

“THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER” *Our Parish Bulletin*

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

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING
DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN THE
TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE!

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Christ is risen! *(responded with: **Indeed He is risen!**)* Christos voskrese! *(Voistinu voskrese!)*
We are happy that you have joined us today! It is our
pleasure to have you in our presence this morning.
We wish God’s Blessings to all who are with us today
and hope you come again soon!
Please see Fr. Dave if you have any questions in
regards to our worship or Orthodoxy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 **VOL. X**

5th Sunday of Pascha: The Samaritan Woman
12-noon - Sikora Baptism

TUESDAY, MAY 20

9:30 – 11:30 am church open for personal prayer
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*There is no kneeling in prayer for 50 days
(until Pentecost) and omit the prayer*

*“O Heavenly King” (replacing with Christ is risen 3
times) as we anticipate the Holy Spirit*

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SUNDAY, MAY 25

6th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Man Born Blind
9:20 am Paschal Canon
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
Gospel: John 9:1-38
Liturgical Color: **White**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

THURSDAY, MAY 29

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

PASCHAL GREETING:

(use instead of ‘hello’, before ‘good morning’, etc.)

Christ is risen!

*(responded with: **Indeed He is risen!**)*

Paschal Greeting in Church Slavonic:

Christos voskrese! *(Voistinu voskrese!)*

*If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with,
translate, respond in English, then learn the response*

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Paschal Notes** – The prayer to the Holy Spirit, “O Heavenly King”, is **not said** at home or in church during this season until the Feast of the Decent of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost. Instead, we say or sing the Paschal Tropar, “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down...” *(three times)* until the Feast of Ascension. For 40 days from Pascha (Easter) until Ascension, we greet each other by saying, “Christ is risen!” and respond with “Indeed, He is risen!”. *(Some translations use “Truly, He is risen!”.)* We can also adjust our before and after meal prayers. During the 50 days from Pascha to Pentecost, we **do not kneel in prayer or make prostrations** in church or at home in keeping with the joyful and festal character of the season. We begin to kneel (and prostrations) again with the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost that Sunday evening.

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** **The Big Dig: French Drain and Regrading** – Our next big endeavor of preventing future water from coming into the church has begun! A French Drain is being added along the front of the church, dry wells are being added for each of the downspouts, and the side grass area around to the “courtyard” in the back will be regraded to prevent water from seeping in through the block. The Capital Improvement Project will cost about \$35,000. Any donation towards this will be greatly appreciated as we try and stay above water! We have about 40% raised to cover this project.

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** **Volunteer Week at Camp** – Our Diocesan Faithful are asked and encouraged to volunteer their stewardship of time and talents during Camp Nazareth’s Volunteer “Week” from **Tuesday, May 13 to Friday, May 23**. *Camp has been blessed over the years to have had many volunteers including parishes, groups of parishes, men’s groups, societies, and individuals and their families offering their time and talents to help get the Camp ready for each summer season.* Camp is offering an opportunity for our Diocesan faithful to do the same! Come for ANY number of days, a day, or even just part of a day. Camp will provide all meals and lodging (free-of-charge) and will provide leaders to help guide the work that needs to be done. If you have any questions, please call 724-662-4840 or email campnazareth@acrod.org. Register today and come help us prepare for 2025!

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** **Iveron Icon Returns** – The Wonderworking and Myrrh-Streaming “Hawaiian” Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will embark on a sacred pilgrimage to churches and monasteries throughout the Midwest and the East Coast of the USA. This grace-filled visitation offers the faithful a rare opportunity to venerate the Miraculous Icon, which has been a source of comfort, healing, and spiritual renewal for Orthodox Christians around the world. Visit www.ohiia.org for more information. O Most Holy Theotokos, Save Us!

Tuesday, May 20

Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration

321 Monastery Lane, Ellwood City, PA 16117

8:30am Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon and Akathist to the Theotokos

Saint Basil the Great Orthodox Church

1449 Ridge Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012

6:15pm Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon

6:30pm Moleben and Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

Wednesday, May 21

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

601 Boone Avenue, Canonsburg, PA 15317

9:00am Arrival of the Wonderworking Iveron Icon and Akathist to the Theotokos

* **Family Camp at Camp Nazareth** – Cabins are still available for this year’s Family Camp from **Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1** at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137). This is an awesome way to introduce young children to staying at camp! Online Registration is open at the following link: [2025 Family Camp](http://2025FamilyCamp.org). Visit campnazareth.org for more information or contact Fr. Dave.

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* **Family Day at Camp Nazareth** will be on **Sunday, June 1**. Divine Liturgy will be at 10 am followed by a delicious brunch, live music and all kinds of games and activities for kids and adults alike! Adults: \$10, Children 5-13: \$6, under 5: free. *A Family Price of \$30 includes 2 parents and all children under age 13.* This is a great way to start our summer together! There is no registration for Family Day. Come one! Come all! Contact Fr. Dave with any questions.

