



Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Volume VI

Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit; Pentecost; *Rusalja*; Trinity Sunday; Green Sunday 3rd Discovery of the Venerable Head of the Holy Prophet, and Forerunner John the Baptist

9:20 – Litiya Prayers; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Acts 2: 1– 11; Gospel: John 7: 37– 52; 8: 12

Graduate Sunday (Part 1); Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost (from Sunday Evening Vespers) following the Divine Liturgy
THE CHURCH IS OPEN WITH RESERVATIONS STILL REQUESTED. DETAILS BELOW...

ONLINE SERVICES, SAINTS, & READINGS FOR THE WEEK



(At this time, we will ONLY have Sunday morning services on the North Side.)

Here Is Our Cathedral's Online Schedule Of Services (www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/):

Sunday: 9 am Divine Liturgy

Monday: 9 am Divine Liturgy with Gospel Procession

Saturday: 6 pm Great Vespers



Monday	Apostles Carpus of the Seventy and Alphaeus (1st c.)	Ephesians 5:9-19	Matthew 18:10-20
Tuesday	Hieromartyr Therapon, bishop of Sardis (259)	Romans 1:1-7,13-17	Matthew 4:25-5:13
Wednesday	St. Ignatius, bishop and wonderworker of Rostov (1288)	Romans 1:18-27	Matthew 5:20-26
Thursday	Virgin-martyr Theodosia of Constantinople (730)	Romans 1:28-2:9	Matthew 5:27-32
Friday	Venerable Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery (383)	Romans 2:24-29	Matthew 5:33-41
Saturday	Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.)	Romans 1:7-12	Matthew 5:42-48

A FAST FREE WEEK * Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and feast (in moderation) as they did!

June 14 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of All Saints

9:15 – 3rd Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy Tone 8 Liturgical Color: **Green**

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33,37-38,19:27-30

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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!

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This Bulletin Is Offered:

In honor of our
2020 graduates!
May God grant them
many and blessed years!
Mnohaya i blahaya l'ita!

A LONG AWAITED REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT

Church Is Open – Following His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory's guidelines along with our Parish Council and Pittsburgh going green:

- ✓ Sunday Divine Liturgy Services **ARE OPEN** With A **HIGHER** Limit. **OUR LIMIT IS TECHNICALLY OVER 100, BUT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL ARE COMFORTABLE.**
- ✓ For Now, "Reservations" Can Be Made By Contacting Father Between Monday And Friday At NOON Via A Phone Call Or Text Message To 412-748-0148. (Do not email for this.) Father will send out a confirmation email on Friday.
- ✓ If You Are Not Comfortable At This Time To Return To Church, We Understand But Please Let Father Know.
- ✓ A Facemask must be worn in the church.

- ✓ 6-feet distancing will be maintained (Certain pews are roped off, markings on the floor, etc...)
- ✓ Veneration of icons and the Holy Cross needs to be done with a reverent bow. (No kissing or touching)
- ✓ Candles should be lit with a lighter that you bring from home. (It is a pious Orthodox tradition to say your prayer (intention) when lighting your candle for the living and your candle for the departed.)
- ✓ For the time being, we will only have Sunday morning services.

Our approach is fluid in that we are flexible to adjusting things as they are needed. Please also continue to pray along with the cathedral services when it is not your week. Through God's strength and guidance we will get through this together!

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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 Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration. **This year we will NOT be collecting physical donations for the monastery.** We ask that you make an additional

offering by the end of the month for this outreach effort. For those unable to come to church yet, there is a Community Outreach envelope in our boxes that can be sent to Tim Martin (see below for his address). *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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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: Acts 2: 1– 11

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Par’tians and Medes and E’lamites and residents of Mesopota’mia, Judea and Cappado’cia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phryg’ia and Pamphyl’ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre’ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

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Gospel: John 7: 37– 52; 8: 12

Rivers of Living Water

37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. 38 He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow

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rivers of living water.” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Division among the People

40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This is really the prophet.” 41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?” 42 Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The Unbelief of Those in Authority

45 The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?” 46 The officers answered, “No man ever spoke like this man!” 47 The Pharisees answered them, “Are you led astray, you also?” 48 Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed.” 50 Nicode’mus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 “Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?” 52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee.”

