

“THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER” *Our Parish Weekly Bulletin*

O Holy John, Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer of the Lord, pray to God for us!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Glory to Jesus Christ! (*responded with: Glory 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! Please see Fr. Dave if you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

19th Sunday after Pentecost; Martyr Eulampios;
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE
7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (787)
FOUNDING OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN 1932
11:30 Baptism

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Prophet Hosea
9:30 Divine Liturgy
Panachida
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (*4th Sunday of Luke*)
Tone 3; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
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Mystery of Confession – Father is available for Confession after every service

Calendar - Future Services are updated online at:
www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please see Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

Live-Broadcast – If you are unable to attend church services, please pray along with our Cathedral online:

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

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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

RELOCATION UPDATE

The Allison Park Church is **has accepted** the offer of \$275,000 along with our properties for theirs at **2201 Duncan Avenue, Allison Park, PA 15101** Exciting News! Contracts are signed and sent to the next stage in the process. (Inspections of our properties happened this past week) A proposed timeline for the relocation process is found in the announcements under “Parish Council Meeting”.

Glory to God, Slava Bohu, major major progress has been accomplished!

May God continue to guide our journey!

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As updates are available, they will be shared here. Please contact Larry or Fr. Dave with any questions

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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* **Fall Young Adult Retreat** will be held on **October 28-30** at Camp Nazareth. Pres. Dr. Jenny Haddad Mosher will present on “Feet First into the Faith”. Register online at: www.tinyurl.com/YAFall2022

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* **Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale** - The booklets are in the church hall. Orders will be due by **November 7** and the candy will be delivered the week of **December 5**.

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*** **CPR/AED Class** – St. Nicholas (903 Ann Street, Homestead) will host a CPR/AED Class on Saturday, **November 19**. Class(es) will be at 8 am or 10 am. It will be limited to a total of 15 students. The cost is \$40 per person. The deadline to register is November 9. Call Michele at 412-389-4594 for more info.

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** **Healthy Snacks** – The “grab-n-go” snack options for our coffee social are low. Please consider bringing in a box of something for everyone to share.

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25th Diocesan Sobor Highlights:

* **Diocesan Website** – Please visit our diocesan website: www.acrod.org as it has been totally redone! A lot of nice improvements have been added.

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* **New Seminary Project** – Plans were shared for an expansion of the Education Center to be our new Seminary! The plan is really exciting and more details will be coming soon.

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* **Music Digitization Project** – The Diocesan Carpatho Rusyn Heritage Working Group (DCRHWG) is excited to announce the release of *Make a Joyful Sound Unto the Lord*: Selections from the Divine Services of the Orthodox Church by Christ the Savior Cathedral Choir. This album is a part of the DCRHWG’s music digitization project. Please contact Maria Korchak at acrodusyn@gmail.com if you have Carpatho Rusyn Prostopinije/Plain Chant or ACROD Choral recordings that you would like digitized and uploaded onto music streaming platforms online. Follow future digital releases from the Diocesan Carpatho Rusyn Heritage Working Group by searching “ACROD Rusyn” on Spotify **DOES ANYONE HAVE RECORDINGS OF THE NORTH SIDE CHOIR FROM YEARS PAST?**

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* **Parish Council Leadership** – A wonderful presentation was given on positive parish council leadership that aids in growing our communities.

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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/ Checks payable to: Distinguished Diocesan Donors can be mailed to: Diocesan Chancery, 312 Garfield St., Johnstown, PA 15906.

Parish Council Meeting Highlights:

* **Turkey Bingo has been Canceled** – The decision was made to cancel the Turkey Bingo this year due to lack of stewards (volunteers) to run the event and to the amount of activity that is upcoming with the move to the North Hills.

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* **Sunday School Teachers are needed.** Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested in guiding our youth. **Our Sunday School program this year will be on the first and third Sundays of the month**, but we need more teachers. As of now we could have as many as 20 kids in our Sunday School...

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* **Tentative Dates Leading to the Relocation** – The following dates are being discussed as we head towards our long awaited relocation from the North Side to the North Hills:

✘ **November 4 and 5** – Dumpster Days on the NS (*not everything in the building needs to go with us*)

✘ **November 14** – tentative closing date

✘ **November 21, 22, 28, 29** – Work Days in the NH

✘ **November 23, 30** – Work Evenings in the NH

✘ **December 3** – Moving Morning

✘ **December 3-4** – Vespers and Last Liturgy on the NS with Metropolitan Gregory performing the Deconsecration

✘ **December 5-9** – Moving Week

✘ **December 10** – Moving Day

✘ **December 11** – First Liturgy in the North Hills

What has been talked about for over a dozen years is happening! Let’s work together. Remember: Many hands make Light Work! Save the dates above. Contact Fr. Dave or Larry Martin with dates that you can help!

