



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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius (355)

Panachida +Olga Radick (1-yr), +Richard

Radick (21-yr), +Viola Peifer (6-mo),

+Jack Peifer (BD 10/29)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy on the Feast
 of the Great Martyr Demetrius

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Wonderworkers Cosmas & Damian (3rd C)

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 (6th Sunday of Luke)

Tone 4; Liturgical Color: **Gold**

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Future Services are listed on our online “Parish Calendar” which is continually updated at:
www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please ask Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

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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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Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD) –

We invite you to join with other St John’s faithful in giving to the annual DDD program. This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth and other programs in our diocese. For more information, please get a brochure in the vestibule, see Larry Martin (our local ambassador) or Fr. Dave, or visit www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/

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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.

OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship:	\$ 520
Candles/Eternal Lamp Stewardship:	\$ 84
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 674
Community Outreach:	\$ 70
Total Collections:	\$ 1348
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 50
Relocation Fund:	\$ 50

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

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family, Tim Martin, Melanie Shuster, Church School Youth (*Lucy, Bryce, Maria, Sophia, Killian, Lucy, Elias, Samuel, Joshua, Victor*), Patty Watson, Cindy Pavilonis.

“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 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 (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, and/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:

“Prayer helps me get out of my own way and allow Christ to shape my motives and perspectives.” – *Molly Sabourin, “Filled with Less: A Holistic Christian Life”*

ORTHODOXY AROUND THE ‘BURGH AND OUR DIOCESE

Cantor and Choir Director Positions – St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Homestead, PA is in need of a fulltime cantor and choir director (filled by one person or two.) Please email Tom Pingor, Parish Council President, for more information and/or to submit your resume at tpingor@verizon.net.

Dinner and Wine Paring - Come enjoy a traditional family-style Middle Eastern feast with four wine pairings on **Sunday, November 14** at 5:30 pm at Khalil's Restaurant (4757 Baum Blvd, Pittsburgh, Pa 15213). Tickets are \$75 per person. Seating is limited. RSVP by **Nov. 6 (call today)** to reserve your space! Tickets & Sponsorships at: www.iocc.org/pittsburgh. For more info, contact Zelfa at zkhalil@live.com or 412.417.4706.

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2021 Fall Encounter will be held at Camp Nazareth from **November 12-14** for ages 8-18. This is hosted by the National Jr. ACRY (but not limited to Jr. ACRY members). Cost is \$95 (with assistance available for those in need). Visit www.acrod.org (middle of the page) for more information and to register

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St. Michael's 113th Parish Feast Day Celebration at our sister parish in Rankin will be **Sunday, November 21**. Everyone is invited to their Feast Day Celebration: 10am Divine Liturgy; 11:30 Coffee and Hors D'oeuvres; 12-noon Dinner (Lunch); 1:30(ish) Basket Raffle Drawing. Dinner Tickets are \$25 and the menu includes: Fried Chicken, Holubki, Kolbasi & Kraut, Rigatoni, Roasted Red Parsley Potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee and Cold Drinks. *You MUST* make reservations by November 14 to Carole Bushak (412-351-1521).

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18th Annual Cookie Walk - Ss Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie. Order Cookies and Pay Online: **now thru Nov. 21** at www.stmatronacookiewalk.com. No in-person orders. Cookie Pick-up

Saturday, December 11 from 9 AM – 12 noon at the Church Hall. Questions: Rachel at 412-877-9878 or Sherri at 412-874-4190

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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

Diocesan Website: www.acrod.org
Camp Nazareth: www.campnazareth.org
FB: www.facebook.com/acroddioecese
Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
YouTube: youtube.com/acroddioecese

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MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, we will be collecting monetary donations for the **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**. This agency, that is under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, represents Orthodox Christians in North America and understands its work to include developing in Orthodox Christians a commitment to philanthropy and global cooperative involvement in the work of the Orthodox Church. They have a yearly campaign called a “day of giving Sunday” before Thanksgiving. *Thank you in advance for your prayers and offerings this month!*

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Paul's Vindication of His Apostleship

¹¹For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation

of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; ¹⁴and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, ¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹“There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Laz'arus, full of sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Laz'arus in his bosom. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Laz'arus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Laz'arus in like manner evil things; but now he

is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm [*gulf*] has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

8 pieces of Advice from Fr. Dumitru Staniloae:

- 1) Be optimistic, completely trust God's providence.
- 2) Pray ceaselessly, submit yourself to God's will, thank Him for everything.
- 3) Rejoice if the Lord finds you worthy of trial.
- 4) Serve your neighbor with all your love and dedication; not for as much as he needs, but more.
- 5) Let your life be decisive, without compromise, and confusion.
- 6) Do not get attached to temporary things.
- 7) Do not lose sight of the goal you strive for [salvation]; let us not drown into the sea of this life.
- 8) Your creed should be a living one: life, not theory.

