



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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FEAST OF FEASTS!

MAY 2nd

NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with
 "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

& say it before
 good morning and goodnight!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Christ Is Risen!

(responded with: Indeed, He Is Risen!)

Christos Voskrese! (Voistinu Voskrese!)

We are happy that you have joined us today! 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 again soon! If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

BULLETIN IS OFFERED:

For The Health Of The
 Ramich Family.

May God grant them
 Many Years!

Dearest Family of St. John's,

Christ is risen! *(Indeed He is risen!)*

It is hard to fathom that last year at this time we were held from the Church. This year, at this time, things seem to be opening back up again. Glory to God! May this and the joy of Christ's resurrection enlighten our mind, heart, and soul and encourage us every day! Have a blessed

Bright Week & Paschal season! Hristos a înviat! *(Adevărat a înviat!)*

With Love, Maria, Sophia, Pañi Alexandra, and Father Dave

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

PASCHA – THE FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 2, 2021

9:00 am Resurrection Matins

~9:30 am Paschal Divine Liturgy

Blessing of Baskets *(upstairs in the church)*

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A FAST FREE Week:

*Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Feast
 (in moderation) as they did!*

**There is No Kneeling in Prayer
 for 50 Days and**

omit "O Heavenly King" from your prayers



CHRIST IS RISEN!

*Christ is Risen From The Dead, Trampling
 Down Death By Death and To Those In The
 Tombs Bestowing Life!*

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

PASCHAL COMMEMORATIONS

(remembered at Proskomedie [the Preparation Prayers for the Divine Liturgy])

ProceSSIONal Candles In Memory Of +Clifford Enslen, Sr.

Incense For Censer For Health Of The Pavilonis, Neimer, & Knoll Families

Charcoal For Censer (Kadilo) In Memory Of The Departed From Our Parish

Vesperal Loaves In Memory Of +Mary Gaydos Daniella

Priest's Triple Paschal Candle In Memory Of +Milan & +Helene Vukas

Eucharistic Bread (Prosphoran) For The Health Of Our Parish Family

Sacramental Wine In Memory Of +John & +Helen Kailyar

2 Altar Candelabras In Memory Of +Nicholas & +Anna Buhonick

6 Decorated Candles On Altar In Memory Of +Laurence & +Anastasia Martin

2 Decorated Candles On Altar For The Health Of The Shelpman Family

Bouquet Of Altar Flowers In Memory Of +Peter & +Katherine Silon

Bouquet Of Altar Flowers In Memory Of Departed From The Mirilovich And Kuneman Families

2 Candles On Preparation Table In Memory Of Departed From The Hudak Family

4 Candles In Front Of Iconostasis In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

2 Decorated Candles On Tetrapod In Memory Of +Olga Radick

2 Bouquets Of Flowers On Tetrapod In Memory Of +Jack & +Viola Peifer

Festive Oil In Memory Of +Catherine Gaydos

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BRIGHT MONDAY, MAY 3

9:30am Paschal Liturgy with Gospel
 procession

BRIGHT THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30am Paschal Liturgy on the Feast of
 St. George

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ST. THOMAS SUNDAY, MAY 9

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Liturgical Color: **White**

Breaking of the Artos Bread

Panachida prior to blessing of graves



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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wed.)

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Cemetery Grave Blessings –

We will begin blessing graves this year on **Sunday, May 9th**. We will celebrate a Panachida at Church and then head to the cemeteries. *** *If your loved ones are not at one of the two nearby cemeteries, please schedule a time with Fr. Dave to meet before the Feast of Ascension.*

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Calling All Graduates – Please notify Fr. Dave of your graduation information by **May 31**.

High School Students: *your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, and where you will attend in the Fall with your intended major in college (or undecided at this time)*

Trade School, College, Graduate and Post-Graduate Students: *where you went, your field of study, and degree you will earn.*

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PASCHAL GREETING:

(use instead of 'hello',
before 'good morning', etc.)

Christ is risen!