Jesus the Light of the World

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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Wearing Your Mask – Here are reminders about WHY we are wearing a mask and HOW to wear it:

Covid-19 Carrier

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Contagion Probability
%70

Covid-19 Carrier

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Contagion Probability
%5

Covid-19 Carrier

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Contagion Probability
%1.5

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Coronavirus

How To Properly Wear A Face Mask

Last updated: April 24

DON'T
wear your mask below your nose

DON'T
wear your mask low on your nose

DON'T
leave your chin exposed

DON'T
wear your mask hang loosely with gaps around your face

DON'T
let your mask hang under your chin or temporarily remove it in public

DO
wear your mask up to the top of your nose and under your chin; snug and without gaps

Source: San Francisco Department of Public Health

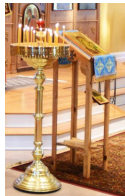
(In case the print is too small...)
Please wear your mask up to the top of your nose and under your chin, snug, and without gaps.
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Having flu-like symptoms? PLEASE KEEP FR. DAVE POSTED OF ANY ILLNESSES SO TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST!
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Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Joanne Nelson; Shuster Family; Viola Peifer; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Olga Radick; Eleanor Sanger; Mirilovich Family; Cindy Pavilonis; 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

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by Theresa Sharpless, In Memory of Mother, +Anna Buhonick. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Candles in Church – During this time of COVID-19, if you wish for Father to light your weekly candles, please text, email, or call him with your intentions (*for the living, departed, or other specific*) by Saturday evening. Your candle donation should be mailed to Tim Martin.

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Praying with online services from your domestic-church - Sunday Liturgies at St. John's are now celebrated with a 25-person limit. This comes from the Protocol from our Metropolitan. We will pray for our parish and the world. PLEASE watch services online! Here are the words of Fr. Matthew Dutko concerning watching services online:

- "Wake up at the normal time that you always do on a Sunday. If you have kids, wake them up. Shower, get dressed in your Sunday finest and gather together in front of a computer screen.

- Light a candle and burn some incense [if you do not have any, contact Fr. Dave who can recommend online sites to order from]. When the Liturgy begins, pray and sing as you always do.

- Even though you will be in your home-church, don't let the distractions of being in your own home get in the way. For that hour or so, you will be with your parish family in prayer. I know it's not the same, but we will still be praying to our Lord, all together, all at the same time; just like we always do."

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Cathedral Live-Broadcast - Our diocese is blessed with the opportunity to watch our Cathedral's Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9am (and other services). The best scenario is to attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Eucharist, but with these current limitations, please take the time Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and throughout the week to pray with our brothers and sisters via the live broadcast on the web. www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

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Instagram (SJB_Orthodox_Pittsburgh) – Our Parish now has an Instagram page! Father will post a picture before (or after) each service at the church.

"Can you look into someone's face and not see color, but see the image of God in which they were created? If we hope to come closer to each other in faith we cannot do it unless we prove that we are closer together in our hearts. And that means most of us have to change." - Archbishop Michael

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ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE

VIRTUAL Young Women's Encounter will be June 28 – July 1. Registration is now open at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eh0nmdms2d4de57a&llr=oblwu7zab>. The Retreat will be virtual this year, on Facebook, Zoom, and perhaps other platforms. However, this is still a time for our faithful young women ages 12 to 18 to join other young women from all over our Diocese for fun and fellowship!

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 235
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 126
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 788
Community Outreach:	\$ 125
Total Collections:	\$ 1274
Relocation Fund:	\$ 100

Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3

May Financial Report:

Donation Income = \$ 7767.44

***Expenses = \$ 7415.33**

Net Income = \$ 352.11

**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*

Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9

Weekly Offerings to God – During this time, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to:

Tim Martin
2225 McAleer Road
Sewickley, PA 15143

For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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Vestal Publishing, who prints our bulletin covers, has had to close down production for a few weeks due to Covid-19 situation (business related, not due to illness). Let us pray that this small Orthodox family run business in New Jersey will be able to get back to work in the near future!

