

“THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER” *Our Parish Bulletin*

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

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

Glory be to Jesus Christ! *(responded with: Glory be forever!)* Slava Isusu Christu! *(Slava na viki!)* We are happy that you have joined us today! It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning. We wish God’s Blessings to all who are with us today and pray that you come again soon! Please see Fr. Dave if you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 #APOSTLESFAST VOL. XI

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

+St. Tychon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (425)

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SUNDAY, JULY 6 #APOSTLESFAST

4th Sunday after Pentecost

+St. Artemius of Verkola (1545)

9:15 am Third Hour

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Tone 3; Liturgical Color: **Green**

Reception of Ray & Kathy into the Orthodox Faith

12-noon Feast Day Vespers

MONDAY, JULY 7 #APOSTLESFAST

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, JULY 11 #APOSTLESFAST

6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

SATURDAY, JULY 12

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

9:30am Festal Divine Liturgy

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

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*** **Garden Guild** – Do you have a ‘green’ thumb? Would you be interested in joining the SJB Garden Guild? If so, please let Fr. Dave know ASAP as a meeting will be occurring very soon.

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* **Garden Blessing** – The time of year has come for getting our gardens blessed. *(The format of the blessing is similar to our annual home blessing.)* Please contact Fr. Dave if you are interested.

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** **Golf Anyone?** – Numerous churches will have their annual golf outings soon. If you are interested in being a part of a SJB foursome, please see Bob Fall. *(The East Pittsburgh deadline is July 20.)*

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** **Collection Items** – Our Community Outreach this month is for Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City. Along with a monetary donation that we will collect throughout the month, they can use items listed below. **Donation deadline is next Sunday, July 6**

✓ AA Batteries

✓ Zip lock bags

✓ Tuna in water

✓ Canola oil

✓ Cooking spray

✓ Facial Tissues

✓ Paper towels

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✓ Toilet paper

✓ Tall white kitchen trash bags

✓ Clorox Clean-up (large refill size)

✓ Simple green (gallon size)

✓ Windex

✓ Dawn dish soap (large size)

✓ Tide liquid laundry detergent

✓ Bathroom cleaner (any kind)

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** **A Note for Summer Travel** – Where we travel, whenever we go, we take our faith with us, for as it says in the Psalms, "God is with us!" Keeping that in mind, please remember when traveling over the weekends to plan ahead and check for the location of the nearest Orthodox Christian Church. The Orthodoxy in America web site, www.OrthodoxyInAmerica.org, is a great resource which has a multi-jurisdictional listing of all Orthodox parishes. Remember, "God is with us" always. Let’s not forget to invite Him!

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** **The Holy Apostles’ Fast (Peter and Paul Fast)** This is one of the four fasting seasons of the Orthodox Christian year that culminates with our celebration of Saints Peter & Paul on July 12th.

Apostles Fast (by Fr. Ed Pehanich) The Apostles’ Fast began **June 16**. While many ignore this fast it has a very important purpose for us. St. Leo the Great in the 5th century wrote: *“After the Feast of Pentecost, fasting is especially necessary to purify our thoughts to render us worthy to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”* We engage in increased prayer and fasting in order to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control. Need these in your life? Work at increased prayer and fasting during the weeks ahead.

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** **ACRY Convention** – The 80th Senior and 40th Junior National ACRY Convention will be Labor Day weekend from **Aug 29 to Sep 1** at 7 Springs. For more information, visit <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-acry-convention/items>

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** **Restarting the Jr. ACRY** – Are you (or your child) between the ages of 8 and 18? Let’s restart our Jr. ACRY! This year’s Annual Convention will be held at Seven Spring on Labor Day Weekend. Please see Nick Ditmore, Reader, or Subdeacon Ryan Ferko if you (or your child) are interested in being a part of the Jr. ACRY. Let’s have some representation at this year’s convention!