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*** **Rescheduled Sts. Joachim and Anna “Senior” Retreat** - Our Diocese is pleased to announce its sixth annual Sts. Joachim and Anna Senior Retreat which will take place at Camp Nazareth (339 Pew Rd, Mercer) from **June 6–8**. The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by Very Rev. Nicholas Ferencz. You can read [Fr. Nik’s biography here](#). His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory is inviting all our Diocesan “Seniors”, ages 55 and over, to come and enjoy 2 days of fellowship, prayer, reflection and fun. The Theme of the Retreat – **Matthew 22: The BIG Questions We should ALL want to Talk about and Answer!** The schedule will include worship, fellowship, learning, fun, time for reflection and relaxation, and great activities! Registration is online. Visit [2025 Senior Retreat](http://2025SeniorRetreat.org) to register for the event. Visit campnazareth.org for more information. You may also call (724-662-4840) or email the Camp at campnazareth@acrod.org for more information. Registration closes Monday, June 2.

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* **Grass Maintenance** – Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested in being a part of a rotation of folks who will maintain the grass throughout the summer.

* **Summer Camp** – Less than 70 days till we head to Camp Nazareth from **July 20-26** – Registration is open! Register your child (aged 8-18) today for the Pittsburgh week at CN. Don’t delay! If financial assistance is needed, please let Fr. Dave know. If you have any questions – please see Nick Ditmore, Reader, or Fr. Dave. Let’s get our kids to camp!

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD	
Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 285
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 217
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 308
Total Collections:	\$ 810
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 288
<i>Participating Souls at Sunday Liturgy: 68</i>	

Weekly Candle Intentions or Memorials were offered last week by the Nelson Family; Carol & Tom Lorenzi; Lawrence Martin; Sharon Peifer; Fred and Juliana Anton; Mary Jane Hudak; Tim Martin; Kathy Schrmack; Cindy Pavilonis; Melanie Paieski

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The **Theotokos Candle Cross** was offered last week by Cindy Pavilonis for the health of Diane Pavilonis. Many Years! Mnohaya Lita! Christ is risen!

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The **Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Tim Martin in memory of his mother, +Anastasia. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat! Christ is risen!

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Giving at the Church – The opportunities to give your stewardship treasures at SJB are to:

- ✂ hand your offering to the curator who sits at the desk in the vestibule (to the right after you enter),
- ✂ drop your offering in one of multiple baskets around the church, or
- ✂ place your offering in the box in the candle stand after saying your prayers when lighting 2 candles.

The ministries of the church cannot happen without your dedication and support.

COFFEE SOCIAL STEWARDS	
<i>Please sign up by the kitchen or by contacting Fr. Dave</i>	
May 25:	_____?
June 1:	_____?
June 8:	_____?

SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

The Church in Antioch

¹⁹Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoeni’cia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. ²⁰But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyre’ne, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. ²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. ²⁵So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians.

²⁹And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea; ³⁰and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

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Gospel: John 4:5-42

⁵So he came to a city of Samar’ia, called Sy’char, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samar’ia to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samar’ia?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well,

and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?”

¹³Jesus said to her, “Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the city and were coming to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Has any one brought him food?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. ³⁶He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower

and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of...

Diane, Jeanette, Boyde, Mark, Michelle, Megan, Lindsay, Christine, Brian, Rhonda, Melanie, Carlene, Jason, Bella, Daniel, David, Barbara, Paul, Juliana, Fredrick, and Michael ...*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...

Annette Avicolli (5/17), +Cheryl Marcy (4/20), +Thomas Jackson (4/17), +Joseph P. Huron (4/12), +Pani Donna Smoley (40-d)

...*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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THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED TO HER, “FULL OF GRACE, REJOICE O PURE VIRGIN. AGAIN I SAY REJOICE, YOUR SON IS RISEN FROM HIS THREE DAYS IN THE TOMB, AND HE HAS RAISED ALL THE DEAD. LET ALL PEOPLE REJOICE!”

O SHINE, O SHINE, O NEW JERUSALEM: FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON YOU. O ZION, SING WITH JOY AND REJOICE. AND YOU, PURE MOTHER OF GOD, REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION OF YOUR SON.

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ONLINE BONUSES

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

THE HOLY GREAT-MARTYRESS IRENE

Commemorated on May 5



The Holy Great-Martyress Irene lived during the I Century and until baptism had the name Penelope. She was daughter of the pagan Licinius, governor of the city of Migdonia (in Macedonia, or Thrace). Licinius built for his daughter a separate splendid palace, where she lived with her governess Karia, surrounded by her peers and her servants. Daily there came to Penelope a tutor by the name of Apelian, who taught her the sciences. Apelian was a Christian, and during the time of study he told the maiden about Christ the Saviour and taught her the Christian teaching and the Christian virtues.

