

Matthew Peifer, Parish Council President

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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Shuster Family; Kathy Schrmack; Kirish Family; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Mirilovich Family; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Patty Watson; 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 Tim Martin, in Memory of Parents, Lawrence & Anastasia. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Morning Moleben – A Moleben is a brief devotional service of supplication. We have various ones at the church for us to use. This **Thursday**, and other periodic mornings, we will choose which one we do that morning.

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Candle and cleaning assistance – We are looking for a couple helpers leading up to Sunday, November 17th to help with the weekly cleaning and candles. Please contact Fr. Dave if you will be able to share your stewardship with the church.

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Annual Turkey Bingo – will occur on **Sunday, November 24th**. Donation is \$10 for admission which includes 3 cards. The doors will

open at **2pm** and the games begin at 3pm. All Bingo winners will receive a turkey as a prize. Plan to have supper at the church hall as the *Carpathian Kitchen* will be open and plenty of refreshments will be available.

In conjunction with the bingo we will also have a raffle of sporting tickets, Auction, Food Raffle, and baked goods available.

We ask you to help **to donate unexpired food and/or paper products to be a part of the food basket raffle**, and to prepare some homemade baked goods to be sold the afternoon of the bingo.

*Advertising flyers have been made. Please let Father know how many you want and he will print them for you. *** Form letters are also available to approach businesses for supplies or donations.*

**WE NEED STEWARDS (VOLUNTEERS)
To Step Forward With Your Time, Talents,
And God Given Gifts To Make This A
Successful Community Event!**

Please see a Parish Council member to offer your help

Thank you in advance for your support!

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 99
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 179
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 437
Total Collections:	\$ 715
Fundraising Acc't (Garage Sale):	\$ 147
Relocation Fund:	\$ 325

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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ACRY NEWS



Next Meeting – Our Sr. ACRY will have their next meeting on **Tuesday, November 19th at 7pm** at Eat 'n' Park in Wexford. Please plan to join us!

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Membership Drive – The ACRY is having their membership drive this month. Please see any of our ACRY members or Father Dave with any questions that you may have!

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

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2020 Yearbook, A.C.R.Y. Annual - If you would like to include a patron, booster, or memorial listing in this Year Book of the activities of our God-saved Diocese, a sign-up sheet has been placed in the Church Hall. Patron & Memorial listings are \$6, and Booster listings are \$3. Please see Theresa Sharpless with any questions. Deadline to sign-up is **December 1st**.

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Pill Bottle Collection – Our ACRY continues it's outreach to "Matthew 25: Ministries" who accepts donations of clean empty plastic medicine pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment. *More information is on the bulletin board in the church hall.*

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St Nicholas Charity Dinner for the Pittsburgh Deanery will be on **Sunday, December 8th at Edgewood Country Club** (100 Churchill Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235). Doors open at 4pm with a Buffett Dinner at 5. This annual dinner benefits our *Christ the Saviour Seminary*. Adults - \$35; Teens 13-18 - \$10; 12 and Under - Free. *(Please make checks payable to "Pittsburgh Deanery").* Please see Fr Dave by **December 1st** for your ticket(s). *Auction Prize Donations (*which may be combined with other donations*) to be raffled off at the dinner can be given to Father.* Come meet the seminarians, enjoy the fellowship, carol sing-a-long, and a special guest!

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"It is God, Who is merciful and grants everyone what he needs, Who is building him up when He gives him more than he needs; in doing so He shows the abundance of His love for men and teaches him to give thanks. When He does not grant him what he needs, He makes him compensate for the thing he needs through the working of the mind and teaches him patience." +Saint Dorotheos of Gaza

Reader of the Third Hour:

November 17: Available to you
November 24: John Kirish
December 1: 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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Godparents / Godchildren Sunday

– Our Annual Godparents celebration will be **Sunday, November 24th**, a day to honor them and to encourage the growth of this spiritual relationship. **Personally invite** your Godparents (or those of your children) and/or invite your Godchildren to come to Church and share this day with you. Please prepare yourself and join them in receiving the Eucharist (Holy Communion) on this day. *We need to keep the Spiritual bonds alive with our God-parents and God-children. Even more important, we need to keep our life united with our Lord, Jesus Christ. This unites us with one another.* Contact Fr Dave if you have ideas for the day or a desire to be involved in planning our Godparents Sunday.