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* **Fall Maintenance Day** – This year we will not have a Fall Maintenance Day due to the stewardship of less than a handful of folks who overly dedicated themselves in getting ready for our anniversary weekend. Thank you for your generous offering of your time, talents, and treasures towards our parish!

OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 578
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 98
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 252
Total Collections:	\$ 908
Fundraising Account (Priory Tickets):	\$ 333
Relocation Fund:	\$ 0

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Lawrence Martin, Timothy Martin, Mirilovich Family, Cindy Pavilonis, John Radick, Eleanor Sanger, Melanie Shuster, Patty Watson.

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* **Altar Candles** – Thank you to the anonymous donor of new oil-filled candles that we began to use on the Altar this weekend. Your stewardship has blessed us all! May God Bless You!

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Bulletin Sponsor – If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (nameday, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or In Memory of someone, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or by contacting Fr. Dave (email, text, or call). An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

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On-Line Giving is available from our parish website to donate to the: *General Stewardship Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and/or Relocation Fund.* The best option is to come to church and give your offering to God in His Temple (2nd best is to mail it in to Tim Martin, 2225 McAleer Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143). If you miss coming to church for a week, online giving allows you another option to “catch up” on your weekly stewardship. You can also set up a recurring donation online. For our parish to continue it’s ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, your generosity and stewardship is needed.

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** **Mold remediation** – Over the past couple weeks, Bactronix has been at the church a couple times to perform their 2-step mold remediation process around the church. All has been killed and removed.

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Pittsburgh Deanery St. Nicholas Charity Banquet is back! - We will be holding our Deanery St. Nicholas Charity Banquet for the benefit of Christ the Saviour Seminary on Sunday, December 11 at the Wooden Nickel (4006 Berger Lane, Monroeville, PA 15146). Adults \$35, Teens \$25, and kids 11 and under free. Doors open at 4:30, banquet begins at 5:00pm. As in the past, we will have a visit from a Special Guest. We will also have a raffle. Come join us for this worthy cause as we support the Seminary in Johnstown! More details coming soon...

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Spiritual Vitamin:

“Man should likewise rise up with all his strength against sin and the devil, using as weapons the means indicated by the Lord, the Apostles and the holy fathers. For an Orthodox Christian, these weapons are: fasting, prayer, sobriety and humility. Without humility, nothing will be of any use, for those who are proud and sure of themselves do not receive the Lord’s help, but inevitably fall into the various snares of the devil.”

Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children p.125

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LIVING ORTHODOXY

Quick Facts About The 7 Ecumenical Councils

From: <https://www.saintjohnchurch.org/>

An important part of understanding the teachings of the Orthodox Church stems from history. Throughout the time of the early Church, many heresies arose that taught incorrect beliefs about the nature of God, specifically of Christ. To fight against these heresies over the years, the Church convened what we call the Seven Ecumenical Councils, during which they clarified what the Church has always believed. In this post, we briefly cover the basics of these Councils and the teachings they protect.

- ✘ First Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 325 A.D.)
- ✘ Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 381 A.D.)
- ✘ Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus, 431 A.D.)

- ✘ Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon, 451 A.D.)
- ✘ Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 553 A.D.)
- ✘ Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 680 A.D.)
- ✘ **Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea, 787 A.D.)** Convened under Empress Irene (widow of Leo IV), the Seventh Ecumenical Council fought against the heresy of Iconoclasm. At the time of the Council, iconoclasm had raged for sixty years under the Greek Emperor Leo III. Leo III wanted to convert Mohammedans (Muslims) to Christianity, and believed it necessary to do away with veneration of icons in order to convert them. This heresy continued under his son, Constantine V Copronymus, and his grandson, Leo IV.

The Council resolved to provide holy icons and place them in churches, together with the likeness of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord. The faithful were to honor and venerate (but not worship) the icons, elevating their souls and hearts to the Lord God, the Theotokos and the Saints, who are represented in them.

However, after this council, persecution of the holy icons continued under Emperors Leo V, Michael II, and Theophilus. Thus, iconoclasm disturbed the Church for another 25 years. The local synod of Constantinople in 843 A.D. finally restored and affirmed veneration of the holy icons under the Empress Theodora.

This Council also established the celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy on the first Sunday of Great Lent, which we celebrate in thanksgiving to the Lord for granting His Church victory over the heresy of iconoclasm.

Conclusion

The Seven Ecumenical Councils clarified the unshakable foundations of the Christian Faith and protected them against the danger of mutation from heresy. Over the centuries, the Church continues to protect her precious dogmas and preserve them. Without them, we could have gone astray and lost the fullness of the Truth revealed to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ. So, the next time you profess the Creed, remember to be thankful you can profess it at all.