When Penelope became an adolescent, her parents began to think about her marriage. During this period of her life the Lord instructed her in a miraculous manner: to her at the window there flew one after the other of three birds – a dove with an olive twig, an eagle with a garland, and a raven with a snake. Penelope's teacher Apelian explained to her the meaning of these signs: the Dove, symbolising the virtues of the maiden, – humility, meekness and chasteness, – bearing an olive twig, – the grace of God received in Baptism; the Eagle, – symbol of sublimity of spirit, attained through meditation upon God, – bearing a garland for victory over the invisible enemy as a reward from the Lord. The Raven, however, bearing the snake was a sign that the devil would rise up against her and would cause her grief, sorrow and persecution. At the end of the conversation Apelian said, that the Lord wished to

betroth her to Himself and that Penelope would undergo much suffering for her Heavenly Bridegroom. After this Penelope refused marriage, accepted Baptism from the hands of the Disciple Timothy, – who was a disciple of the holy Apostle Paul, and she was named Irene. She began even to urge her own parents to accept the Christian faith. The mother was pleased with the conversion of her daughter to Christ; the father at first did not hinder his daughter, but then he began to demand of her the worship to the pagan gods. When however Saint Irene firmly and decisively refused, the enraged Licinius then gave orders to tie up his daughter and throw her beneath the hooves of frenzied horses. The horses remained motionless. But one of them got loose from its harness, threw itself at Licinius, seized him by the right hand and tore it from his arm, then knocked Licinius down and began to trample him. They then untied the holy maiden, and through her prayer Licinius in the presence of eye-witnesses rose up unharmed, with his hand intact. Seeing such a miracle, Licinius with his wife and many of the people, in number about 3000 men, believed in Christ and refrained from the pagan gods. Resigning the governance of the city, Licinius settled into the palace of his daughter, intending to devote himself to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Irene however began to preach the teaching of Christ among the pagans and she converted them to the path of salvation. She lived in the house of her teacher Apelian.

Having learned of this, Sedecius, – the new governor of the city, summoned Apelian and questioned him about the manner of life of Irene. Apelian answered that Irene, just like other Christians, lived in strict temperance, in constant prayer and reading of holy books. Sedecius summoned the saint to him and began to urge her to cease preaching about Christ and to offer sacrifice to the gods. Saint Irene staunchly confessed her faith before the governor, not fearing his wrath, and prepared to undergo suffering for Christ. By order of Sedecius she was thrown into a pit, filled with vipers and serpents. The saint spent 10 days in the pit and remained unharmed, since an Angel of the Lord protected her and brought her food. Sedecius ascribed this miracle to sorcery and he subjected the saint to a cruel torture: he gave orders to saw her with an iron saw. But the saws broke one after the other and

caused no harm to the body of the holy virgin. Finally, a fourth saw reddened the body of the holy martyress with blood. Sedecius with derision said to the martyress: "Where then is thy God? If He be powerful, let Him help thee!" Suddenly a whirlwind shot up, gave forth a blinding lightning-flash, striking down many of the torturers, thunder crashed, and a strong rain poured down. Beholding such a sign from Heaven, many believed in Christ the Saviour. Sedecius did not understand the obvious display of the power of God and he subjected the saint to new torments, but the Lord preserved her unharmed. Finally the people rebelled having to look upon the sufferings of the innocent virgin, and they rose up against Sedecius and expelled him from the city.

Having replaced Sedecius as governor, they still subjected Saint Irene to various cruel torments, during which while by the power of God she continued to remain unharmed, and the people under the influence of her preaching and accomplishing of miracles all the more in number were converted to Christ, having turned away from the worship of soul-less idols. Over 10,000 pagans were converted by Saint Irene.

The saint went from her native city Migdonia to Kallipolis, and there she continued to preach about Christ. The governor of the city by the name of Babadonos subjected the martyress to new punishments, but seeing that the saint remained unharmed, he came to his senses and believed in Christ. A large number of pagans believed together with him, all whom received holy Baptism from the Disciple Timothy.

After this Saint Irene settled in other cities of Thrace – Konstantinos and then Mesembros, preaching about Christ and working miracles, healing the sick and undergoing suffering for Christ.

In the city of Ephesus the Lord revealed to her, that the time of her end was approaching. Then Saint Irene in the company of her teacher the elder Apelian and other Christians went out from the city to an hilly cave and, having signed herself with the sign of the cross, she went into it, having directed her companions to close the entrance to the cave with a large stone, which they did. Four days after this, when Christians visited the cave, they did not find the body of the saint in it. Thus reposed the holy Great-Martyress Irene.

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LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Change Comes Little by Little

Abbot Tryphon, from his blog The Morning Offering (August 2022)

We often become frustrated with ourselves, wanting to change bad behavior, but seemingly incapable of making the changes we desire. Each week we confess the same sins over and over. We know the priest has heard the same confession, week after week, and we're aware that he could probably say our confession for us, having heard it that often. What we don't seem to know is that there is a simple reason for our repetition.