(responded with: **Indeed He is risen!**)

Monday's Spiritual Vitamin:

"He who has the Kingdom of God in himself will imperceptibly pass it on to others. People will be attracted by the peace and warmth in us; they will want to be near us, and the atmosphere of heaven will gradually pass on to them. It is not even necessary to speak to people about this. The atmosphere of heaven will radiate from us even when we keep silence or talk about ordinary things. It will radiate from us even though we may not be aware of it."

Elder Thaddeus (Strabulovich) of Vitovnica
from *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*

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Live-Broadcast – If you are unable to make it to church on Sunday morning, please pray along with our Cathedral's services online at **9:00 am**.

www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/

The best scenario is to attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Eucharist, but in the current scenario, please take the time Sunday morning to pray via the *live broadcast* on the web. Their bulletin has the schedule of weekday services to be broadcast.

www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/bulletins/

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship:	\$ 315
Candles/Eternal Lamp Offerings:	\$ 170
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 1285
Community Outreach:	\$ 300

Total Collections: **\$ 2070**

Capital Improvement Fund: **\$ 20**

Relocation: **\$ 285**

We must give in trust that God will use it to produce fruit: "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your sowing (resources) and increase the harvest of your righteousness (benevolence)." - 2 Cor. 9:10

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Shuster Family; Peggy Rusnak; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Matthew Peifer; Mary Jane Hudak; Pañi Branco; Eleanor Sanger; Mirilovich Family; Michael Puhac; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis

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**"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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The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by Mathew Peifer, In Memory of Mother, +Viola Peifer. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

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Weekly Offerings to God – During this time, if you are not yet coming to the church, we request that weekly donations be mailed to Tim Martin (2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143)



On-Line Giving is now available from our parish website! The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2nd best is to mail it in). Now you can also donate from your home and set up a recurring donation to the:

- ✕ General Stewardship Fund,
- ✕ Capital Improvement Fund, or
- ✕ Relocation Fund.

If you miss coming to church for a week, this allows you another option to "catch up" on your weekly stewardship. For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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Relocation Update – We continue to look for property in the 79 corridor. As we do this, we THANK YOU for your generosity in donating to our Relocation Fund as we look to our future and growing Orthodoxy in the Pittsburgh region! Thank you for your vision in making offerings to this account on a weekly or periodic basis. If you have not contributed to this account and would like to, please designate an additional offering for the "relocation fund" on your envelope (brought to the church, mailed to Tim, or given online) or tell the curator when you get to the church and give your weekly offering. Again, thank you for your generosity and vision!!!

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*Paschal Greeting in Church Slavonic:
Christos voskrese! (Voistinu voskrese!)
If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with,
translate & respond in English
(then learn the response)*

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LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY

- ✕ **Thursday 5/13** 9:30am Morning Moleben
- ✕ **Tuesday, 5/18** 7:00 pm Akathist to the Inexhaustible Cup
- ✕ **Thursday 5/20** 9:30am Morning Moleben

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Garden Blessing – Speaking of looking ahead – plan to have your garden blessed! (*The format of the blessing is similar to our annual home blessing.*) Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

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LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD



Some 2021 dates of interest:

- ??? ?? – Graduate Sunday
- May 26 – Feast of Mid-Pentecost
- Jun. 10 – Feast of Ascension
- Jun. 5 – 5th All Soul Saturday (***Date Change**)
- Jun. 20 – Feast of Pentecost
- Jun. 21 – Pentecost Monday (Gospel Procession)
- Jun. 20-26 – Fast Free Week
- Jun. 28– Apostles' Fast begins
- Jul. 7 – Feast of the Nativity of St John
- Jul. 12 – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
- Jul. 18 – Church Picnic at "The Cabin" in North Park
- Aug. 1-6 – Pittsburgh Deanery Week at CN
- Aug. 1 – Annual Blessing of Vehicles
- Aug. 2 – Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias
- **Aug. 14** – Dormition Fast Begins, the Lesser Blessing of Water, & **Home Blessings begin**
- Aug. 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration
- Aug. 22 – Blessing of Fruit and Vegetables
- Aug. 28 – Feast of the Dormition
- Aug. 29 – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs

Please, Save the Dates!