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*** **Congratulations!** to Lindsay (Peifer) and Timothy Sikora and their families on the birth of **Khloe Kathryn** (5 lbs 8 oz) and **Nora Violet** (5 lbs 13 oz) born on June 16. Welcome to our Parish Family!

“Preserve her and this child which she has borne. Cover her with the shelter of thy wings from this day until her final end, through the prayers of the most Holy Theotokos and of all the saints. Amen” – from *Prayers for a Woman on the 1st Day after Childbirth*

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** **Hampton Community Day** – The Township of Hampton Community Day Celebration will be on **July 3** from 4:00 pm until after the Fireworks at the Hampton Community Park (3101 McCully Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101) with games, vendors, and live music.

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** **Third Hour** – If you would like to be in the rotation for chanting (or reading) the Third Hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (or have any questions), please see or contact Fr. Dave. *This does not need to be done by the Liturgy Chanter.*

THIRD HOUR

Please let Fr. Dave know if you are interested in reading or chanting the Third Hour at 9:15 am

July 6: _____?

July 13: _____?

July 20: _____?

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* **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.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD	
SUNDAY, JUNE 8: PENTECOST	
Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 60
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 269
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 905
Total Collections:	\$ 1234
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 135
<i>Participating Souls at Sunday Liturgy: 42</i>	
SUNDAY, JUNE 15	
Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 25
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 154
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 455
Total Collections:	\$ 634
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 35
<i>Participating Souls at Reader's Service: 18</i>	
SUNDAY, JUNE 22	
Stewardship Offerings:	\$ 280
Candle Stewardship:	\$ 56
Envelope Stewardship:	\$ 360
Total Collections:	\$ 696
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 70
<i>Participating Souls at Reader's Service: 23</i>	
<i>Friday Morning's Akathist: 2</i>	

Weekly Candle Intentions or Memorials were offered last week by the Nelson Family; Lawrence Martin; Tim Martin; Rich & Renee Mirilovich; Cindy Pavilonis; Mary Jane Hudak; Melanie Paieski

The **Eternal Lamp** was offered by Tim Martin in memory of his father, +Lawrence H. Martin. May His Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!

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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>	
* July 6:	_____?
July 13:	_____?
July 20:	_____?
<i>* meatless during the fast</i>	

SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3** More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. **6** While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. **8** But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

The Sound Eye

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; **23** but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Serving Two Masters

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Do Not Worry

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit [~18 inches] to his span of life? **28** And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? **31** Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of...

Bilyana, Gregory, Denise, David, Michael, Andrea, Diane, Jeanette, Boyde, Mark, Michelle, Megan, Lindsay, Brian, Rhonda, Carlene, Jason, Bella, Barbara, Paul, Juliana, Fredrick, and Michael

...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer

July Namedays:

Rich Mirilovich - St. John the Baptist (7/7)
Craig Bowser - Holy & All-glorious Apostle Peter (7/12)
Margaret (Peggy) Rusnak - Great Martyr Marina of Antioch (7/30)

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

June Birthdays:

Fr. Paul Abernathy (6/29), Colton Gavulich (6/29), John Radick (6/29), Elizabeth Radomsky (6/29), Fr Miles Zdinak (6/29)

July Birthdays:

Joanna Delaney (7/2), Paňi Stacey Mihaly (7/5), Felix Matolyak-Ferraz (7/6), Charles Deluca (7/8), Jessica Winkler (7/8), *Father’s Godfather*, Richard Babbie (7/9), *Paňi’s Grandmother*, Maria Alexe (7/11), Emilia Zak (7/11), Jean Zak (7/12), Ben Scherer, Sr. (7/14), Paňi Joanna Ferencz (7/17), Mark Tongel (7/17), Alaina Anton (7/18), Fr Michael Chendorain (7/18), Fr Luke Mihaly (7/18), *Father’s Godson*, Nathaniel Salio (7/21), Jennifer Brancho (7/22), Robert Fall (7/22), Lynn Mainolfi (7/23), Carol Fucsko (7/27), Barbara Gedid (7/27), Ryan Gogal (7/27), Demetrie Pido (7/27), Samuel Schrmack (7/27), Doug Delaney (7/28), Fr Stephen Lopusky (7/28), Luke Tongel (7/30), Paňi’s brother, Florin Popescu (7/30), Fr. George Ellis (7/31)

...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!