These bad behaviors only seem to be unchangeable because we don't really struggle with the passions in a way that will bring about successful change. For the person who always flies off the handle in anger, there is the matter of habit. Their temper flares up because of what the other person has done, so the outburst is really not about them, but about the other person. Change, therefore, becomes almost impossible. The person who is always stretching the truth is aware of their sin, but the habit is so strongly held, they find themselves lying before even realizing their confessed sin is being repeated. The overeater makes a commitment to lose weight, but makes no attempt to empty the refrigerator of the very leftover cake that was a temptation the night before. So, while watching television, the thought comes into their mind that there is that one piece of cake remaining, and they rush forth that final consumption. Almost like magic, there is another cake sitting on the counter by the next afternoon.

We all have had moments like this, when we seemingly can't stop the bad behavior that we confess over and over, almost like a litany. Our captivity to this bad behavior seems permanent, and change impossible. Yet if we make a concerted effort to change, little by little, we will find we really can master those stubborn behaviors that seem so insurmountable. Instead of beating ourselves up each time we fall, we take those little baby steps, and little by little, we make progress. That cake we consumed becomes our last piece, because this time we don't go near the row in the grocery store where we know the bakery goods are displayed. We manage to curb our temper because we

made a commitment to get through just two hours around that person in the office who pushes our buttons, and when the two hours passes, we have reason to pat ourselves on the back. We pass half a day without inventing a new story about ourselves, and before long, we are no longer confessing that sin. Little by little, we find we can change bad behavior.

“A man cannot correct himself all of a sudden, but it is like pulling a barge – pull, pull, and let go, let go! Not all at once, but little by little. Do you know the mast on a ship? There is a pole to which is tied all of the ship’s lines. If you pull on it then everything gradually pulls. But if you take it all at once, you will ruin everything (St. Ambrose of Optina).”

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Paschal Greetings from Around the World

The **Paschal greeting** is a custom among Orthodox Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, one is to greet another person with "Christ is Risen!". The response is "Truly, He is risen!" (or "Indeed, He is risen!"). This greeting is used during liturgical services and informally at other times, starting with the [feast of Pascha](#) and lasting until [Ascension](#) – the period known as the *Paschal season* or *Paschaltide*.

In practice, this greeting is typically used only with people that one already knows are Orthodox. In some cultures (for example in Russia), it was also customary to exchange a triple kiss after the greeting. Orthodox Christians often compile lists of the greeting in various languages, as it is used around the world, and these are sometimes recited in church or in other formal settings as an act of Orthodox unity across languages and cultures.

Language	Greeting	Response
Aleut:	Khristus anahgrecum!	Alhecum anahgrecum!
Aleut:	Khris-tusax agla-gikux!	Agangu-lakan agla-gikux!
Albanian:	Krishti U Ngjall!	Vertet U Ngjall!
Alutuq:	Khris-tusaq ung-uixtuq!	Pijii-nuq ung-uixtuq!
Amharic:	Kristos tenestwal!	Bergit tenestwal!
Anglo-Saxon:	Crist aras!	Crist sodhlice aras!

Language	Greeting	Response
Arabic:	El Messieh kahm!	Hakken kahm!
Armenian:	Kristos haryav ee merelotz!	Orhnial eh harootyunuh kristosee!
Athabaskan:	Xristosi banuytashtch'ey!	Gheli banuytashtch'ey!
Bulgarian:	Hristos voskrese!	Vo istina voskrese!
Byelorussian:	Khrystos uvaskros!	Saprawdy uvaskros!
Chinese:	Helisituosi fuhuole!	Queshi fuhuole!
Coptic:	Pchristos aftooun!	Alethos aftooun!
Czech:	Vstal z mrtvých Kristus!	Vpravdě vstal z mrtvých!
Danish:	Kristus er opstanden!	Ja, sandelig opstanden!
Dutch:	Christus is opgestaan!	Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Eritrean-Tigre:	Christos tensiou!	Bahake tensiou!
Esperanto:	Kristo levigis!	Vere levigis!
Estonian:	Kristus on üles tõusnud!	Ta on tõesti üles tõusnud!
Ethiopian:	Christos t'ensah em' muhtan!	Exai' ab-her eokala!
Finnish:	Kristus nousi kuolleista!	Totisesti nousi!
French:	Le Christ est réssuscité!	En verite il est réssuscité!
Gaelic:	Taw creest ereen!	Taw shay ereen guhdyne!
Georgian:	Kriste aghsdga!	Cheshmaritad aghsdga!
German:	Christus ist auferstanden!	Wahrlich Er ist auferstanden!
Greek:	Christos anesti!	Alithos anesti!
Hawaiian:	Ua ala hou 'o Kristo!	Ua ala 'I 'o no 'oia!
Hebrew:	Ha Masheeha houh quam!	Be emet quam!