12 Reasons Why I Quit Attending
Sporting Events [Satire]

- 1) The coach never came to visit me.
- 2) Every time I went, they asked for money.
- 3) The people sitting in my row didn’t seem very friendly.
- 4) The seats were very hard.
- 5) The referees made a decision I didn’t agree with.
- 6) I was sitting with hypocrites—they only came to see what others were wearing!
- 7) Some games went into overtime and I was late getting home.
- 8) The band played some songs I had never heard before.
- 9) The games are scheduled on my only day to sleep in and run errands.
- 10) My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- 11) Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches, anyway.
- 12) I don’t want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves what sport they like best.

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

THE RIGHTEOUS SAINT TABITHA
Commemorated on October 25 and 4th
Sunday of Pascha

The Righteous Saint Tabitha (I), a virtuous and kindly woman, belonged to the Christian community in Joppa. Being grievously ill, she happened to be dying. At the time not far from Joppa, the Apostle Peter was preaching at Lydda. Messengers were sent to him with an urgent request for help. When the apostle arrived at Joppa,

Tabitha was already dead. On bended knee, the First-Ranked Apostle Peter made a fervent prayer to the Lord. Then he went to the bed and called out: "Tabitha, arise!" She got up completely healed (Acts 9: 36).

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PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for
Special Intentions and Other Needs*

A Prayer For The Sick:

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name(s)*. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her/them* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her/them* so that *he/she/they* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of... Sharon, Robert, Gavin, Fr. Mark L., Florin, Robert, 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 diocesan seminarians: Nicholas, Dylan, Tom, Samuel, Timothy, Nicholas, Aydin and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee: Lawrence, Matthew, Timothy, Theresa, Rich,

Gina, Robert, Jane, Mary Jane, Katherine, Kenneth, John, Wendy, Margaret, John, Patricia, 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):
Urban Family – Apostle Urban of the 70 (11/13) (contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... John Sharpless (11/13) ...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!

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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... Thomas & Harmonie Torchia (11/12) ...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.*

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER OF THE WEEK

A Morning Prayer

By St. John of Kronstadt

O God! Creator and Master of the world! Mercifully protect Your creature, adorned with Your godly image, in these morning hours: Let Your eyes, millions and millions of times brighter than the rays of the sun, vivify and enlighten my soul, darkened and slain by sin. Deliver me from despondency and slothfulness. Grant me joy and vigor of soul, so that with a glad heart I may praise Your mercy, Your holiness, Your boundless greatness, and Your infinite perfections, at every hour and in every place. For You, Lord, are my Creator and the Master of my life, and to Your reasonable creatures every hour ascribe glory and praise, both now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen.



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Spiritual Vitamin:

“He saw him because Abraham loved the poor and so that we might learn that we cannot hope for pardon [forgiveness] at the end, unless the fruits of the pardon [forgiveness] can be seen in us. If Abraham, who was friendly to strangers and had mercy on Sodom, was **not** able to have mercy on the one who did **not** show pity to Lazarus, how can we hope that there will be pardon [forgiveness] for us?”

+Saint Ephrem of Syria

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father is available to meet Mon. thru Fri. from 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.

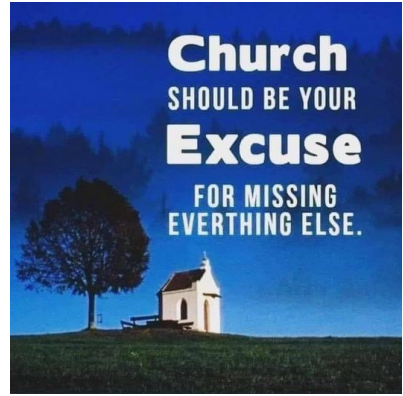
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“The cremation of bodies is not a Christian act. It is a custom of modern times. The body of a Christian has been sanctified with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and as such may not be burned. God did not create our bodies for burning.” - Elder Thaddeus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

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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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Spiritual Vitamin:

“It seems to me that Scripture uses the ‘bosom of Abraham’ in which the patient sufferer finds rest, as a symbol of the good state of the soul. This patriarch was the first person recorded to have chosen the hope of things to come in preference to the enjoyment of the moment.

Deprived of everything he had in the beginning of his life, living among strangers, he searched for a future prosperity through present affliction. We use the word bosom when referring figuratively to a part of the outline of the sea. It seems to me that Scripture uses the word bosom as a symbol of the immeasurable goals toward which those who sail virtuously though life will come to when having departed from life. They anchor their souls in this good bosom as in a quiet harbor.”

+St Gregory of Nyssa

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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.