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Christmas at FOCUS – We have again offered to donate 4 sheet cakes, 300 bottles of water, 300 napkins, and 300 plastic-ware sets to FOCUS Pittsburgh for their annual Christmas Dinner for those in need. In addition, they are asking for \$25 gift cards from Target. Please see

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Kathy Schmack if you are able to make a physical or monetary donation towards this wonderful event which will be held on **Saturday, December 22nd**. *Your prayers and stewardship are greatly appreciated!*

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Winter Church Clean-Up & Nativity Decorating

– will be on **Saturday, December 7th** from 9am to noon(ish). More details to come...

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

November 17: **Open / Potluck**
November 24: **Open / Potluck**
December 1: **Open / Potluck (meat-free)**

The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- ✧ **Wednesday**, November 20 – 7pm Exploring Orthodoxy in Wexford with guest speaker
- ✧ **Thursday**, November 21 – 9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Archangel Michael
- ✧ **Sunday**, November 24 – IOCC Sunday / 3pm Turkey Bingo
- ✧ **Thursday**, November 28 (Thanksgiving) – 9:30am Moleben of Thanksgiving and Stewardship
- ✧ **Saturday**, November 30 – 11-1 Confessions

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA ‘BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

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Orthodoxy on Tap – The Pittsburgh Orthodox Young Adults (POYA) will host their next "Orthodoxy on Tap" on **Thursday, November 14th** at 7 pm at **Dorothy 6 Blast Furnace Café** (224 East Eight Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120 / 412-464-9023). Come pre-game before the Steeler game with us! Topic of discussion will be: *Orthodox Marriage in a Non-Orthodox Country*. All young adults ages 21

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to “39” are welcome! Please email POYAPittsburgh@gmail.com with any questions and to RSVP by Nov. 12th.

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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: Galatians 2:16-20

¹⁶yet who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. ¹⁷But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. ¹⁹For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in

the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Ger’asenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me.” 29 For he had commanded

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had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 36 And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger'asenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.


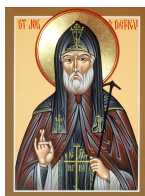
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Commemorated on Nov. 10 / Oct. 28

The Monk Job, Hegumen of Pochaev and Wonderworker (in the world named Ivan Zhelezo), was born in the mid XV Century in Pokut'a in Galicia. At age 10 he came to the Transfiguration Ugornitsk monastery, and at age 12 he accepted monasticism. The Monk Job from his youth was known for his great piety and strict ascetic life, and early he was accounted worthy of the priestly dignity. In around the year 1580, at the request of the reknown champion of Orthodoxy prince Konstantin of Ostrozhsk, the Monk Job headed the Cross-Exaltation monastery near the city of Dubno, and for more than 20 years he governed the monastery amidst the setting of the growing persecution of Orthodoxy on the part of the Catholics and Uniates. At the beginning of the XVII Century the Monk Job withdrew to Pochaev hill and settled in a cave not far from the ancient Uspenie-Dormition monastery, famed for its wonderworking Pochaev Icon of the Mother of

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God. The holy hermit, beloved by the brethren of the monastery, was chosen as their hegumen. The Monk Job zealously fulfilled his duty as head of the monastery, kind and gentle with the brethren, he himself did much of the work, planting trees in the garden, and strengthening the waterworks at the monastery. And in taking an active part in the defense of Orthodoxy and the Russian people, the Monk Job was present at the 1628 Kiev Sobor-Council, convened against the Unia. After 1642, the Monk Job accepted the great schema with the name Ioann.