Language	Greeting	Response
Hungarian:	Krisztus feltamadt!	Valoban feltamadt!
Ibo (Nigeria):	Jesu Kristi ebiliwo!	Ezia o' biliwo!
Indian (Malayalam):	Christu uyirthezhunnettu!	Theerchayayum uyirthezhunnettu!
Indonesian:	Kristus telah bangkit!	Benar dia telah bangkit!
Italian:	Cristo e' risorto!	Veramente e' risorto!
Japanese:	Harisutos Fukkatsu!	Jitsu ni Fukkatsu!
Javanese:	Kristus sampun wungu!	Tuhu sampun wungu!
Korean:	Kristo gesso!	Buhar ha sho nay!
Latin:	Christus resurrexit!	Vere resurrexit!
Latvian:	Kristus ir augsham sales!	Teyasham ir augsham sales vinsch!
Lugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Amajim ajukkide!
Norwegian:	Christus er oppstanden!	Sandelig han er oppstanden!
Polish:	Khristus zmartwyckwstal!	Zaprawde zmartwyckwstal!
Portuguese:	Cristo ressuscitou!	Em verdade ressuscitou!
Romanian:	Hristos a inviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Russian:	Khristos voskrese!	Voistinu voskrese!
Sanskrit:	Kristo'pastitaha!	Satvam upastitaha!
Serbian:	Hristos vaskrse!	Vaistunu vaskrse!
Slovak:	Christos vstal z mŕtvych!	Vpravde vstal z mŕtvych!
Spanish:	Cristo ha resucitado!	En verdad ha resucitado!
Swahili:	Kristo amefufukka!	Kweli amefufukka!
Swedish:	Kristus är uppstånden!	Han är sannerligen uppstånden!
Syriac:	M'shee ho dkom!	Ha koo qam!
Tlingit:	Krisdos kuḵ wudigút!	X'éiga kuḵ wudigút!

Language	Greeting	Response
Turkish:	Hristos diril - di!	Hakikaten diril - di!
Ugandan:	Kristo ajukkide!	Kweli ajukkide!
Ukrainian:	Khristos voskres!	Voistinu voskres!
Welsh:	Atgyfododd Crist!	Atgyfododd yn wir!
Yupik:	Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq!	Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!
Zulu:	UKristu uvukile!	Ngempela uvukile!
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ADDITIONAL BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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***Live-Broadcast** – If you are unable to attend church services, please pray along with our Cathedral online: www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral//live/

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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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***Mystery of Confession** – Father is available to hear Confessions after every service or by appointment.

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Upcoming Orthodox Food Festivals:

- **June 2-6** – All Saints (601 West McMurray Rd., Canonsburg) *Greek*
- **June 9-13** – Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Rd., Pittsburgh) *Greek*
- **June 12-14** – Koimissis (2111 Davidson St., Aliquippa) *Greek*
- **June 27-29** – Holy Dormition (12 Washington Ave., Oakmont) *Greek*

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2025 Bob Perevuznik Sr. Memorial Golf Outing - Will be on **Saturday, August 2** at Manor Valley Golf

Course (2095 Denmark Manor Rd., Export, Pa 15632). Team scramble format – shotgun start: 8 a.m. Signup and payment deadline is July 20. Entry fee is \$100 which includes golf, cart, gift, coffee & donuts, hotdog, snacks, drink, buffet dinner, beer, & pop. Team cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place. Skill contests include: \$5,000 hole in one – beat the pro – Par 3 closest to pin – Longest drive – longest putt – Mulligans. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and prize auction. For more information, contact Bob Perevuznik Jr. (412) 952-6962 / email rpvuznik@gmail.com or Den harms (412) 667-2396 / dwhalh200@aol.com

*** **Altar Boy Retreat** – The Knights of the Altar will gather in Johnstown from **June 29 to July 2** for the Annual Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat. The cost is \$150 per child. Outside of the registration that the families will pay, they are requesting donations to help cover the expenses. Donations should be made out to “Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat” and send care of Fr. Michael Chendorain, 145 Broad Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

*** **Camp Nazareth Family Camp: Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1** Our Diocese is pleased to announce its 11th annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year’s theme – *The “Puzzle” that is Your Family... Discovering why God has put us Together!* Our families were given by God. He has joined the “pieces” of our family’s “puzzle” together. Come discover what all the “pieces” mean to your family and what they mean to a world in need of your family! The schedule includes time to pray together, have fun together, relax together and learn together. In addition, kids and parents will also have their own activities and discussions separate from one another as well. This years’ Keynote Speaker for the adults is Rev. Timothy Paproski, our parish priest at St. Nicholas Church in Warren, OH. This years’ leader for the kids is Pani Hailey Paproski. We are excited to have both of them as part of this years’ Family Camp! Each year we have a wonderful time

together! Come, be a part of it! Don’t miss out on this opportunity for you and your family in the beautiful environment of the Camp! Space is limited, so be sure to register soon! Online Registration is NOW OPEN! Visit the following link to register: [2025 Family Camp](https://2025familycamp.org). Visit campnazareth.org for more information.

