

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Viola Peifer; Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Mirilovich Family; Michael Puhac; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; Mainolfi Family; Cindy Pavilonis; Margaret Rusnak

***"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 John Gaydos, Jr., in Memory of Mother, Catherine. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Presanctified Liturgy TIME CHANGE – This year we will begin the Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn an hour earlier, at **6:00 pm** (we will be eating an hour earlier and getting home an hour earlier). I encourage all of the faithful, especially parents to bring their kids, to this beautiful Lenten Service!

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"Clean Week" – Looking ahead to the first week of the Great Fast, also known as "clean week", there will be a service Monday through Thursday in the morning at the church. The Wednesday evening (6pm) Presanctified Liturgy will be at the Hampton Inn off of the Wexford exit of 79 (2622 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143).

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Additional Services Updated – The Parish Calendar on our website has been updated with the additional services that will be offered throughout Great Lent.

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Gertrude Hawk Candy – Our Easter Candy Sale forms are in the Church Hall with orders due by **March 1st**. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

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Pill Bottle Collection – Our ACRY continues it's outreach to "Matthew 25: Ministries" who accepts donations of **CLEAN AND EMPTY** plastic medicine pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies to countries in need. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THE LABEL IS REMOVED AND IT IS NOT STICKY.** 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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Home Blessing Update:
8 homes (202 miles) and 11 scheduled
Please talk with Fr Dave today to schedule yours. He is interested in visiting with EVERYONE this Theophany season. Please grab Father when he has his calendar (*a.k.a. his phone*) or email him to schedule.

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Remember, the invitation to the priest to come and bless your home is an invitation to ask for the mercy of God upon the household. The sprinkling of the Holy Water is a sign of God's presence in the home as an extension of His Holy House, the Church. It is a time to renew our commitment to God as we begin another year in His mercy.

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

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| Stewardship: | \$ 197 |
| Candles/Eternal Lamp: | \$ 163 |
| Envelopes/Stewardship: | \$ 952 |
| Total Collections: | \$1312 |
| Capital Improvement Fund: | \$ 150 |
| Relocation Fund: | \$ 430 |

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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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

February 23: Pre-Lenten Breakfast
March 1: **Open / Meatless Potluck**
March 8: **Open / Meatless Potluck**

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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Reader of the Third Hour:

February 23: John Kirish
March 1: *Available to you*
March 8: *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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Trimming our willows – The buds are starting to appear on our pussywillow bushes and trees! Please let Fr Dave know if you would like to join him in trimming them when the time comes...

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Snowed In? Physically unable to make it to church? – Our diocese is blessed with the opportunity to watch our Cathedral's Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9am. Of course, the best scenario is to attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Eucharist. When limitations occur, please take the time Sunday morning to pray with our brothers and sisters via the web at www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/ to watch the *live broadcast*.

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



- ✧ **Thurs.**, Feb. 27 – 9:30am Morning Moleben
- ✧ **Monday**, March 2 – the start of Great Lent – "CLEAN WEEK" Begins – 9:30am The Great Canon of St. Andrew (I)
- ✧ **Tuesday**, March 3 – 9:30am The Great Canon of St. Andrew (II)
- ✧ **Wednesday**, March 4 – 9:30am The Great Canon of St. Andrew (III);
6 pm – Presanctified Liturgy at the Hampton Inn
- ✧ **Thursday**, March 5 – 9:30am The Great Canon of St. Andrew (IV)

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ORTHODOX WORD OF THE WEEK

We are in the **Lenten Triodion**, but what does that mean? (*source: www.orthodoxwiki.org/*)

TRIODION – (Greek: Τριῳδιον, *Triōdion*; Slavonic: Постная Трѡдь, *Postnaya Triod*) The **LENTEN TRIODION** is the service book of the Eastern Orthodox Church that provides the texts for the divine services for the pre-Lenten weeks of

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preparation, Great Lent, and Holy Week. It is called the *triodion* because the canons appointed for Matins during this period are composed of three (3) odes each. The weeks of preparation (especially in the Sunday Gospel readings) serve to exercise the mind, whereas the fasting of Great Lent focuses on the body, and Holy Week's services exercise the spirit.

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“True education is in fact the saint. Without the saints there are no true teachers and educators. Nor is there true education without holiness. Without illumination there is no enlightenment. Holiness is holiness through divine light. True education and enlightenment is nothing other than the radiance of holiness; only the saints are truly illuminated. Holiness lives and breathes by light simultaneously shining and teaching. There is, therefore, an identity common to holiness and illumination.”
+Venerable Justin (Popovic) of Serbia, “*Orthodox Faith and Life in Christ*”

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA ‘BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

“Orthodox Christian Perspectives on Prayer” will be presented at the 4th Annual St. Nicholas Symposium on **Saturday, February 22nd** from 2 to 4pm at 320 Munson Ave., McKees Rocks, PA. For more information, please call 412-331-1053 or visit www.OrthodoxPittsburgh.org.