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THANKA YOU! to everyone who shared their stewardship of time, talents, and treasures to make the church a beautiful place to be for the Feast of Feasts, Pascha! From those who got the pussy willows ready, to landscaping around the church, to preparing and decorating the grave for Good Friday:
You Are All Appreciated!! Christos Voskrese!
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**ORTHODOXY AROUND THE ‘BURGH
AND OUR DIOCESE**

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May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA needs your input! Please take the **Orthodox Mental Health Needs Assessment Survey**, designed by experts on the Mental Health Task Force, takes only 15 minutes and consists of approximately 30 questions. All information you provide is completely anonymous, and the aggregate data will help the Task Force better understand the mental health needs and experiences of the faithful in order to develop resources and programs for enhanced ministry in our communities. Please take the survey and encourage others in your community to take it as well. Scan the QR code or visit:



<https://www.assemblyofbishops.org/ministries/mental-health-task-force/mental-health-needs-assessment-survey>
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2021 at Camp Nazareth – Pre-registration has begun for this summer’s camping session (and ends at the end of April)! The Pittsburgh week will run **Sunday to Friday, August 1-6**. If you have not received an email from Fr. Dave with registration links and information, please contact him ASAP.

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SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry - The 6th Edition of SPF50 is available! The NEW reading program highlights many **ESSENTIAL Biblical Stories**

like Creation, Noah and the Ark, the Exodus, the call of the Prophet Samuel, and many others throughout the Old and New Testaments. *(If you are already participating, please contact Fr. Dave.)* If you did not start with us last year, consider joining now! Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. *(Please contact Fr Dave to fill out the Commitment Card.)* Visit the Diocesan SPF50 web page at www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50 to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home.
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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE
Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddiocese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
YouTube: youtube.com/acroddiocese
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Paschal Greeting in Greek:
Khristós anésti! (Alithós anésti!)
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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8
The Promise of the Holy Spirit
1 In the first book, O The-oph’ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, ⁵for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus
⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar’ia and to the end of the earth.”
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Gospel: John 1:1-17
The Word Became Flesh
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God; ³all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. ⁹The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. ¹¹He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. ¹⁵(John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Paschal Greeting in Romanian:
Hristos a înviat! (Adevărat a înviat!)

Tuesday’s Spiritual Vitamin:
“What is most important on the holy day of Pascha is our Communion with the Risen Christ, which is principally manifest in the reception of the Holy Mysteries at the holy service, and for which we repeatedly pray in the services of Great Lent.” +St. John the Wonderworker
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LIVING ORTHODOXY

**Pandemic Ponderings:
Pascha — One Year Later**
*by Mother Christophora [Matychak]
April 23, 2021*
During the pandemic, I have often heard people refer to this as “a crazy time.” Or they say that we are living in “a crazy world” now. Others refer to the pandemic in general as “all this craziness.” I have never felt comfortable with that word or description. I wanted to say that this is *not* a crazy time. The world God created is lovely and beautiful—not crazy. Maybe we are crazy. Maybe our society was already crazy before the pandemic. But I don’t think that any perceived craziness will simply go away when the pandemic becomes history. I did a search of the Bible for the word “crazy,” and it does not appear, not even once. Then I thought: Perhaps the word “mad” is used in Scripture. So I searched that word and found it only seven times in the whole Bible. Almost always, the word “mad” referred to a person, not to the world or society. One interesting exception can be found during the destruction of Babylon in Jeremiah 51:6–7, which reads:
“Flee from the midst of Babylon;
let every one save his life!
Be not cut off in her punishment,
for this is the time of the LORD’s vengeance,
the repayment he is rendering her.
Babylon was a golden cup in the LORD’s hand,
making all the earth drunken;
the nations drank of her wine;
therefore the nations went mad.”