*** **Rescheduled Sts. Joachim and Anna “Senior” Retreat** - Our Diocese is pleased to announce its sixth annual Sts. Joachim and Anna Senior Retreat which will take place at Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from **June 6–8**. The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by Very Rev. Nicholas Ferencz. You can read [Fr. Nik’s biography here](#). His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory is inviting all our Diocesan “Seniors”, ages 55 and over, to come and enjoy 2 days of fellowship, prayer, reflection and fun. The Theme of the Retreat – **Matthew 22: The BIG Questions We should ALL want to Talk about and Answer!** The schedule will include worship, fellowship, learning, fun, time for reflection and relaxation, and great activities! Registration is online. Visit [2025 Senior Retreat](https://2025seniorretreat.org) to register for the event. Visit campnazareth.org for more information. You may also call (724-662-4840) or email the Camp at campnazareth@acrod.org for more information. Registration closes Monday, June 2, 2025.

* **Random Tidbits...** Father Dave is available to meet Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm 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 (Sacrament) of Holy Anointing (Unction) to be fully prepared.

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

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* = at least the 3rd time in the bulletin
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** **Sr. ACRY Meeting** – The next ACRY meeting will be scheduled soon! In the meantime, please contact Subdeacon Ryan Ferko with any questions about the organization.

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* **Annual Church Picnic** – “The Cabin” in North Park is booked for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025** for our end of summer picnic. **Please Save The Date!**
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AND Looking FURTHER Ahead...
Some 2025 dates of interest at St. John’s:
➤ **May 29** – Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
➤ **May/Jun. ???** – Graduate Sunday
➤ **May 30-Jun. 1** – Family Camp at Camp Nazareth
➤ **Jun. 1** – Family Day at CN
➤ Jun. 7 – 3rd Finding of the Head of St. John
➤ **Jun. 7** – 5th All Soul’s Saturday
➤ **Jun. 8** – Feast of Pentecost
➤ **Jun. 8-14** – Fast Free Week
➤ **Jul. 16** – Apostles’ Fast begins
➤ Jul. 7 – Feast of the Nativity of St John
➤ Jul. 12 – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
➤ **July 20-26** – Pgh Deanery Camping Week at CN
➤ Aug. 2 – Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias
➤ **Aug. 3** – Blessing of Chariots
➤ **Aug. 10** – Blessing of Students and Teachers
➤ **Aug. 10-13** - Science & Nature Camp (age 8-18) at CN
➤ Aug. 14 – Dormition Fast Begins, Lesser Blessing of Water, and Home Blessings Begin

- Aug. 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Blessing of Fruit and Vegetables
- **Aug. 24** – Blessing of Fruit and Vegetables
- Aug. 28 – Feast of the Dormition and Blessing of Flowers and Herbs
- **Aug. 31** – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs
- **Sep. 7** – Parish Picnic at “The Cabin”



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* **Make plans to go to Camp Nazareth in 2025!**
✕ May 30 - June 1 - Family Camp
✕ June 1 - Family Day
✕ July 20-26 - Pgh Deanery Camping Week
✕ Aug 10-13 - Science & Nature Camp (ages 8-18)
✕ October 10-12 – CN Alumni Weekend
✕ Oct 31-Nov 2 - Young Adult Retreat (ages 18-35)
✕ November 7-9 - Fall Encounter (ages 8-18)
Please, Save the Dates and head to 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137
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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES
** **STEWARD**, translated from the Greek word *oikonomos*, means *a caretaker, a faithful manager of all of God’s gifts*. As Stewards, each of us are called upon to respond to God’s gifts through offering our gifts of time, talent and treasure. This is our form of supporting our parish and it leaves us with the question, “How will I respond to God’s gifts this year?” Our gifts represent who we are and how we care about God and His

Church. How can we live with the framework of being a caretaker of the blessings God gives us?

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

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**** Grass Maintenance** – Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested in being a part of a rotation of folks who will maintain the grass throughout the summer.

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**** Third Hour** – Prior to upcoming Liturgies, we will be chanting the Paschal Canon. After Ascension, we will return to chanting (or reading) the Third Hour (starting at about 9:15). If you would like to be in the rotation for this, please let Fr. Dave know.

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**** Ride Share** – We have received a couple requests from people who are interested in getting a ride to the church. Please contact Fr. Dave or Larry if you would be willing to bring someone to the church.

