



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

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SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

please wear masks as we follow the CDC guidelines

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12th Sunday after Pentecost
 Leave-taking of the Feast of the Beheading
 St. Fiace the Gardener of Brogillum (670)
 Godparent Sunday
 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
 Panachida for +Derek Christopher Anton (48-yr);
 +Thomas Yawkey, the Deacon (40-day)

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

ECCLESIASTICAL (LITURGICAL) NEW YEAR
 9:30 am Moleben for the New Year

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost
 Martyrs Makarios and Companions
 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42
 Tone 4; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
 Panachida for +Anastasia Martin (10-yr)
 Yearly Meeting following Coffee Social

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Future Services are listed on our online "Parish Calendar" which is continually updated at:

www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar

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

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



BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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2021 Home Blessings – After our recent Lesser Blessing of Water, our annual Home Blessings began! Please see Fr. Dave when he has his calendar (a.k.a. his phone) or email him today to schedule your Home Blessing.

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SJB Yearly Parish Meeting will be on **Sunday, September 19th** following the Divine Liturgy. **New Proposals** for the Meeting need to be submitted to *Larry Martin* or *Matt Peifer*. All proposals are much appreciated! This is the **3rd Official Notice**.

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Coat Drive – Do you have a clean coat or two that you have not worn since before our last coat drive but it is still in good condition? We are now collecting clean coats and jackets to donate to the Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP) [Formerly *FOCUS Pittsburgh* (who provide **Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter** to those who are in need)]. Please place your clean coat(s) on the coat rack in the hall

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Parish Council Meeting Highlights:

Church School – Our program will start October 3. We are still looking for additional teachers to complete the program. Please contact Fr. Dave or a Parish Council Member if you are interested. We will begin at the beginning of October.

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Turkey Bingo – We are tentatively scheduled to have the Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 21 at 3pm.

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! 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.

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Relocation – We are still looking forward with the vision of moving our parish. Thoughts on property and community outreach in the northern corridor should be shared with Sharon Peifer, Larry Martin, or Fr. Dave.

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Custodial Assistance – To modify the custodial needs around the church, we are going to look into having quarterly "maintenance days" (rather than only in December and prior to Holy Week). Additional stewards are needed to help around the church (*such as the kitchen, bathrooms, the hall, etc*). Please contact Larry Martin (412-996-6938) to offer your time or if you have a suggestion.

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Maintenance Help – Speaking of maintenance days... if anyone is able to help repair the fence on Woodland or a leaking flat roof above the sacristy, please let us know

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90th Anniversary - We will have a celebration at the beginning of October 2022 for our 90th Anniversary

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Pgh Deanery Clergy Meeting Highlights:

Pittsburgh Icon Procession - On **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, at approximately **Noon**, area clergy and faithful will take up icons from the meeting spot in Station Square and process across the Smithfield Street Bridge to 6th Avenue where a prayer service will be conducted by local clergy at Mellon Square Park. Some of the icons to be used are from the *Wrestling With Angels* museum exhibition. The loan of these icons is made possible by Icons for America, a ministry that provides for the loan, transportation,

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In Memory of
 +Dorothy and +Anthony Horbal

May they eternally be remembered
 in God's Memory!

Eternal Memory!

and insurance of the forty-five icons in the *Wrestling With Angels* permanent collection. **All are welcome** to participate in the procession and attend the prayer service, which will have petitions for the peace of our cities and towns and for all those affected by the pandemic. *A similar procession was held by a couple parishes in March and was very successful.*

For details visit the Wrestling With Angels Icons www.wrestlingwithangels-icons.com/calendar-events Web site. Inquiries or requests for interviews can be directed to Fr. Michael Sochka, Icons for America Secretary (267-736-9454 / msochka@gmail.com) or to Mrs. Lynette Hull, Icons for America President (609-651-0807 / k2togusa@mac.com).