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DIOCESE TO BEGIN A NEW FAMILY MINISTRY:
“SPF50”: Praying together and reading Scripture together are pillars of a Christ-centered Orthodox Christian family. While families may desire to have these activities in their home, they may not be sure how to start. SPF50 intends to help our families bridge that gap. SPF stands for “Scripture, Prayer, Family” and is designed to equip families to read the scriptures and pray together at home. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory, the SPF50 team has produced the first installment of this ministry program which will be available beginning **Sunday, February 23**. Each issue will be available both in hard-copy and digital form. A section of the Diocesan website dedicated to SPF50 will also contain supplemental resources to help families get started and maintain participation.

Quality time with our Lord is hard to come by.

Quality time with your family is hard to come by.

SPF50 intends to help families have both.

Be on the lookout for more info in the next 2 weeks!

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Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Service - The Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Greater Pittsburgh is hosting the annual Sunday of Orthodoxy Service and Celebration on **Sunday, March 8th** at 4:30 pm at Holy Trinity (985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237). His Grace, Bishop John, will be the homilist. There will

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be the annual Procession of the Holy Icons and a Pan-Orthodox Choir singing the responses. Come and celebrate Orthodoxy in Pittsburgh! “This is the Faith of the Apostles. This is the Faith of the Fathers. This is the Faith of the Orthodox. This is the Faith which has established the Universe.”

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Young Adult Spring Retreat - “Engaging the non-religious with the Gospel of Jesus Christ” will be presented by Fr. Sergius Halvorsen (Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Rhetoric at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary) at Camp Nazareth from **March 13-15**. Open to Young Adults 19–35. Fee: \$75 (*Scholarships available*). For more information, email YoungAdultRetreats@gmail.com or see the flyer in the hall. Register at: tinyurl.com/spring2020youngadults.

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The Annual Diocesan Lenten Retreat: For All Orthodox Christians, Family, & Friends – Will take place on **Saturday, March 28th** from 9am–5pm at St Nicholas Orthodox Church (903 Ann Street, Homestead, PA 15120). His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory will present “Orthodox Love - Agape” for the teens and adults. Fr. Dave Urban will present “*Windows to Heaven – Icon of the Hospitality of Abraham & 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 21st** (**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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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 6:12-20

Glorify God in Body and Spirit

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one



flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. ¹⁹Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹¹And he said, “There was a man who had two sons; ¹²and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he

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²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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Whom we ask in prayer for life, and health, and salvation and everything that only boundless heavenly love can bestow.

7. In order to teach us that just as the vigil lamp cannot be lit without our hand, so too, our heart, our inward vigil lamp, cannot be lit without the holy fire of

8. In order to remind us that before anything else the Creator of the world created light, and after that everything else in order: And God said, let there be light: and there was light (Genesis 1:3). And it must be so also at the beginning of our spiritual life, so that before anything else the light of Christ's truth would shine within us. From this light of Christ's truth subsequently every good is created, springs up and grows in us.

May the Light of Christ illumine you as well!

+St. Paisios of Mount Athos, *Spiritual Counsels Vol. II Spiritual Awakening*

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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(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.

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For the Health of... all children battling illness,
Patricia, Pañi Eleanor, Fr. Michael Rustick, Lexi,
Gabriella, Lindsay M., Kevin, Daniel, John, Susan,
John, Alexandra D., Pañi Marie, Sonja, Anna Mae,
Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael,
Roberta, Lino, June ...*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, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* 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,* 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):

Dolores Bowser - Virgin-martyr Dorothea (2/19)
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Diane Pavilonis,
W. Dylan Mushinsky (2/17), James Hanchulak (2/17),

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John Petrovich (2/18), Carly Anton (2/21), Barbara Kirish (2/22), Theresa Sharpless (2/22), *Father's nephew*, Brian Verbanick, Jr (2/22) ...*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, Daniel, Susan ...*through
the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St.
Mary Magdalene, and St. John
Maximovitch.*

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

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For Pregnant Mothers... Mallory Ann, Caitlinn, Allison, Pañi Stacey, Pañi Ileana, Faith...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & 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... +Melanie Kurtz (1/25), +Robert Pervuznik, Sr. (1/21) +Father Michael Shuster (1/21), +George Rocknage (1/19)
...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!

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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. 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:

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.