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**** Did you know...** we have about 30 active families at SJB. If each family committed to one Sunday a year for the coffee social – that takes care of more than half the year! Please consider signing up in advance to host the coffee social (*you are more than welcome to combine with someone else if you wish!*)

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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. *Remember, sponsoring a bulletin in memory of someone does not replace having a Panachida (Memorial Service) for them.*

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CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

Here is a brief update from the past few weeks:

- ✂ **** The Big Dig: French Drain and Regrading of our side and back property** – Our next big endeavor is preventing future water from coming into the church. Beginning in May, a French Drain will be added along the front of the church. Also, the side grass area and the “courtyard” in the back will be regraded to prevent water from seeping in through the block. The Capital Improvement Project will cost about \$35,000. Any donation towards this will be greatly appreciated as we try and stay above water!
- ✂ *** Church Proper** – Not much has changed in the nave of the church. Most focus of late has been on electrical upgrades, the kitchen, and the hall. *The building committee and Parish Council continue to discuss our plan of action going forward with work in the church proper. Please be patient with us! Also, remember that for a project like the one that we are undertaking, work goes top down so the ceiling and walls will be done before the floor. As mentioned, please be patient with us!*

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Glory to God for All Things!

Through your generosity and dedication, all of this is coming together – one thing at a time! **Thank you!** Many stewards keep coming to the church and working very hard to make improvements. May God grant you many years!

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2024-25 SJB PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Lawrence Martin
Vice-President: Elizabeth Radomsky
Treasurer: Timothy Martin, Reader
Financial Secretary: Rich Mirilovich
Recording Secretary: Gina Fall
Chief Auditor: Robert Fall
Auditors: Subdeacon Ryan Ferko,
John Kirish, Kimberly Opsitos,
Matthew Opsitos, and Kathy Schmack

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Joining the ACRY – If you would like to become a part of our philanthropic organization of the ACRY (*American Carpatho-Russian Youth*), which is open to all ages, please contact Subdeacon Ryan Ferko.

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Why Should I Join the Local ACRY?

The ACRY is an Orthodox Christian family fellowship dedicated to the purpose of encouraging spiritual growth through charitable and apostolic missionary works, prayer and fellowship for the Glory of God and the building up of the Church and our Diocese. The local ACRY focuses on outreach to the community in various forms and fellowship within. This could be a fundraiser or family event at the church grounds to introduce people to our parish, or the volunteering of our time to help support a community event. In addition to these, the ACRY has the opportunity to branch out and meet other members of our diocesan ACRY community through deanery and nation events and partake in outreach at a broader level.

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*  **New Food Ministry at Church** – Contact Fr. Dave if you would like to lead this stewardship opportunity. When someone in our community cannot get to the grocery store or make their own meals (after a major surgery, a new baby, or for any other reason is in need), this program will help allow us to help them! Here is an example: *Someone has a major surgery and will not be able to cook for themselves for 2 weeks. They notify Fr. Dave of this and he sets up an account for them on this website. Someone else from the parish decides to make a big pot of soup and freeze some for the one in need. They can then either deliver the food to their house or bring it to the church on Sunday and someone else will deliver it that week.* The idea is this: that through our stewardship we will help each other out when we are able to! Please visit: www.MealTrain.com to learn more about it. Here are some basic terms from their website:

- ❖ **Meal Train:** Organized meal giving around a significant life event. One meal from one person per day.
- ❖ **Organizer:** The person who sets up the meal train.
- ❖ **Recipient:** Those who will receive the meals.
- ❖ **Participant/Giver:** The person who will make and take a meal.

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Giving at the Church – The opportunities to give your stewardship treasures at SJB are:

- ✂ hand your offering to the curator who sits at the desk in the vestibule (to the right after you enter),
- ✂ drop your offering in one of multiple baskets around the church, or
- ✂ place your offering in the box in the candle stand after saying your prayers when lighting 2 candles.

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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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Stewardship of Treasure Guide													
Weekly offering to God through the Sunday Offertory - Will you take a step up?													
Weekly Income	Beyond a Tithe	15%	12%	Tithe 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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A Prayer of Stewardship

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the good steward, who redeemed Adam and Eve of their failed stewardship by offering Yourself for the life of the world. You did teach us in the feeding of the multitudes that whatever we give to God is returned to us multiplied. You did praise those good and faithful servants in the parable of the talents who returned to the Master their gifts. So help us to learn the joy of stewardship, remembering that everything we have comes from You and belongs to You. We know, Lord, that we often live in fear of the future and insecurity. Help us to remember the lilies of the field and so to trust in Your providence. Grant to us a cheerful and generous spirit. Enkindle in the hearts of all Your people a zealous love for You. For You are the Good Steward, and to You we give thanks, praise and glory, together with Your Father and Your all holy good and life-giving Spirit now and ever and onto the ages of ages. Amen.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Coming Soon...

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THIS MONTH'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

Coming Soon...

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FEAST DAY FEATURES OF THE MONTH

KONDAK HYMNS OF THE FEASTS:

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Coming Soon...

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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Father is available to meet Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm 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 prepared or not of the Orthodox Faith may receive *a blessing* from the chalice.

How to receive - Please remember the following helpful hints aimed at helping to preserve the solemnity and safety of the Holy Mystery. Anyone wearing lipstick should remove it before receiving. Be sure to offer your baptismal name to the priest before receiving. Please take great care that the red cloth held by the acolytes (servers) is fully under your chin (*you should not hold it*), then use the centuries-old practice of receiving: please fully open your mouth, tilt your head back, receive the Holy Gifts, wait until They are securely in your mouth and so that none of the holy and precious Body and Blood of Christ is accidentally spilled. Thank you for your cooperation, and may God have mercy on us all!