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The 3rd Pittsburgh Deanery Family Picnic will be held on **Sunday, October 3rd** in Schenley Park at the Veterans Pavilion (10345 Overlook Dr., Pittsburgh, PA) from Noon (after church) to Dusk. A food sign-up sheet is in the hall for pot-luck items that will be brought to the picnic. We will open with prayers at 12:30 and have live music at 2:00. Plan to come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with our brothers and sisters from our sister Deanery Parishes. Get together with old friends and family! Make new friends! Come enjoy God's creation in one of the best parks in Pittsburgh!

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Diocesan Parenting Workshop Series: "Raising Believing Children"

at St. John's Church, East Pittsburgh
Saturday, October 16, 2021

The Workshop is designed to help parents learn more about the "craft" of parenting and help them raise their children in the Faith. The Workshops focus on the ways parents can help their children stay faithful



to Christ and His Church. The schedule includes presentations by Metropolitan Gregory and Fr. Stephen Loposky, moderated small group discussions, Q&A Sessions, and lunch. The Workshop is specifically for parents (of any age), but all are welcome to attend. In addition, the Workshop has a component for children ages 5-18 which includes its own curriculum and set of activities (focusing on the Story of Noah). To register for the Workshop, please visit the Parenting Workshop page on www.acrod.org. Also, please let Fr Dave know by **October 1st** if you are interested. *The Series of Parenting Workshops began in 2019, continued in online form in 2020, and are now beginning again. The Parenting Workshops are an exciting and important endeavor. We know our parents and children face challenges in their lives of faith. His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory invites you to join him in support of our parents as our Diocese continues this initiative to help them in their parental vocation.*

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Fall Festival – St. Nicholas in Homestead will have their Fall Festival October 22-23 with take-out only this year.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD	
Stewardship:	\$ 46
Candles/Eternal Lamp Stewardship:	\$ 135
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 612
Total Collections:	\$ 793
Relocation Fund:	\$ 0
<i>In faith that God provides:</i>	
“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’” – 2 Cor. 9:8-9	

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Eleanor Sanger; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavidonis; Andrea Urban

“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

August Financial Report:
General Stewardship = \$ 6166.72
(includes \$ 215.62 from online stewardship)
***Expenses = \$ 5081.43**
Net Surplus = \$ 1085.29
**details listed on the church hall bulletin board*
Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 27

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.

ORTHODOXY AROUND THE ‘BURGH AND OUR DIOCESE

please see the notes in the previous section

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

Spiritual Vitamin:
“The chief thing is faith, or the spiritual vision of the Lord and the hope of receiving everything from Him, as the Most-merciful, the Most-true. This is the truth! This is from experience!”
Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
The Resurrection of Christ
15 Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, ²by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.
³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26
The Rich Young Man
¹⁶And behold, one came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” ¹⁷And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” ¹⁸He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁰The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” ²¹Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.
²³And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.
²⁴Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the

eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

LIVES OF THE SAINTS

St. Fiacre the Gardener of Brogillum (670)
Though not mentioned in the earlier Irish calendars, Fiacre was born in Ireland at the end of the sixth century AD. He was raised in a monastery where he became a monk and imbibed knowledge of herbal medicine." Fiacre was ordained a priest at some point, and elevated to the rank of abbot. "In time he had his own hermitage and perhaps a monastery, possibly near St. Fiachra’s Well at Cill Fiachra, Ireland. As crowds flocked to him because of his reputation for his holiness and cures, he sailed to France in search of greater solitude. He arrived in Meaux, France in 628. Saint Faro, the Bishop of Meaux, was "well-disposed to him due to kindnesses he and his father’s house had received from the Irish missionary Columbanus," and so "granted him a site at Brogillum (Breuil), in the province of Brie" when Saint Fiacre approached him and manifested his desire to live a life of solitude in the forest. There Saint Fiacre built a hermitage for his dwelling, a vegetable and herb garden, an oratory in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a hospice in which he cared for travellers. He lived a life of great mortification devoted to prayer, fasting, keeping vigils, and manual cultivation of his garden. "His fame for miracles was widespread. He cured all manner of diseases by laying on his hands". He died on 18 August AD 670, and his body was interred in the local church of the site of his hermitage complex, which church became his original shrine.