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Spiritual Vitamin:

“But those who would like to live a genuine spiritual life must first of all be satisfied with a few things. When their life is simplified, without too many concerns or nuisances, not only will they be liberated from the worldly spirit, they will also have plenty of time available for spiritual things.”

Saint Paisios of Mount Athos
Spiritual Councils IV: Family Life p.160

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Ar’etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

Paul’s Visions and Revelations

¹²I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a city called Na'in, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 (Holy Fathers)

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go forth to him outside the camp, and bear the abuse he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel: John 17:1-13 (Holy Fathers)

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

¹⁷ When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee,

² since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. ⁴ I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; ⁵ and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made. ⁶ "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; ⁸ for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹ I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; ¹⁰ all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

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Spiritual Vitamin:

"Repent"—that is, lay aside your pride, acknowledge yourself as a sinner, and hasten to God not with a feeling of self-satisfied superiority, but with the feeling of your spiritual poverty, your nothingness, your indecency, and pray to God for the forgiveness of your sins and for mercy.

Archbishop Averky (Taushev)
The Struggle for Virtue: Asceticism in a Modern Secular Society p.5

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

The Holy Martyrs Eulampios And Eulampia

Commemorated on October 23/10

The Holy Martyrs Eulampios and Eulampia, a brother and sister by birth, lived at the beginning of the IV Century in the city of Nikomedia. Having read the decree of the emperor Maximian (284-305) putting every Christian under a sentence of death by execution, Eulampios became upset that the emperor, rather than going off to fight the enemies of his fatherland, instead was taking up arms against his own subjects. They brought the youth to trial and demanded that he renounce the Christian faith. For his refusal they first tore at him with iron hooks, and then they placed him upon a red-hot bed. Of a sudden the sufferer expressed a wish to visit the pagan temple. The judges were delighted, supposing that they had swayed the youth from Christianity. In the pagan temple of Mars the saint cried out: "In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I command thee, idol dumb and without soul, fall down upon the ground and be turned to dust!". The idol with a crash smashed down upon the ground. People exclaimed: "The Supreme God is the Christian God, great and mighty!". The saint again was taken off for torture. And this time the sister of the sufferer, Eulampia, appeared before the judges and declared, that she also was a Christian. Eulampios encouraged his sister: "Sister, fear not those killing the body, but unable to kill the soul" (Mt. 10: 28). After tortures they threw the martyrs into a red-hot furnace, but the Lord protected them from the fire. Finally, they beheaded the brother, and the sister died from the tortures.

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Spiritual Vitamin:

"No one whose stomach is full can fight mentally against the demon of unchastity. Our initial struggle therefore must be to gain control of our stomach and to bring our body into subjection not only through fasting but also through vigils, labours and spiritual reading, and through concentrating our heart on fear of Gehenna and on longing for the kingdom of heaven."

St. John Cassian
Philokalia, Vol. 1 p.74

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PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of... Emily, Thomas, David, Donna, Gregory, Joshua, Michael, Karen, George, John, Beverly, Kelly, Paul, Kathleen, Joanne, Marie, Barbara, Brian, Kristina, Sean, Julia, Susan, 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 souls of the newly departed...

+Anthony Joseph, the Priest (10/5)
...*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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A Prayer for Peace

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. Guide, I pray, all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise. Amen.



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ONLINE BULLETIN BONUSES

A HOMILY BY ST NIKOLAI VELIMIROVIČ

on the sufferings of David and the prophecy of the sufferings of Christ

For many dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet (Psalm 22:16).

This is the mystical experience of the penitent David, and, at the same time, a clear prophecy of Christ's sufferings. *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution* (II Timothy 3:12), says the Apostle Paul. When King David sinned, the devils did not appear to him nor did they disturb him; but when he began to repent and to direct his life on the path of God, then the devils surrounded him and tormented him. The words here are not about men but about demons, who sometimes attack the penitent directly, or torment him through other men. David would not have called God's people, the crown of God's creation, "dogs." Rather, he called the demons "dogs," who are perceived by righteous men as dogs, snakes, black men, lions, or in some other form. That he here means "dogs" as evil spirits can be proven by the written lives of the great ascetics, to whom the demons appeared in the form of dogs and other animals, to frighten them. We can also be convinced of this from the words of the Lord our Savior, that He spoke from the Cross: *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do* (Luke 23:34). This means that the Jews were not doing their own will but rather someone else's: the demons' will. For *many*

dogs and the congregation of the wicked gathered to destroy Christ the Lord. When the devil--the tempter--could not defeat the Lord on the Mount of Temptation by his false promises, he began with all his might to destroy Him through men by a dishonorable death on the Cross. Brethren, see how clear the prophecy is! *They pierced My hands and My feet*. These words could not have pertained to anyone else, in the entire history of the world, but the crucified Savior. This prophecy continues in great detail: *They divided My garments among them and for My vesture they cast lots* (Psalm 22:18). Everything happened as it was prophesied--everything! But the devil was deluded in his reckoning. He thought he could destroy the One mightier than death, by condemning Him to death. He thought to dishonor Him Who alone gives honor to all creation. By his glorious Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ conquered and shamed the devil and his entire pack of dogs, and gave man power and authority over them. The whole pagan world was unable to exorcize even one single demon; but we, by the name of Christ and by the power of His Cross, are able to disperse legions of demons like smoke--for, after Christ's victory, the demons became like whipped and frightened dogs.

