

“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 30

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Prophet Hosea
Panachida for +Olga Radick (2-yr), +Richard Radick (22-yr), +Dorothy Horbal (9-yr), +Anthony Horbal (21-yr), Christopher Kurtz (1-yr)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 & 5

9:00 am to 3:00 pm Dumpster Clean Up
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Arethas of Arabia
9:30 Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (*5th Sunday of Luke*)
Tone 4; Liturgical Color: **Gold**
Parish Council Blessing

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS
9:30 Divine Liturgy
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Mystery of Confession – Father is available to hear Confessions after every service
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Calendar - Future Services are updated online at:

www.orthodoxpittsburgh.com/parish-calendar
(Please see Fr. Dave if you want a printed copy)

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

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

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**

As we are progressing towards closure of both properties, we are planning *clean up* and *moving* events on the North Side as we also are *updating* the North Hills property for our first Liturgy. (*Estimates are being received for a couple projects in the NH.*) Let’s work together! Remember: Many Hands Make Light Work!

Dates Leading to the Relocation - The following tentative schedule has been put together as we head towards the North Hills:

✘ **November 4 and 5 from 9am to 3pm**

Dumpster Days on the NS – We are asking for stewards and dollies (and muscles, etc.) for these two days. If you can come for 1 hour or 6 hours – please come! Not everything in the building needs or will be going with us. (*For example, the partitions used for ‘classrooms’ are not going with us and the next owners do not want them.*) In addition to cleaning out items inside, a tree had fallen months ago that needs cut down and added to the dumpster. Please contact Fr. Dave or Bob Fall ASAP if you are able to help with this **Thursday afternoon (11/3)**.

✘ **November 14** – tentative closing date

✘ **Nov. 21 thru Dec. 2** – At various times, minor construction and painting will be done in the North Hills. Contact Fr. Dave to be added to this work group.

✘ **December 3** - Moving Morning (non-Liturgical items)

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

✘ **December 5-9** – Moving Week (including iconostas)

✘ **December 10** – Moving Day (Liturgical Items)
[please note the corrected dates for this weekend]

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

What has been talked about for over a dozen years is happening! Save the dates above. Contact Fr. Dave or Larry Martin with dates that you can help!

May God continue to guide our journey!

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)
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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 if 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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*** **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! This is really exciting and more details will be coming soon.

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

* **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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*** **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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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 or Fr. Dave, or visit www.acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram/

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*** **Youth Sunday to Return** – On **Sunday, November 20**, Youth Sunday will return and continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month. On these Sundays, we encourage the youth to come early and greet people as they come in, light candles, hold candles, read the Creed and Lord’s Prayer, and pass out the bulletins. *If any adult would like to organize this during the service, please let Fr. Dave know.*

OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 822
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 277
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 514
Total Collections:	\$ 1613
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 50
Relocation Fund:	\$ 476

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Nelson Family; Lawrence Martin; Tim Martin; Melanie Shuster; Mary Jane Hudak; Patty Watson; Steve Brancho; Cindy Pavilonis

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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** – A couple weeks ago, Bactronix was 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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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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LIVING ORTHODOXY

A Higher Love

From December 19, 2018

By Hieromonk Gabriel

In the modern world, we have all but forgotten the saints. Once upon a time, we used to name not only our children, but even our streets and our cities in honor of the saints of God, in order to seek their heavenly aid and intercession, and in order to continually bring these holy saints to our remembrance. On each day of the year, we kept the festival of not one saint only, but of many, sometimes even dozens on the same day.

But now, out of all the feast-days of the vast ranks and innumerable multitudes of the saints which have adorned Christ’s Church and the whole of creation since the beginning of the world, we as a society (for the most part) remember only four. And even though this is already an unspeakable tragedy and an unbearable loss, what is yet more terrible is that we do not keep these four feast-days in order to honor the saints. No, we keep these feast-days in order to slander them. We keep four demonic festivals, drawing the children of God away from the Most High, and enslaving them to the miserable love of this dying life. My brothers and sisters, it is no coincidence that these four days have come to embody the precise opposite of their original spirit, the spirit of the saint. The demons have quite intentionally arranged for this to happen, because they realize the great significance that these four feast-days hold for us, and therefore they are not content merely to help us forget these soul-saving commemorations, but rather they choose precisely these times to loudly and insistently proclaim their own foul and hellish gospel.

On the feast day of St. Valentine ...

On the feast of St. Patrick ...

Next we come to the **feast of All Saints**, which (according to the Western calendar) has now become **Halloween**, a night on which even the most pure and innocent of our children are encouraged to costume themselves as witches, demons, and all manner of foul and wicked beings. We somehow view this as endearing and entertaining, rather than as horrific and

frightening. *And rather than aspiring to imitate the lives of the holy saints and God-pleasers who have shown forth from among us, we instead regale ourselves with stories and films of hellish terror, somehow finding in this pleasure and amusement.* Rather than friends of heaven, on this day we willingly choose to become the friends of hell, blaspheming the name of all the saints and keeping a festival to all the demons and pagan gods and goddesses at once.

And finally, we come to St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, “Santa Claus.” ...