July Anniversaries:

Fred & Juliana Anton (7/20)
Alexei & Patrick Wertz (7/24)

...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas

For the souls of the newly departed...

...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May they be Eternal in God’s Memory!

O Heavenly King (Carju Nebesnyj)

O heavenly King, the Comforter; the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and dwell within us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls, O blessed One. Amen.

Spiritual Vitamin:

"Lord, have mercy on the nations of the world. Keep them in Thy embrace and envelope them with Thy holy protection. Keep them safe from every evil and war." +St. Paisios

ONLINE BONUSES

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VISIT OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE

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

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

SAINTED TYKHON, BISHOP OF AMAPHUNTUM Commemorated on June 16

Sainted Tykhon, Bishop of Amaphuntum, was born in the city Amaphuntum on the island of Cyprus. His parents raised their son in Christian piety, and taught him the reading of Sacred books. There is an account extant, that the gift of wonderworking appeared in Saint Tykhon at a still quite youthful age.

His father was the owner of a bread bakery and he sent his son to distribute bread. The holy lad gave bread free to the needy. Learning about this, his father became angry, but the son answered, that he had read in the holy books, that "in giving to God one receiveth back an hundredfold". "I too, – said the youth, – gave to God the bread which was taken" and he persuaded his father to go to where the grain was stored. With astonishment the father saw that the granary which formerly was empty, was now filled to overflowing with wheat. From that time the father did not hinder his son from distributing bread to the needy.

A certain gardener brought from the vineyard the dried prunings of vines. Saint Tykhon gathered them, planted them in his garden and besought the Lord, that these branches might take root and yield salubrious fruit for the health of people. The Lord did so through

the faith of the holy youth. The branches took root, and their fruit had a particular and very pleasant taste and was used during the lifetime of the saint and after his death for the wine in making the mystery of the Holy Eucharist.

They accepted the pious youth into the church clergy, made him a reader, and afterwards the bishop of Amaphuntum Memnon ordained him to the dignity of deacon. After the death of Bishop Memnon, Saint Tykhon by universal agreement was chosen as bishop of Amaphuntum. The ordination was headed by Sainted Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (+ 403, Comm. 12 May).

Saint Tykhon laboured zealously for the eradication of the remnants of paganism on Cyprus – he destroyed an idolatrous temple and spread the Christian faith. The sainted-bishop was generous, his doors were open to all, and with love he listened to and fulfilled the request of each person who came to him. Fearing neither threats nor tortures, he firmly and fearlessly confessed his faith before pagans.

In the service to Sainted Tykhon it is pointed out, that he foresaw the time of his death, which occurred in the year 425.

The name of Sainted Tykhon of Amaphuntum was accorded great honour in Russia. In honour of the saint, temples were constructed at Moscow, at Nizhni Novgorod, at Kazan and other cities. But the saint was particularly venerated in Voronezh diocese, where there were three archpastors in succession sharing the name with the Sainted-bishop of Amaphuntum: Sainted Tikhon I (Sokolov) (+ 1783, Comm. 13 August), Tikhon II (Yakubovsky, until 1785) and Tikhon III (Malinin, until 1788).

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

JUNE

Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City is our Community Outreach this month. Along with monetary donations that we will collect throughout the month, here is last year's list that they requested assistance with:

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JULY



This month, through the efforts of our Sr. ACRY, our additional collection will be for **Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM)** whose **mission** is to serve those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified. **Core values:** Accept that each person is made in the image and likeness of God; Love with compassion and respect; Integrity; Committed to excellence; Team-oriented
For more information on this organization, please visit: www.theocpm.org. Thank you in advance for your prayers and offering this month!