O Lord, Conqueror and Savior, to Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

Stewardship of Treasure Guide

Weekly offering to God through the Sunday Offertory - Will you take a step up?

Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe			Tithe			Upper Range Giving			Middle Range Giving			Lower Range Giving		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%			
\$200	\$30	\$24	\$20	\$18	\$16	\$14	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	\$2			
\$300	\$45	\$36	\$30	\$27	\$24	\$21	\$18	\$15	\$12	\$9	\$6	\$3			
\$400	\$60	\$48	\$40	\$36	\$32	\$28	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4			
\$500	\$75	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5			
\$600	\$90	\$72	\$60	\$54	\$48	\$42	\$36	\$30	\$24	\$18	\$12	\$6			
\$700	\$105	\$84	\$70	\$63	\$56	\$49	\$42	\$35	\$28	\$21	\$14	\$7			
\$800	\$120	\$96	\$80	\$72	\$64	\$56	\$48	\$40	\$32	\$24	\$16	\$8			
\$900	\$135	\$108	\$90	\$81	\$72	\$63	\$54	\$45	\$36	\$27	\$18	\$9			
\$1,000	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$70	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$10			
\$1,100	\$165	\$132	\$110	\$99	\$88	\$77	\$66	\$55	\$44	\$33	\$22	\$11			
\$2,000	\$300	\$240	\$200	\$180	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40	\$20			
\$3,000	\$450	\$360	\$300	\$270	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$150	\$120	\$90	\$60	\$30			

1. Find where YOU are on the chart (your weekly income/giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE% would be.

SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

Online Community: Please email Fr. Dave to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Parish 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. He will pray with you and you will receive the Mystery of Holy Anointing (Unction) 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.

Parishioners in “good standing” are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John’s Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular attendance of services, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these Mysteries no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and share their stewardship of their time, talents, and treasures which includes financially supporting the parish.

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 Fr. Dave 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 Fr. Dave ASAP for more details (before arrangements are made for the hall). It is critical that marriages are blessed in our church.

Church Funerals – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual responsibilities and their stewardship. 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 SECOND 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 Special Intentions of... His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Metropolitan Gregory, Fr. David S., Fr. Myron, Dcn. Michael L., Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Eleanora, Mark, Michaleana, Dorell, Donald, Susan, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Ameer, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our diocesan seminarians:* Nicholas, Dylan, Thomas, Samuel, Timothy,

Nicholas, Aydin, Subdeacon Seamus, Nicholas, 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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October Namedays:

John Kirish - Venerable John Kukuzelis the Singer (10/14)

Kenneth Parks - Venerable Cainnech (10/24)
...May God grant them many and blessed years!

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October Birthdays:

Genevive Martellotti (10/3), Matthew Mirilovich (10/6), John Gaydos, III (10/7), Sophie Jesko (10/7), Father’s sister, Melissa Dittmore (10/11), Father’s mother, Andrea Urban (10/11), Kevin Anton (10/12), Sheila Jesko (10/13), Frank Martellotti (10/15), Cameron Watson (10/17), Rhonda Gogal (10/19), Fr. Robert Buczak (10/20), Alyssa Duray (10/23), Fr. Daniel Vaskalis (10/24), Paula Watson (10/25), Doloris Bowser (10/26), Kaitlyn Duray (10/26), Fr. Mark Leasure (10/26), Mareena Shuster (10/29), Ryan Schrmack (10/30), Noah Winkler (10/31)
...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... Tyler, Susan ...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, & St. John Maximovitch.

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

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October Anniversaries:

Rich & Renee Mirilovich (10/1)

Allen & Anastasia Dzambo (10/2)

Brian & Rhonda Gogal (10/5)

Chi-Wing & Deborah (Brancho) Chow (10/08)

John & Jane Gaydos (10/9)
Meredith & Ryan Blobner (10/12)
...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas

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For Pregnant Mothers... Caitlin (due in September), Mallory (September), Carly (December) ...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. Dzadozsky and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St. George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

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* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.** Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.*

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DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

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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The Jesus Prayer

(Inhale) O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
(Exhale) have mercy on me, a sinner!

(Repeat until your heart is calm...)

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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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