If people see our time, this pandemic time, as a crazy time, what do they actually mean? Is it because we can't just go here and there, Anytime, Any place, Anywhere? Is it because we feel that "They" have taken away "Our human rights" (If we even ever had them), Because we can't gather in groups, Or because we are required to wear masks? Is it because plans have been curtailed, Dreams shattered, And events canceled? Is it a crazy time because our financial resources Have weakened, Or dried up, And "secure" jobs have been lost? Is it because people died Without saying goodbye, Without loved ones being near, Without proper funerals and burials? Is it because even strong and healthy ones Got sick, Weakened by this unseen enemy? Is it because we can't visit family and friends, Hug our grandkids, Gather for graduations, celebrations, and marriages? Is it crazy because schools were closed, Bands practiced on split-screen, Clubs met online, And doctors diagnosed over video chat? Is it crazy because churches were shuttered, Services were canceled or streamed, Communion became virtual, rather than physical, And monasteries locked their gates? Indeed, we have **much** to grieve, Much to regret, Much to heal. And much to fulfill, and refill. Yet, we discovered the Lord was not in the wind. He was not in the earthquake. He was not in the fire. But He came, a still small voice. He came to each one of us, In our own quiet solitude, In our social isolation, In the inner chamber of our hearts, In our rooms, once we had shut the door. Last year it was there, Where we were forced to flee, Where we met Christ, When we followed Him in our own painful isolation, And the abandonment of Holy Friday; Where we came to search for Him In the oh, so very empty tomb, Of our own hearts that Pascha night of the Pandemic. But never were we separated from Christ; No matter how lonely we were, No matter how

empty the tomb of our hearts, And the nave of our churches. Yes, in the long, endless, isolated hours of Holy Week, And behind those locked doors of Pascha night, It was Christ Who came to us! It was Christ with Whom we broke bread that night. And it was Christ Who said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you!" And eight days later, When Thomas demanded the physical proofs— To touch with his hands, to see with his eyes— Jesus asked, "Have you believed Because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe!" As others walked and discussed All that had happened in those days, He, Jesus, walked with them. He listened to their grief. He felt their trauma. It was He Who broke the bread and opened their eyes, So that their hearts burned! A crazy world? No. Not with the Lord. He asks us, "Have you anything to eat?" Yes, we have seen, and we have tasted, How good the Lord is! We are not alone. We have not been alone! He has opened our eyes to see His face. He is among us, in us, and with us. Yes, indeed, Christ is among us! *He is and ever shall be!* And let us follow Him again this year, On whatever road He leads, And whatever path He demands. As in each year that has already passed, Let us follow Him, To His Passion, and to His Holy Third-day Resurrection! "And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!" **Christ is Risen!**

Wednesday's Spiritual Vitamin:
"It is a trick of the demons to make us believe that we can only pray when external circumstances are favorable. We must pray all of the time." +Elder Sergei of Vanves

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Holy Martyrs Christopher, Theon and Antoninus
Commemorated on May 2 / April 19
The Holy Martyrs Christopher, Theon and Antoninus were spearmen-soldiers of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They were present at the sufferings of the GreatMartyr George (Comm. 23 April), they beheld the miracles accomplished by the power of God, and they witnessed the faith and unshakable courage of Saint George. The soldiers came to believe in the Saviour, threw down their golden military belts and afront of the emperor declared themselves Christians. They were immediately thrown into prison. The next day the emperor began to urge the former soldiers to renounce Christ, but they firmly confessed their faith and glorified the Saviour as the True God. The emperor gave orders to beat the martyrs with iron rods and to lacerate their bodies with hooks. The holy martyrs endured all the torments and remained unyielding. Then Diocletian gave orders to burn them. The martyr's death of Saints Christopher, Theon and Antoninus occurred in the year 303.

Thursday's Spiritual Vitamin:
How to overcome sadness?
"Do you feel sad? Something as simple as pressing your head against an icon will make you feel consoled. Let your room be like a small church with the icons that you like. Be assured that you will always find consolation there."
St Paisios the Athonite

Paschal Greeting in Spanish:
¡Cristo ha resucitado!
(¡En verdad ha resucitado!)