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES

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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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* **Coffee Social** – Did you know that 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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* **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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* **Food Ministry at SJB** –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 or Gina Fall of this and they 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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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 Schrmack



ACRY NEWS

**** 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 anyone over age 8, 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.

CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

Here is a brief update from the past few weeks:
✂ *** 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!*

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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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.

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.*

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

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.

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.

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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!**

AND Looking FURTHER Ahead...

Some 2025 dates of interest at St. John’s:

- **Jun. 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. 29-Sep. 2** – ACRY Convention
- **Aug. 31** – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs
- **Sep. 7** – Parish Picnic at “The Cabin”

Please, Save the Dates!

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Make plans to go to Camp Nazareth in 2025!

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

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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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THIS MONTH’S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JULY 6 #APOSTLESFAST

9:15 am Third Hour

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

12-noon Feast Day Vespers

MONDAY, JULY 7 #APOSTLESFAST

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, JULY 11 #APOSTLESFAST

6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

SATURDAY, JULY 12

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

9:30am Festal Divine Liturgy

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SUNDAY, JULY 13

9:15 am Third Hour

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Monthly Memorial Panachida

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SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:15 am Third Hour

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Youth Sunday

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SUNDAY, JULY 27

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the

First Six Ecumenical Councils

9:15 am Third Hour

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting *(All are welcome to come and listen to the discussions at the meeting)*

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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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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 Proskomedie (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) **him/her/them** from sickness and bitter pain. Heal **him/her/them** so that **he/she/they** may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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For the Health of...

Michael, Sophia, Andrea, Diane, Jeanette, Boyde, Mark, Michelle, Megan, Lindsay, Brian, Rhonda, Carlene, Jason, Bella, 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 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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July Namedays:

Rich Mirilovich - St. John the Baptist (7/7)
Craig Bowser - Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter (7/12)
Margaret (Peggy) Rusnak - Great Martyr Marina of Antioch (7/30)
...May God grant them many and blessed years!

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June Birthdays:

Fr. Paul Abernathy (6/29), Colton Gavulich (6/29), John Radick (6/29), Elizabeth Radomsky (6/29), Fr Miles Zdinak (6/29)

July Birthdays:

Joanna Delaney (7/2), Paňi Stacey Mihaly (7/5), Felix Matolyak-Ferraz (7/6), Charles Deluca (7/8), Jessica Winkler (7/8), Father’s Godfather, Richard Babbie (7/9), Paňi’s Grandmother, Maria Alexe (7/11), Emilia Zak (7/11), Jean Zak (7/12), Ben Scherer, Sr. (7/14), Paňi Joanna Ferencz (7/17), Mark Tongel (7/17), Alaina Anton (7/18), Fr Michael Chendorain (7/18), Fr Luke Mihaly (7/18), Father’s Godson, Nathaniel Salio (7/21), Jennifer Brancho (7/22), Robert Fall (7/22), Lynn Mainolfi (7/23), Carol Fucsko (7/27), Barbara Gedid (7/27), Ryan Gogal (7/27), Demetrie Pido (7/27), Samuel Schrmack (7/27), Doug Delaney (7/28), Fr Stephen Loposky (7/28), Luke Tongel (7/30), Paňi’s brother, Florin

Popescu (7/30), Fr. George Ellis (7/31)
...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...

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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July Anniversaries:

Fred & Juliana Anton (7/20)
Alexei & Patrick Wertz (7/24)
...through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas
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For Pregnant Mothers...
Caitlin (due in 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. Dzadovsky ...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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O Heavenly King (Carju Nebesnyj)

O heavenly King, the Comforter; the Spirit of Truth, Who are in all places and fill all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life, come and dwell within us and cleanse us from every blemish and save our souls, O blessed One. Amen.

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A Prayer for Peace

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

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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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