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Weekly Bulletin Email – If you are not receiving the bulletin in an email at the beginning of each week, please email Father Dave at: fr.sleepless@gmail.com

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Third Hour to Return – As we are leaving Paschaltide (the time from Pascha to Pentecost), we will now return to having the Third Hour read or chanted prior to the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. If you wish to read or chant it, please let Fr. Dave know.

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COVID-19 Relief Fund – Archbishop Elpidophoros of America has established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to assist **individuals** who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please go to www.goarch.org/covid19relief to apply. If you would like to donate to the Relief Fund, please visit www.goarch.org/covid19/donate

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"20 seconds" of Prayer – Following the CDC recommendations, as you wash your hands, instead of singing your ABCs, pray! It takes roughly 20-seconds to pray The Lord's Prayer, sing pray Hail Mary (twice), sing You are truly deserving, or say the Jesus Prayer (5 times).

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY



✧ Please Continue to Pray (and wash your hands)
✧ Monday, June 15 – Saints Peter & Paul Fast Begins

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VIRTUAL Altar Boy Retreat will be June 28 – July 1. Registration is now open at www.acrod.org/news/2020-press/abr2020. The Retreat will be virtual this year, on Facebook, Zoom, and perhaps other platforms. However, this is still a time for our faithful Altar Servers to join other Altar Boys from all over our Diocese for fun and fellowship!

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48 Days Till VIRTUAL Camp! Camp Nazareth will be offering our campers a 2020 Summer Camp Experience in lieu of being able to be in-person at Camp. The Summer Camp Experience will offer each camper a personalized care package delivered to their home, the opportunity to get together online with their Camp Family and Friends, the ability to engage in “live” groups discussions and cabin time with their fellow campers, attend services, enjoy crafts and games, hear stories and sermons, watch videos, learn about our Faith, and much more. Just like a Summer Week AT Camp, the online 2020 CN Summer Camp Experience will have a variety of activities, will be full of surprises, and will be full of both faith in Christ and fun in Christ! The Experience for our campers will help them remember why their connection with Christ and with each other is so important. Pittsburgh Deanery will be from **July 26-July 31**. Register today at: www.campnazareth.org/summercamp/register-for-camp/ Registration runs until July 1

Visit Our Diocese On-Line

Anonymous Feelings of Gratitude:



Joanna Delaney, daughter of Dr. Liz Radomsky and Doug Delaney, graduated from Fox Chapel High School. She was in the National Honor Society and lettered in both volleyball and softball. Joanna will be attending Penn State University Main in the College of Health and Human Development majoring in Kinesiology.

Katie Jesko, daughter of Tony and Sheila Jesko, graduated with honors from Pine Richland High School. She was involved in the school theater and choir. Katie is going to attend Youngstown State University working towards a Bachelors of Science in Dental Hygiene.



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Third Discovery of the Venerable Head of the Holy Prophet, Fore-Runner and Baptist of the Lord John

Commemorated on June 7 / May 25

The Third Discovery of the Venerable Head of the Holy Prophet, Fore-Runner and Baptist of the Lord John occurred in about the year 850 (the account about the First and Second Discoveries is located under 24 February). During the time of unrest at Constantinople connected with the exile of Sainted John Chrysostom (Comm. 13 November), the head of Saint John the Fore-Runner was found in the city of Emesia. It was transferred from there during the time of Saracen raids (about 820-820) to Komana and there – during a

“Ask the Virgin Mary to intercede and calm the hearts that are stirred towards an unholy anger. There is a time for anger but it is often directed at people rather than the sin that upsets us, rather than the deceiver himself, Satan. Hearts around the world and currently our country are wounded and hurting for the suffering and marginalized. The Virgin knows of suffering and she knows of healing. She has seen the darkness in humanity even when the sun hid its rays and she has seen the brightness of an empty tomb and a truly new day. Ask for her intercession and do not give up your love or your hope.” *Praying with you*, - Fr. Jonathan Bannon