Spiritual Vitamin:
“We should zealously cultivate watchfulness, my brethren; and when — our mind purified in Christ Jesus — we are exalted by the vision it confers, we should review our sins and our former life, so that shattered and humbled at the thought of them we may never lose the help of Jesus Christ our God in the invisible battle.”
+St. Hesychius

LIVING ORTHODOXY

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR

On this day, when the Jews celebrated the new summer, the Savior, came to Nazareth where He was brought up and entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day as was His custom, and read these words of the Prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed Me ... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4, 18:19). On the first of September 312 the Emperor Constantine the Great won a victory over Maxentius. After this Christians were granted complete freedom to confess their faith. In commemoration of these two events the fathers of the First Ecumenical Council decided to begin the New Year on September 14/1. In its hymns for this day the Holy Church prays "Creator and Fashioner of all things visible and invisible" "bless the crown of the year", "grant fruitful seasons and rains from heaven for those on earth", "bless our comings and goings, direct the works of our hands and grant us forgiveness of offences", "grant peace to Thy churches", "overthrow heresies", "protect our cities unbesieged, make glad our faithful Sovereigns by Thy power, giving them victories against enemies".

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Spiritual Vitamin:

“False thoughts in the matter of faith immediately reveal themselves; they kill the life of the heart, which is a sign that they proceed from a liar, a visionary, having the power of death—the Devil. True thoughts show their truth by deeds; they give life to the heart, a sign that they proceed from the life-giving Spirit of God, the Life itself, Who proceedeth from the Life—the Father—and resteth in the Life—the Son. “By their fruits ye shall know them.”
Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

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... Douglas, Alli, Casey, Maria, Christopher, John, Joanne, Barbara, Brian, Kristina, Sean, Julia, Susan, John, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, and Roberta ...*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... His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Gregory, Fr. Photios, Fr. Theodore, Deacon Charles, Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Eleanor, 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: Dylan, Thomas, Nicholas, and Aydin *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):

Cora Dzaiony - Martyr Coralia (9/14)
Penelope Maruscak - Martyr Penelope (9/14)
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Pañi Andrea Cochran (9/14), Pañi Daria Loposky (9/16), Cindy Morrison (9/17)
...*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, Marilynn, John
...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, & St. John Maximovitch.*

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

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Anniversary Prayers for... Barbara & Richard Gedid (9/17), Patricia & Louis Deluca (9/17)
...*May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!*

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For Pregnant Mothers... Meredith (*due in Dec*)
...*through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities... Thomas R. Dzaodovsky and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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For the souls of the newly departed... +John Urban (8/19), +Thomas Yawkey, the Deacon (8/6)
...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God's Memory.*

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. 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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Spiritual Vitamin:

“We do indeed affirm that the soul, when pure, perceives God's grace, tasting it in some ineffable manner; but no invisible reality appears to it in a visible form, since now 'we walk by faith, not by sight', as St Paul says (2 Cor. 5:7). If light or some fiery form should be seen by one pursuing the spiritual way, he should not on any account accept such a vision: it is an obvious deceit of the enemy.”
St. Diadochus

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

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.

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A Prayer for College Students

Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know. As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith. As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they conquer their fears. As they strive to find their place, we pray that they find You. Please go where we cannot, protect when we cannot, give strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home. Amen.

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A Prayer for our Diocesan Clergy

O Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of Your sheep, light the fire of ardent love in the hearts of all Your priests, that they may ever and in all things seek only Your glory. Remember especially, Lord, our Bishop *(name)*, and our spiritual father *(name)*, and all our diocesan clergy, who are laboring in Your vineyard for the salvation of all those whom You have entrusted to them. Make their lives as holy as the word they preach. Keep them from being discouraged. Hear their prayers for our salvation. Give them wisdom and courage to proclaim Your truth. Make them priests after Your own heart. For You are a merciful God Who loves us and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-giving- Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

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