,184.25 **Relocation Fund:** \$ 730 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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August Financial Report: Donation Income = \$ 5,307.51 *Expenses = \$ 4,662.18 Net Income = \$ 645.33 *details listed on the church hall bulletin board

Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 46

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Steeler Ticket Raffle - We will be having a Relocation Raffle with 1^{st} Prize being 2 Steeler Tickets (vs. the Bills) and 2^{nd} Prize of \$100. Tickets will be \$5 each and the winner will be drawn at this year's Turkey Bingo. Please see Sharon Peifer or Carol Lorenzi for tickets.

Reader of the Third Hour: October 13: Available to you October 20: John Kirish October 27: 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!

 LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY
Sunday, October 13 – Walk for Missions
Wednesday, October 23 – 87th Anniversary of the founding of our parish in 1932
Friday, October 25 – 9:30am Akathist

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

Fall Festivals

- October 10-11 All Saints (601 West McMurray Rd., Canonsburg) Greek
- October 11-12 St. Nicholas (903 Ann St., Homestead) Carpatho-Rusyn
- October 12 St. Nicholas (320 Munson Ave., McKees Rocks) Slavic Food Fest
- October 12 St Vladimir (73 S 18th St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203) Ukrainian
- October 20 St. Michael (146 3rd Ave., Rankin) Carpatho-Rusyn

Please contact Father for more info on any festival.

26th Annual 7-K Walk/Run for Missions *"Fulfilling Jesus' Great Commission" –* will be NEXT WEEK, **Sunday, October 13**th at Schenley Park AND South Park Children's Playground Pavilion (Corrigan & Brownsville

Rd., South Park, PA 15129) sponsored by the Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater *Pittsburgh*. Register at 1pm at South Park. Walk begins at 2pm. There will be complimentary refreshments before the walk and a light lunch following the walk. Bring your pledge forms and collected money to the event (make checks payable to "Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood"). Even if you are unable to be with us in person, your donation will be extremely helpful in carrying out this important and necessary work of the Church. For more info, visit www.holycrosspgh.org/events or call 412-251-3207. Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Mission work of Fr. John and Sandy Chakos. Visit Presbytera www.TheWordFromGuatemala.com to follow the blog of this mission!

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Cognac Tasting to benefit IOCC will be at the Leaf & Bean (3525 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA) on Thursday, October 17 from 7p to 10p. Please contact Father for more information.

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Fall Retreat: "The Pursuit of God's Peace in a Fallen World" will be presented at St. George St., Orthodox Cathedral (3400 Dawson Pittsburgh, PA 15213) on Saturday, October 19 from 9a to 4:30p. There is no charge and food will be provided. Please RSVP at 412-681-2988. +++ +++ +++

Young Adult Fall Retreat - will be run October 25-27 at Camp Nazareth. Keynote Speaker this

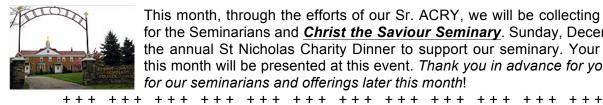
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year will be Rev. Fr. Ken Bachofsky, Professor of Old & New Testament at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Seminary. Get the chance to explore Camp Nazareth during the Fall! The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! See Father Dave for more information.



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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 Seminarians and *Christ the Saviour Seminary*. Sunday, December 8th is the annual St Nicholas Charity Dinner to support our seminary. Your donations this month will be presented at this event. Thank you in advance for your prayers for our seminarians and offerings later this month!

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: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.² For he says,

"At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation."

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, ⁷ truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; $^{\rm 8}{\rm in}$ honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret.² And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, ⁷ they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John Commemorated on September 23

The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah would appear His Forerunner, who would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner. In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the

righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, assiduously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple however had a misfortune: getting up in years they



and then the Angel said to him: "I – am Gabriel, that standeth before God and am sent to announce this unto thee. But now, thou shalt be mute until the day of birth, since that thou

remained childless and they prayed unceasingly to God, that He should grant them a child. One time, when Saint Zachariah was in turn priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went during the time of Divine-services into the Sanctuary for making an incensing. Having gone in behind the Sanctuary veil, he beheld an Angel of God, standing at the right side of the incense altar. Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the Angel said to him: "Fear not, Zachariah, thine prayer is heard, and thy wife Elizabeth will bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John". But Righteous Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, hast not believed my words". Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished, that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not pronounce it since he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, having given birth to the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, named John.