Paschal Greeting in Italian:
Cristo è risorto! (È veramente risorto!)

Friday's Spiritual Vitamin:
"What is it that the God-man gives to man which no one else is capable of giving? It is victory over death, over sin, and over the devil, Eternal Life, Eternal Truth, Eternal Justice, Eternal Virtue, Eternal Love, Eternal Joy: the entire fullness of the Godhead and of Divine Perfection."
St. Justin Popovich

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father is available to meet Monday thru Friday between 9:30am and 4:00pm or by appointment.
Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.
Phone Tree – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.
Emergency Sick Calls – Please notify Fr Dave when you or a family member are going into the hospital or having a procedure so he can pray with you and you may receive the Anointing to be fully prepared.
Mystery of Confession – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

Holy Communion/Eucharist – The reception of the Holy Eucharist is encouraged for all Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves, with fasting from midnight on, regular Confession, and forgiveness for all people. Those who are not Orthodox may receive a *blessing* from the chalice.
Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

Baptisms – Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith (and the other a practicing Christian). In the case of infants, the newly-baptized must have one name that is Christian in origin. Parents/grandparents/guardians must also promise to bring the child up in an Orthodox Christian way of life. Please consult Father for more details.

Adult Chrismation – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

Marriages – are only solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. They are not performed during fasting periods and certain Feast Days. Please consult Father ASAP for more details (before arrangements are made for the hall).

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica
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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for
Special Intentions and Other Needs
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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... Isaiah, Thomas, Fr Michael, Gary, Sandra, Joanne, Michael, Jerrod, Pamela, Barbara, John, Mary Jane M., Dale, Brian, Kristina, Fr. George L., Douglas, Sean, Julia, Susan, John, 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, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Elizabeth, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Daniel, Dylan, Thomas, and Nicholas *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Lawrence, Matthew, 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):
Robert Fall - St Robert, Abbot of Blois (5/8)
Mark Tongel - St. Mark the Evangelist (5/8)
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)
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Birthday Prayers for... Anna Dzadony (5/3), Fr Matthew Stagon (5/4), Donald Bodnar (5/6), Apryle Horbal (5/6), Fr Thomas Soroka (5/6), Ethan Gogal (5/7) ...*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!*
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For our Catechumens & Inquirers...
Susan, Marilyn, John ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*
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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzadoovsky and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*
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For those preparing for Marriage...
Lexi & Patrick, Lauren & Corey, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*
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Anniversary Prayers for...
Father's Godparents, Dick & Andrea Babbie (5/7), *Father's Best Man*, Joseph & Sarah Lavra (5/7) ...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*
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For Pregnant Mothers... Carley (*due in July*), Lindsay (*July*), Pañi Davina (*September*) ...*through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.*
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For the souls of the newly departed... +Viola Peifer (4/20), +Levar Green (4/15), +Joseph Dzadony (4/6), +Anthony Dranginis (3/31), +John Cochran (3/25), 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*
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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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Paschal Greeting in Arabic:
El Messieh kahm! (*Hakken kahm!*)

Saturday's Spiritual Vitamin:
“Our Orthodoxy is a little island in the midst of a world which operates on totally different principles – and every day these principles are changing for the worse, making us more and more alienated from it. Many people are tempted to divide their lives into two sharply distinct categories: the daily life we lead at work, with worldly friends, in our worldly business, and Orthodoxy, which we live on Sundays and at other times in the week when we have time for it. But the world-view of such a person, if you look at it closely, is often a strange combination of Christian values and worldly values, which really do not mix... Orthodoxy is life. If we don't live Orthodoxy, we simply are not Orthodox, no matter what formal beliefs we might hold.”
Fr. Seraphim Rose
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Paschal Greeting in Swahili:
Kristo amefufukka! (*Kweli amefufukka!*)
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DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life!

The angel exclaimed to her, “Full of Grace, Rejoice O pure Virgin. Again I say Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb, and He has raised all the dead. Let all people rejoice!”

O shine, O shine, O new Jerusalem; for the Glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, sing with joy and rejoice. And you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.