...*The full article can be read at:*

<https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/rememberingsion/2018/12/19/higher-love-sermon-st-nicholas-wonderworker/>

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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 8:5-15

⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Purpose of the Parables

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

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PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of... Matthew, Emily, Thomas, David, Donna, Gregory, Joshua, 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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Spiritual Vitamin:

Good Seed yields Good Fruit

“This good seed is worthy of admiration. Rich and well-productive land brings forth fruit a hundredfold. They say that the best soils sometimes under cultivation produce a hundredfold, so this is a mark of every fertile and productive spot. The Holy Prophet Malachi said from the mouth of God, “And all nations shall congratulate you, because you are a desirable land.” When the divine Word falls upon a pure mind skillful in cleansing itself from things hurtful, it fixes its root deeply and shoots up like an ear of corn. It brings its fruit to perfection being strong in blade and beautifully flowered.”
+St Cyril of Alexandria

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

THE HOLY PROPHET HOSEA

Commemorated on October 30/17

The Holy Prophet Hosea was descended from the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the IX Century before the Birth of Christ, and he lived in the Israelite kingdom. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah (Mikhei) and Amos. During this time many of his fellow Israelites, having forgotten the True God, worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea by his wise guidances attempted to turn them again to the ancient piety. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel [i.e. the northern kingdom Israel], the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria. Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Saviour, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the cessation of the Old Testament sacrificial offering and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3: 4-5), and that through all the earth would spread knowledge of the True God (Hos. 2: 20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, that He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11: 1; compare Mt. 2: 15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos. 6: 2; compare with 1 Cor. 15: 4), and that He would conquer death (Hos. 13-14, especially Hos. 13: 14; compare 1 Cor. 15: 54-55). The prophesies of Saint Hosea are included in the books of

Holy Scripture, in the Book of Hosea. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than 60 years. The God-inspired prophet died in extreme old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

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ONLINE BULLETIN BONUSES

Reflections on an October Event

October 15, 2022 · [Fr. Lawrence Farley](#)

Halloween these days provides a time for the predictable annual debate about whether or not Christians should participate in Halloween, and many participants in the debate express themselves very strongly. As we approach that time, I would like to offer a few irenic reflections on the controversial October event.

Everyone presumably acknowledges that there is nothing wrong with children dressing up as fairies, Disney characters, Marvel superheroes, and (my own favourite when I was a child) black cats in order to go door to door with their friends after dark to collect candy. The argument against Halloween is that it also glorifies violence, gore, and death, so that it is unsuitable for Christians to participate in Halloween. Collecting candy is fine; it is the frightening stuff that comes afterward that is the problem. Halloween trades in things like graveyards and corpses and ugly witches on broomsticks and bats and cobwebs and Frankenstein monsters. So, the question arises: why do people delight in such scary stuff?

In this regard it is interesting to observe that such scary stories once formed a part of Christmas celebrations here in the West. Yep: *Christmas*, not Halloween. Thus the verse from the Christmas song *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*: “There’ll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting, and carolling out in the snow. *There’ll be scary ghost stories*, and tales of the glories of Christmases long, long ago.” Why “scary ghost stories” at Christmas? Because people delighted to huddle around the hearth and tingle with excitement. They loved to be scared and experience the chemical rush that came with it and then to laugh about it afterward. That is also why scary stories of monsters and dangerous people and ghosts were a staple at scouting

camp-outs: children would huddle around the campfire while the Scout-master told scary stories and the children all jumped with fear and then laughed and giggled afterward. That is the point of the spooky fun house at amusement parks. When I was a child, there was such a fun house where one rode in a little car and monsters jumped out at you to scare you. Significantly the ride was called, “Laff in the Dark”.

Children delight in being thrilled by such things, for the same reason that they delight in being thrilled (that is, terrified) by the roller-coaster—because they know the thrill will not last, and will not harm them. They return to real life energized from having received a quick shot of childish adrenaline. Monsters and ghost stories are fun and energizing. And children are not stupid: they can distinguish between scary things that are *not* dangerous (like monsters and ghosts) and scary things that *are* dangerous (like bullies and strangers inviting them into a van). They know that monsters are safe and bullies are not.

I suggest then that the presence of scary ghost stories at Halloween now functions in the same way as scary ghost stories once functioned at Christmas—not as a glorification of ghosts, goblins, monsters, but as a kind of campfire adventure. And—for some adults dressing up at Halloween—as a fond attempt to recapture some of their all-too-soon vanished childhood. These adults do not relate to scary ghost stories like the children do, but like the Scout-master telling the stories to the children. It is all a part of the game.

Today our culture is in a time of change and transition, and this change may include Halloween also. The pastoral challenge for the Church today is to discern what the various things in our culture mean, and to respond appropriately to each one in turn. If a Halloween celebration has large amounts of graphic gore, this is a problem, since this does indeed seem to glorify violence—or at least contribute to our being desensitized to it. But if the Halloween celebration consists of pictures of bats, spider webs, and old hags riding brooms, of wearing funny costumes, and of eating lots of junk food, this is less problematic.

The debate about Christians celebrating Halloween is therefore too broad to answer directly. One first needs to answer the question, “Which Halloween?” Obviously, all these things exist on a spectrum, with ghost stories at one end of the spectrum and dripping mangled bodies at the other end. Where along this wide spectrum is “your” Halloween? (I leave out of our reckoning certain groups that co-opt the celebration as a vehicle for their own strange practices. Obviously, their celebration of Halloween is problematic.) If we fail to denounce things that are genuinely evil and worthy of denunciation, we will justly deserve censure. If we denounce things that are essentially harmless, we may lose our credibility with the world we want to convert. Some Christians in the 1960s denounced the Beatles for their long hair, and Elvis Presley for his gyrations. Such things now seem harmless and benign, and no one now denounces the Beatles for wearing bangs, or Elvis for his moves when singing “Blue Suede Shoes”. In the same way, if the Church denounces the practice of children for wearing costumes and pretending to be fairies or Spider-Man while going door to door collecting candy, this may result in a loss of credibility in the eyes of the world. And it’s not like we have any credibility to spare. We need to distinguish and discern before we decide.

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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 Ditmire (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. Dzadovsky 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 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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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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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.

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