Lapsed Members – You are always welcome home and we want you to come back! Generally speaking, sincere and regular participation in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and in the Mysteries of Confession and Communion 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 in the church. 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 the 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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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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ONLINE PRAYER CORNER

Special Intentions – Did you ever wonder for what reasons would a person’s name go under “For the Special Intentions of...” on our Prayer Page? A special intention request is very diversified! It could be when one is under extreme job stress, struggling with

spiritual issues, infertility, dealing with the loss of a loved one... the list goes on. As with the other lists on our page, one does not have to be Orthodox to be added.

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Prayer requests – During the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy, prayers are said for the sick and those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin. If silent prayers are requested, they will be offered quietly at the Altar at all services. All those listed in the “Prayer Corner” are prayed for during the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion). Prayer requests will remain for (about) 40 days unless requested otherwise. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our prayer list.

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Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions *

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A Prayer For The Sick: O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant(s) *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. Stephen B., Fr. Thomas B., Protodeacon Gregory B., Stephanie B, Kevin, Michael L., Laura & family, Carlene, Georgia, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin, David, Donna, George, *our diocesan seminarians:* Dcn Peter S, Alexander H, Joshua H, Bradley S, *and our Parish Council and Curators:* Lawrence, Subdeacon Ryan, Timothy, Rich, Elizabeth, Robert, Gina, John, Mary Jane, Katherine, Kenneth 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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*** Nameday, Birthday, and Anniversary Prayer List is being reset** – Our parish prayer list of key dates and

special occasions in our lives were reset back on 3/1/24.
If one of your special days is missing – please let Fr
Dave know ASAP. See Fr. Dave with any questions.

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May Namedays:

Robert Fall - St Robert, Abbot of Blois (5/8)
Mark Tongel - St. Mark the Evangelist (5/8)
Renee Mirilovich - Great-martyr Irene (5/18)
Christopher Bowser; Kris Carlisle, Reader;
Christopher Kubis - Martyr Christopher (5/22)

...May God grant them many and blessed years!

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May Birthdays:

Anna Dzacony (5/3), Fr Matthew Stagon (5/4),
Donald Bodnar (5/6), Fr Thomas Soroka (5/6), Ethan
Gogal (5/7), Ella Kovats (5/9), Jillian Gaydos (5/14),
Robert Mozes (5/16), Pañi Alexandra Urban (5/16),
Natasha Kretchek (5/19), Patrick Wertz (5/19), Linda
Gavulich (5/20), Elias Mainolfi (5/24), Alexander
Hanchulak (5/27), Fr Jonathan Tobias (5/27)

...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...

Raymond, Kathryn, Maxwell, Barbara, Tyler
...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St.
Mary Magdalene, & St. John Maximovitch.

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For those preparing for Marriage... Nicholas &
Cassie, Allison & Michael ...through the prayers of
Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

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May Anniversaries:

Lynn and Joseph Mainolfi (5/6)
Father's Godparents, Dick & Andrea Babbie (5/7)
Father's Best Man, Joe & Sarah Lavra (5/7/05)
Derek and Ashley (Wertz) Andrekovich (5/16/20)
Father's sister, Melissa & Christopher Ditmore (5/17)
Fr Dave's Ordination to the Priesthood (5/17/15)
Ernest & Claudia (Herbert) Pido (5/19/90)
Fr Dave & Pañi Alexandra (5/25)
Jim & Katherine Schrmack (5/26/79)
Tom & Judy Figura (5/31/69)

...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas

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For Pregnant Mothers...

Lindsay (due in June), Caitlin (August)
...through the prayers of St. Anna, the mother of the
Theotokos, and St. Irene Chrysovalantou.

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil
Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzacovsky ...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.*

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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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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Paschal Greeting in Slovak:

Christos vstal z mŕtvych!
(*Vpravde vstal z mŕtvych!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Greek:

Χριστός Ανέστη
Christós anésti! Krees-TOHS Ah-NEH-stee
(*Αληθώς Ανέστη*
Alithós anésti! Ah-lee-THOS Ah-NEH-stee)

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Paschal Greeting in Romanian:

Hristos a înviat! (*Adevărat a înviat!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Spanish:

¡Cristo ha resucitado!
(*¡En verdad ha resucitado!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Arabic:

El Messieh kahn! (*Hakken kahn!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Swahili:

Kristo amefufukka! (*Kweli amefufukka!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Gaelic:

Taw creest ereen! (*Taw shay ereen guhdyne!*)

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Paschal Greeting in French:

Le Christ est réssuscité!
(*En verite il est réssuscité!*)

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Paschal Greeting in Italian:

Cristo è risorto! (*È veramente risorto!*)