Sometimes he completely secluded himself for the cave for three days or even a whole week. The Jesus Prayer was an unceasing doing of his gentle heart. According to the testimony of his student and author of the Vita-Life of the Monk Job, Dositheï, once during the time of prayer the cave of the monk was illumined by an heavenly light. The Monk Job reposed in the year 1651, at over age 100, having directed the Pochaev monastery for more than fifty years. On 8 August 1659 occurred the glorification of the Monk Job.

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Together: We are all in this together

As we struggle in this life, it is good to remember that we are all together. We find our place of silence, where we encounter God, but even in this place set apart, we are together. In our journey to God, our common goal is the acquisition of a humble and contrite heart, and our common homeland is found in the Divine

Liturgy, wherein we enter Paradise, and participate in the Heavenly Banquet, together.

In our moments of loneliness, and despondency, we are together. We are together in our celebration of life, and even in our death. When we seem so alone, we are together, for in Christ we are One Body. Glory to God for His loving kindness. Glory to Him forever.

With love in Christ, Abbot Tryphon

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“In Everything Give Thanks” (1 Thess. 5:15)

THANK GOD FOR YOUR UNIQUE GIFTS AND TALENTS... Then share them with the world

We all have special gifts from God that we are called to share with each other. Knowing how to share our talents can make a big difference in the communities where we live...

Grace sits under a tree in a park across the street from her local library almost every week after class. It's her favorite spot to read and write poetry.

While turning the page of her newest poetry book, she notices a yellow school bus dropping off a group of young students across the street. She thought it was odd that they were dropped

off at a library instead of at home, and asks the librarian about it when she checked out.

"These kids live down the street at the homeless shelter," The librarian tells Grace, "They come here after school because it's always crowded at the shelter during the day, plus being there reminds them of losing their homes."

As Grace walks to her own home that evening, she thinks of the children who live at the homeless shelter. She knows she can't solve the issue of homelessness, but she wants to do something. Grace watches the sun set as she walks, and feels thankful for all the blessings in her own life. Inspired by the different colors of the setting sun, she suddenly has an idea!

The next week at the library, Grace's poetry book is by her side, but she doesn't walk over to the shade of her favorite tree. She is also carrying a box of colored pencils and a stack of blank paper - her usual journal and poetry book are nowhere to be seen.

Passing by the tree, Grace crosses the street and sits on the library steps, waiting for the school bus to arrive.

Grace's idea is to read a poem to the kids, and let them draw whatever their creative and imaginative minds think of while she reads.

"It won't be much," Grace thinks, "but it feels right to share what I can."

Source: *A Guide For Practicing Everyday Gratitude* by FOCUS North America

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(s)**. 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... Michael, Daniel, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, Louis, June, Helen, Doug, Joanne ...*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, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, 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.*

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

Birthday Prayers for... Dustin Kovats (11/12), John Sharpless (11/13), Fr. James Blomeley (11/14), Cindy Pavilonis (11/14)

...*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, Daniel ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, 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... Thomas & Harmonie Torchia (11/12) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

For Pregnant Mothers... Caitlinn, Allison ...*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. Dzadozsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

For the souls of the newly departed...
+Barbara Wisnosky, +Michael Timko (10/24), +Evelyn Tihey (10/22), +Rosemary Jordanoff (10/14), +Peter Joyce (10/8) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. Eternal be their Memory!*

* 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. Please let Fr. Dave 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.*

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Tropar of Saint Job of Pochaev (Tone 4)

Having acquired the patience of your Forefather, * and having resembled the Baptist in his abstinence, * you shared the divine zeal of both, * and were found worthy to receive their names. * You were a fearless preacher of the True Faith; *in this way you brought a multitude of monks to Christ. * You strengthened all people in Orthodoxy, *Job, our venerable Father, * pray that our souls may be saved. Amen.