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ORTHODOX WORD OF THE WEEK

UNCTION / **HOLY ANOINTING** – Anointing of the sick with blessed oil, for the healing of body and soul. The gift of healing is bestowed by the Holy Spirit through the anointing, together with the prayers of the Unction service. (See article "Healing," at James 5 in the Orthodox Study Bible.)

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Holy Unction: The mystery of holy unction renews the body and cleanses the spirit

The Mystery of Holy Unction provides both physical and spiritual healing with holy oil blessed by the Holy Spirit, and is usually celebrated during Great Lent on Holy Wednesday of Holy Week, but private services are also common and can be done at any time during the year. Everyone in a parish who is in good ecclesiastical

standing may be anointed with the holy oil for the healing of spiritual and bodily ills. As this is one of the sacraments of the Orthodox Church, it may be administered only to Orthodox Christians.

As one of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments)

of the Church, the oil carries God's grace both to renew the body and to cleanse the spirit. This service follows the apostolic tradition mentioned in the New Testament: "...let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15).

Holy unction is a mystery that provides spiritual comfort to the faithful Christian, and while seeking healing, asks for faithful to seek patience to accept the will of God whatever the physical outcome.



The full service is composed of psalms from the Old Testament, hymns of direct supplication to God, and prayers to the saints to intercede for the petitioner. In addition, there are seven readings from the Gospels preceded by seven other New Testament writings, notably the epistles of St. Paul and St. James. After each set of scriptural readings, a prayer is offered on behalf of the penitent by the priest asking for forgiveness and

the sanctification of the oil. Traditionally, the service is celebrated by seven priests, but where fewer than seven priests are available (which is often the case), it will be served by at least one (and often with less readings).

At the end of the service, the priest puts holy oil on the forehead, eyes, ears, nostrils, lips, chest, and hands of the parishioners in the form of the cross, saying: "O Holy Father, physician of our souls and bodies, heal Thy servant [name] from every physical and emotional affliction" (*Russian tradition*). The exact wording varies according to tradition and translation.

When the unction is received privately, the full service is often not performed, but simply the anointing itself is done along with a few prayers.

With love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon

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SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY – FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tropar (Tone 4) - Make merry, O barren woman, who before was unable to bear a child! For, lo! you have manifestly conceived the lamp of the Sun, who will enlighten the world which suffers from blindness. Dance you, O Zechariah, crying out with boldness: He who will be born is the prophet of the Most High!

MONDAY

"The Church is your hope, the Church is your salvation, the Church is your refuge." +St. John Chrysostom

"Have great care of your children. We live at a time when much freedom is given to the expression of thought, but little care is taken that thoughts should be founded on truth. Teach them to love truth." - Elder Macarius of Optina

WEDNESDAY

"Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. God knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the sufferings and pains of everyone." +St. Nikolaj Velimirovič

THURSDAY

"When we pray for someone, we take upon ourselves his suffering." - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

FRIDAY

"Let all involuntary suffering teach you to remember God, and you will not lack occasion for repentance" +St. Mark the Ascetic

SATURDAY

"Value highly, and always preserve Christian meekness and kindness, mutual peace and love, crushing by every possible means the impulses of self-love, malice, irritability, and disturbance." +St. John of Kronstadt

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

For the Health of... Fr. Lawrence Barriger, Lori, Kelly, Michael, Daniel, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Doug, Joanne, Anthony ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

For the Special Intentions of... Metropolitan Gregory, Alisha, Aaron, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea,

Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Sean, Thomas, John, 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, Christ the Savior 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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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... Ashley & Derek ...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

+++ +++ +++ Anniversary Prayers for... Chi-Wing & Deborah (Brancho) Chow (10/08), John & Jane Gaydos (10/9), Meredith & Ryan Blobner (10/12) ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him! +++ +++ +++

For Pregnant Mothers... Caitlinn ...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St Irene Chrysovalantou. ++++++++

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. ++++++++

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 in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. <u>Please let Fr. Dave</u> know if you 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 only Orthodox Christians*.

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

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Merciful Lord, visit us in our time of need and affliction; and as you healed Jairus' daughter and raised her from her bed of infirmity, visit your servant, Master, and deliver him/her from sickness and pain. For you alone have born the sickness and affliction of our world and with you nothing is impossible. For you are all-merciful and to you we ascribe glory and adoration forever. Amen.

TUESDAY