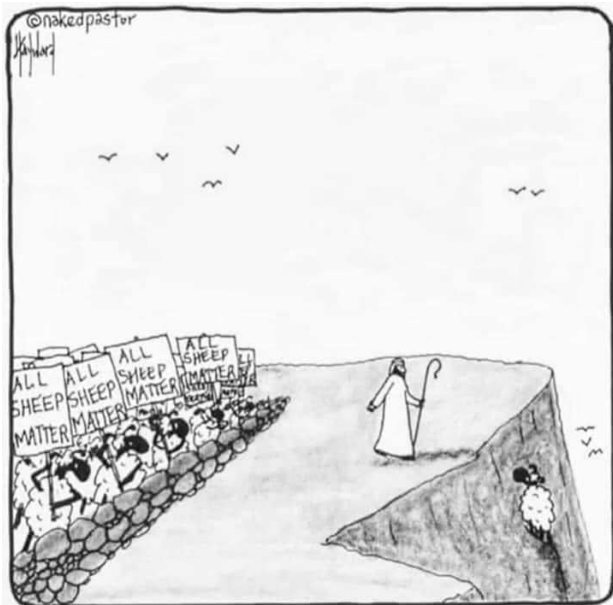
LIVING ORTHODOXY

Whose thoughts would not be raised to contemplate the supreme nature? He is called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, right Spirit, and willing Spirit. His first and most proper title is Holy Spirit, a name especially appropriate to everything which is incorporeal, purely immaterial, and

indivisible. That is why the Lord taught the Samaritan woman, who thought that God had to be worshiped in specific places (the Temple in Jerusalem), that “God is Spirit.” When we hear the word “spirit” (Holy Spirit) it is impossible for us to conceive of something that is subject to change or variation; but instead, we are compelled to direct our thoughts on high, and to think of an intelligent being, boundless in power, of unlimited greatness, generous in goodness, whom time cannot measure. All things thirsting for holiness turn to Him. He waters them with His Life-giving breath and helps them reach their proper fulfillment. He perfects all other things, and Himself lacks

nothing; He gives life to all things and is never depleted. He fills all things with His power, but only those who are worthy may share it. He is simple in being; His powers are manifold: They are wholly present everywhere and in everything.

"This is authentic Christian practice: We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies." +St. Justin the Martyr



The Evil of Racism: Racism has no place in the life of a Christian

It is important to understand that genetically, all humans are of but one race. Indians, Arabs, Jews, Caucasians, Africans, and Asians, are not different races, but rather, different ethnicities of the human race. God created all humans with the same physical characteristics, with only minor variations. Furthermore, He created all humans in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), and has invited all of us to enter into communion with Him.

A black man is just as much my brother as a fellow Scotsman like myself. In the Book of Acts we read that with the coming of the Holy Spirit, diverse expressions of languages were being spoken. And in Revelation we see a glimpse of eternity with men and women from every tongue, tribe, and nation making up the choir of eternal praise (Rev. 7:9). That the writers of Scripture took notice of ethnicity, and saw diversity as good, makes it impossible for the Christian to hold to thoughts of racial superiority, or separation of the races.

How can we hold to racist ideologies when even the Apostle John hinted at prejudice concerning Jesus, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth (John 1:46)?" How can we dare hold to racist opinions when the Lord Jesus Christ presented parables which even offended the religious leaders of His time? The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) and the story of the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) make it impossible for us to hold to ideas of ethnic superiority over different races. Even our Orthodox iconography intentionally reflects the full range of skin hues when painting a saint's face in order to stress the interconnectedness and blessedness of all races of humanity.

All forms of racism, prejudice, and discrimination are affronts to the work of Christ on the cross. Jesus Christ died that all men might be saved, be they Jews, Africans, Spanish, Norwegians, Asians, or whatever. In Christ we are united as One Body, and as humans we are all of one race. Ethnicity should mean nothing for the Christian, and our parishes should demonstrate the truth of the ethnic diversity of the Kingdom of God. If we hold to racist beliefs we only demonstrate how far we have distanced ourselves from the teachings of Our Lord. Can a Christian be a racist? The answer is an emphatic NO!

