



# 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, OCTOBER 10

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Martyr Callistratus of Carthage (304)  
 Panachida +Leona (Smoley) Hawke (1-year),  
 +Dorothy Horbal (7-yr), +Anthony Horbal (20-yr),  
 +Anne Shuster (8-yr), +Joseph Shuster (28-yr)  
 Church School Year Begins!

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

~~6:00 pm Feast Day Vespers~~ CANCELLED

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS  
 9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy at **ST. NICHOLAS**  
 (903 Ann Street, Homestead, PA 15120) with all  
 of the Deanery Clergy for *Pokrov*

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Hieromartyr Hierotheus, bishop of Athens (1st c.)  
 9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1  
 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36  
 Tone 8; Liturgical Color: **Gold**  
 Parish Council Blessing

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

[www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar](http://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/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/)

## BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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**LAST CALL for your 2021 Home Blessings** – Please see Fr. Dave or email him today to schedule your Home Blessing.

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**LAST CALL for our 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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**Fall Church Maintenance Day** will be on **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9AM to 12-Noon(ish). Please plan to share the stewardship of your time and talents!

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**SJB 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – We will celebrate with Metropolitan Gregory on **Sunday, October 9, 2022**. (Mark your digital calendars now)

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**Speaking With Your Priest** - Please know you can call me anytime if there is something troubling you. It is not a sign of weakness to share something that may be heavy on your heart or mind. As a priest and Father to our parish, I am here for you. Please call if you need someone to listen or to pray with you. Every heart has a cross and you do not need to carry it alone. Please also call if you have an idea for the growth of our parish. I am praying for you and am grateful for your prayers. With love in Christ, *Fr. Dave*

## 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.

## BULLETIN IS OFFERED:

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or In Memory of someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet in the church hall or by contacting Fr. Dave (email, text, or call). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

**Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale** - The booklets are in the church hall. Orders will be due by **November 8** and the candy will be delivered the week of **December 6**.

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship:	\$ 26
Candles/Eternal Lamp Stewardship:	\$ 112
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 332
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 70</b>

*In faith that God provides:*

"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

## September Financial Report:

**General Stewardship = \$ 4600.18**

*(includes \$ 157.08 from online stewardship)*

**\*Expenses = \$ 4348.04**

**Net Income = \$ 252.14**

*\*details listed on the church hall bulletin board*

**Average at Sunday Divine Liturgies: 27**

**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Nelson Family; Tim Martin; Lawrence Martin; Melanie Shuster; Eleanor Sanger; Cindy Pavilonis; Patty Watson

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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

**The Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Melanie Paieski, in memory of her mother, +Catherine; and Matthew Peifer in memory of his parents, +Jack and +Viola Peifer. May Their 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Spiritual Vitamin:*

"Our life depends on the kind of thoughts we nurture. If our thoughts are peaceful, calm, meek, and kind, then that is what our life is like."

*+Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica*

"If we have a pure conscience and a wise thinking, our life is filled with light. But if human reason or discernment is darkened by selfish passions and unclean thoughts, then human life on earth becomes a dark existence."

*- Patriarch Daniel of Romania*

## ORTHODOXY AROUND THE 'BURGH AND OUR DIOCESE

**“LGBTQ+ and the Orthodox Church”** – On **Thursday, October 14**, as part of the “Light From The Church On The Hill Lecture Series”, St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (601 Boone Ave., Canonsburg, PA) will offer Vespers and Refreshments at 6pm followed by the Lecture at 7pm. More information can be found at [www.Frunner.org](http://www.Frunner.org).

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**An Evening With His Eminence** – Calling all 20 and 30-somethings in the Pittsburgh area! Metropolitan Gregory invites you to join him at Rock Bottom (171 E Bridge St Homestead, PA 15120) on **Friday, October 15** starting at 7pm for an evening together! Come enjoy some great fellowship with each other and with your Diocesan Hierarchy. His Eminence is looking forward to seeing all of you, catching up, and simply being together. Please RSVP to Jordan by **Tuesday** October 12th at 724-699-5495 (text or call) or [jpolanichka@gmail.com](mailto:jpolanichka@gmail.com).

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### VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
FB: [www.facebook.com/acroddioocese](https://www.facebook.com/acroddioocese)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/acrodnews](https://twitter.com/acrodnews)  
YouTube: [youtube.com/acroddioocese](https://youtube.com/acroddioocese)

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## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

6 Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.”

Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity,

knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. <sup>2</sup>And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, <sup>7</sup>they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” <sup>9</sup>For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men.” <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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*Spiritual Vitamin:*

“Call upon God to open the eyes of your heart, so that you may see the value of prayer, and of spiritual reading when understood and applied.”

+St. Mark the Ascetic

## LIVING ORTHODOXY

### A Day, Week, and Year in the Life of an Orthodox Christian

From the new website: [www.orthodoxintro.org](http://www.orthodoxintro.org)  
“An Orthodox On-Ramp To The Christian Life”

Orthodox Christianity is lived concretely in the rhythms of daily life. Every part of life is included. Following are some specifics, but keep in mind that what a particular Orthodox Christian does is under the guidance of the local pastor and in keeping with the practice of the parish community.

#### Each day, an Orthodox Christian should strive to:

- ✘ say morning and evening prayers
- ✘ pray throughout the day, before meals, before tasks, etc.
- ✘ take active care of body, mind, and soul, including sleep, food, exercise, work, & rest.
- ✘ put active effort into relationships, both within the church community and outside.
- ✘ read the Bible & the writings of the saints
- ✘ watch for and attend to the needs of the world that invite action, whether direct love or prayer, and take time to listen
- ✘ maintain a daily prayer list (family, friends, co-workers, etc.)
- ✘ live a moral life

#### Each week, an Orthodox Christian should strive to:

- ✘ worship at the Divine Liturgy (and arrive before the service begins)
- ✘ welcome visitors to the parish, help them follow the worship of the Church, etc
- ✘ fast Wednesday & Friday, and Sunday morning.
- ✘ worship at the Church at any weekday services, attend the parish Bible Study, and serve at the outreach efforts of the church community.
- ✘ invite parish friends to share in meals, and maintain friendships with them.
- ✘ support the church with your stewardship with financial gifts, volunteer hours, and ongoing prayer.
- ✘ offer assistance to those in the church who need help, whether the elderly, young mothers, or others.

#### Each year, an Orthodox Christian should strive to:

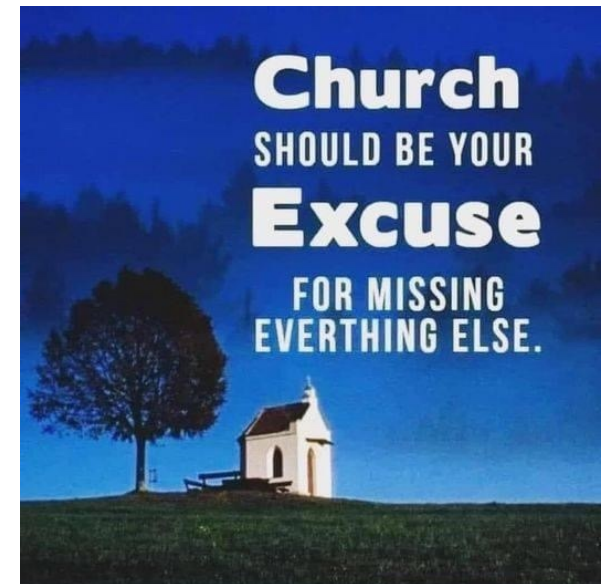
- ✘ observe the great feasts of the Church. This means both worshipping in the Church, and setting these days apart from the rest of the time
- ✘ keep the great fasts of the Church: Great Lent before the Resurrection, the Nativity Fast before the Lord's birth, as well as the June fast before the feast of the Apostles and the August fast before the Dormition of the Mother of God.

#### Occasionally, an Orthodox Christian should strive to:

- ✘ take time for spiritual retreat, whether a pilgrimage to a monastery, or to another parish for a feast

Participation in the Mysteries, or Sacraments (*baptism, chrismation, communion, confession, holy unction (anointing), marriage*) is normal and central to the Orthodox Christian life. Their application and frequency are determined by the local pastor.