So, how do we end racism in America? We do so by acknowledging the racism that resides in ourselves, and by making a concerted effort to root it out. Saint Seraphim of Sarov told us that change begins with me, and that when I acquire inner peace, thousands around me will be saved.

I am reminded of the time I was one of the speakers at a large rally in downtown Seattle, commemorating the Armenian Holocaust, the systematic mass murder and expulsion of 1.5 million ethnic Armenians carried out in Turkey and adjoining regions by the Ottoman government between 1914 and 1923. After parking my vehicle, I was walking toward Pacific Plaza for the rally when I came face to face with three young black men. Knowing they likely were thinking this old white man was wishing he was walking on the other side of the street, I proclaimed in a loud voice, "isn't this a beautiful day?"

They all smiled broadly, and one asked what I was, as he gestured toward my black robe. "Why, I'm a Seahawks fan", I proclaimed, at which they all burst into laughter and rushed forward to give me a hug. As I continued walking toward the rally, I had a great big smile on my face, for I felt like they were all three my grandchildren, and I felt a great deal of love for them.

Each of us are given so many opportunities to demonstrate our oneness with black people, and when we acknowledge they, as a race, are coming out of 500 years where they've experienced fear and racism emanating from we white people, we will know the importance of reaching out to them with love and respect. Change begins with me, and as a Christian, it is my duty, and certainly my calling, to love everyone I meet as Christ.

With love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon

“This is authentic Christian practice: We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies.” +St. Justin the Martyr

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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions & 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... Dennis, Thomas, Anthony, Fr. George Livanos, Julia, Theresa, Lynn, Fr. Michael Rustick, Ella, Lexi, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Pañi Marie, Sonja, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...*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, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, 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 Outreaches ...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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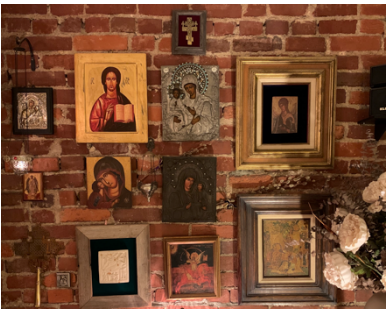
Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):

(please contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Justin Winkler (6/7), Gina Mercurio (6/8), Christina (Brancho) Chow (6/12), Makaela Kirish (6/12), Fr. Nicholas Mihaly (6/13) ...*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 Mnohaya I Blahaya 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 Our Graduates... Joanna Delaney and Katie Jesko...*may they be guided in His Light and God's Will all the days of their lives.*

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

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Anniversary Prayers for... Dustin & Caitlin Brozell (6/1), Adam & Jean Zak (6/2), Stephen & Jennifer Brancho (6/6), Sharon & Scott Robinson (6/6) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Pregnant Mothers... Faith (June), Mallory Ann (July) ...*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... +Michael Psenechnuk, the priest (6/6), +Carol (5/27), +Kimberly Young (5/17), Pañi +Patsy Joseph (5/14), +George Hutnyan, the Priest (5/12), and those who have passed from the coronavirus ...*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.

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Return to Kneeling in Prayer – At the Vespers service Sunday evening on Pentecost, the kneeling prayers are recited. *(We started them this morning after the Divine Liturgy.)* The Orthodox community now returns to kneeling in prayer *(except on Sundays)* and reciting *O Heavenly King.*

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O Heavenly King (Carju Nebesnyj)

O heavenly King, the Comforter; the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and dwell within us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls, O blessed One. Amen.

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A prayer for our Neighborhoods by Archbishop Demetrios of America

I pray to you, God, for the families of my neighborhood. Visit them. Throw their troubles out of them and bring hope. Make the daily cares that devour the heart disappear. Present solutions to life's problems. Settle the disturbed relationships among members of different families whom I know or do not know. O Lord, remind the people of our area that You exist, that You are a strong and loving Protector. Keep away, Lord, anything that causes the disappearance of peace from souls, and the escape of sleep from our eyes. Stay a little while more tonight in our neighborhood. Spread peace along with the night. Let the harshness of the day and its struggles not spread over the night. Amen.