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## LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### HOLY DISCIPLES FROM THE SEVENTY – MARK, ARISTARCHUS AND ZENON

*Commemorated on Oct 10 / Sep 27*

The Holy Disciple from the Seventy – Mark, also



named John, is mentioned by the holy Disciple and Evangelist Luke in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 12: 25, 15: 37-39) and also by the holy Apostle Paul in both the Epistle to the Colossians (Col. 4: 10) and the Epistle to Philemon (Phlm. 1: 23). The holy Disciple Mark preached the Word of God together with Paul and Barnabas and was made bishop by them of the Phoenician city of Biblos. The holy Disciple Mark attained great daring before God, such that his very shadow healed the sick (Comm. also 15 April).

**The Holy Disciple from the Seventy – Mark**

The Holy Disciple from the Seventy – Aristarchus was mentioned by the holy Apostle Paul in the Epistle to the Colossians (Col. 4: 10) and in Philemon (Phlm. 1: 23). The holy Disciple Aristarchus accompanied the holy Apostle Paul, and afterwards was made bishop in the Syrian city of Apameia (Comm. also 15 April).

**The Holy Disciple from the Seventy – Aristarchus**

The Holy Disciple from the Seventy – Zenon, a disciple and co-worker with the first-ranked Apostle Paul, was called a "lawyer", – since he was a learned man and led juridical matters in church courts. There is mention about him in the Epistle of the holy Apostle Paul to Titus (Tit. 3: 13): "Take care to send off Zenon the lawyer and Apollos such that nothing be wanting for them". Afterwards the disciple Zenon became bishop of the city of Diospolis (or Lydda) in Palestine.

**FEAST DAY FEATURE**

**Amvon Prayer for The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
*Commemorated on Oct 14/1*

Who can tell of Your mighty deeds, O Lord, or proclaim Your praises for all Your goodness toward us? For You desired to reveal the Mystery hidden from the ages – the Mystery of Your only-begotten Son becoming a human being for our salvation. You decided to fulfill Your promise made to David the prophet, and chose Your pure Mother as the vessel of Your manifestation according to the flesh. From her You came into Your own to save Your own. Through what You received from her You created the human race anew. Today we celebrate the Feast of her

Protection. We thank You, for You have given us all that is good, and we pray, through her, that You may show us Your face and make known to us the way to please You through goodness. Deliver us from the plots of the devil and guide us on the path of salvation through repentance and in the celebration of this holy feast. For You are a God of mercy and consolation, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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*Spiritual Vitamin:*

“A soul that is nurtured by hatred toward man can not be at peace with God, Who has said: ‘If you forgive not men their sins, neither shall your Father forgive your sins.’ (Mt. 6:15) If a man does not want to be reconciled, you must at least guard yourself from hating, praying with a pure heart for him, and speaking no evil of him.” +St Maximus

**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...** Trona, Robert, Gavin, Fr. Mark L., Florin, Robert, Anthony, Sheila, Annie, Katie, Lexi, Sophie, Douglas, 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, 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:* 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):**

John Kirish - Venerable John Kukuzelis  
the Singer of Mt. Athos (10/14)

*(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** *Father’s sister*, Melissa Ditmore (10/11). *Father’s mother*, Andrea Urban (10/11), Kevin Anton (10/12), Sheila Jesko (10/13), Frank Martellotti (10/15) ...*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...** Nicole & Dustin ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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**Anniversary Prayers for...** Meredith & Ryan Blobner (10/12) ...*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. Dzadovsky and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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**For the souls of the newly departed...** +Christopher Kurtz (10/3), +Lawrence Barriger, the Priest (10/2) ...*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:*

“Christ prayed for those that crucified Him: ‘Father, count not this sin against them; they know not what they do.’ Archdeacon Stephen prayed for those who stoned him so that the Lord would not judge this sin against them. And so we, if we wish to retain grace, must pray for our enemies. If you do not find pity on a sinner who will suffer in flames, then you do not carry the grace of the Holy Spirit, but rather an evil spirit; and while you yet live, you must free yourself from his clutches through repentance.”

+St Silouan the Athonite

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**DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS OF THE WEEK**

**An Evening Prayer of Intercession to the Theotokos, the Most Holy Mother of God**  
O good Mother of the good King, most pure and blessed Virgin Mary, pour out the mercy of your Son and our God on my passionate soul and guide me in good works by your prayers, that I may pass the rest of my life without defilement, and find paradise through you, O virgin Mother of God, who alone are pure and blessed. 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.

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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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**SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS**

*Father is available to meet Monday thru Friday between 8:30am and 3:00pm **or** by appointment.*

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**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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