

"THE WEEKLY FORERUNNER" *Our Parish Bulletin*

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

VOL. XI

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

+Martyr Tobias (320)

Youth Sunday

Church School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00 pm Moleben to St. Nectarios with Anointing

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:30 pm Feast Day Vespers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FEAST OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL

MICHAEL AND THE OTHER BODILESS POWERS

9:30 am Festal Divine Liturgy

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - IOCC SUNDAY

9:15 am Third Hour; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Tone 7; Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (*8th Sunday of Luke*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:30 pm Moleben of Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 #NativityFast

NATIVITY FAST BEGINS (PHILIP'S FAST / FILIPOVKA)

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BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** Church School Participation** – Our Youth Ministry Leader, Kathy S., will be the main contact for parents to update the teachers on whether their kids will be at class. **Parents** – please update Kathy before each scheduled class (1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)

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**** Chair Lift** – As discussed at the yearly meeting, a chair lift will be installed from the vestibule to the hall. The cost will be \$6,700 and paid for by an anonymous donor. Installation will occur before Nativity.

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***** DATE CHANGE! The St Nicholas Charity Dinner Luncheon**, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Deanery to benefit our Christ the Saviour Seminary, is a bit different this year moving to a Saturday and up to lunch time, but with the same great food! It will be on **SATURDAY, December 20** at the Bulgarian-Macedonian Hall - BMNECC that is handicap accessible (449 West Eighth Ave., West Homestead, PA 15120). Doors open at **12:30 pm** with a Buffett LUNCHEON at **1:00 pm**. Menu from the Cooked Goose includes: Roast Beef, Stuffed Chicken Breast with Gravy, Vegetable Lasagna, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans Almandine, and Rolls with Butter. Ticket prices are: Adults: \$40; Teens 13-18: \$30; Ages 5-12: \$15; Up to Age 4: Free (*checks payable to "Pittsburgh Deanery"*). If anyone (or organization) would like to "sponsor a seminarian" (or part of their family), please see Father. (*Our seminarians and their families are invited to come for free. Your donation would help cover this expense.*) There will also be a "Rusyn Auction". Our parish has been asked to bring 3 baskets (*each around a \$25 value*) to be raffled off at the dinner. Come enjoy the fellowship, meet the seminarians, enjoy the carol sing-a-long, meet a special guest, and keep this tradition alive! **Order your tickets by Sunday, December**. See Fr. Dave for tickets (or would anyone be willing to handle our tickets?)

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*** Christmas Candy Sale** – We are selling Christmas Candy as a winter fundraiser. Brochures are on the table leading into the hall. Orders are due to Tim Martin, Reader, by **November 30**. Orders can be picked up after December 14. *The monies raised from this go into our Fundraising Account which is mainly used for our parish community outreach to help those who are in need.*

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COFFEE SOCIAL STEWARDS

Please sign up by the kitchen or by contacting Fr. Dave

November 23: ? , ? , ? , ?

* Nov 30: ? , ? , ? , ?

* December 7: ? , ? , ? , ?

** meatless during the fast*

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**** A new approach to the Coffee Social:** 4 people bring 1 item each. A modified sign-up sheet is now available. (*If someone wants to host the entire event, that is still an option – just sign your name through all 4 boxes.*) Also, the Kitchen Crew, led by Liz, will be the "point person" for signing up or any questions.

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**** Journey to Orthodoxy** – Congratulations and God's choicest blessings to Maxwell (Thaddeus) Anton who was received into the Orthodox Faith and our parish family on Sunday afternoon, November 2. May God grant to His newly-illuminated servant, Maxwell (Thaddeus), Many Years of Peace, Health, Happiness and Salvation! Blessings also to his sponsor, Timothy Martin, Reader. Many Years! Mnohaya L'ita!

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**** Winter Maintenance and Decorating Morning** - On **Saturday, December 13** our periodic parish maintenance morning will return! All are asked to come and help repair some little things, do a deep cleaning, and decorate for Christmas. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall if you are able to offer stewardship of your time that morning.

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*** St. Matrona Cookie Walk** – The 22nd Annual event will be held on **Saturday, December 13**, from 10 AM to 2 PM (or until sold out) at Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church (220 Mansfield Blvd, Carnegie). Most cookies sold by the pound. No online orders. Rumor has it you should go quite early to get in line! Please contact Fr. Dave for more info.

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**** Liturgy Sermon Series Complete** – On Sunday, November 9, we finished our walk through the Divine Liturgy. I pray that this has not only been educational but has helped you grow in your Orthodox Faith. I enjoyed this and pray that you did as well! - Fr. Dave

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*** Initiation of the Catechumen** - On Sunday, October 26, Hekuran was enrolled into the catechumenate. He begins his next step in becoming a member of the Orthodox Church. Let us continue to keep Hekuran in our personal prayers! Many Years!

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OUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS TO GOD

Stewardship Offerings: \$ 10,210
Candle Stewardship: \$ 60
Envelope Stewardship: \$ 410

Total Collections: \$ 10,860

Capital Improvement Fund: \$ 11,300

Participating Souls at Sunday's Liturgy: 39

Weekly Candle Intentions or Memorials were offered last week by the Nelson Family; Lawrence Martin; Tim Martin; John Radick; Cindy Pavilonis

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***** \$10,000** – Last week we received 2 generous \$10,000 donations. Your continued generosity will help us Grow His Kingdom as we work forever heavenward! Many Years!

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Financial Reports	October	Fiscal Year
General Stewardship	\$ 4062.05	\$ 8,972
* Expenses	\$ 6727.36	\$ 12,102
Yield +/-	- \$ 2665.31	- \$ 3,130
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1388.00	\$ 2907
<i>Sunday Participation Average</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>43</i>

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not because of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

⁴¹ And there came a man named Ja'irus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. ⁴³ And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, ⁴⁴ came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." ⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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PRAYER CORNER

For the Health of...

Melissa, Patrick, Sophia, David, Christopher, Brian, Ernie, Maryann, Anna, Liliana, Melanie, Carrie, Lindsay, Jason, 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...

+Carlene Smith (10/18) *...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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IOCC Thanksgiving Prayer for Those in Need

O Heavenly King, Comforter, who grants all blessings, we thank You for Your abundant grace and mercies. Help us to be good stewards of Your treasury through the ministry of IOCC. Help us to strip ourselves of our earthly adornment, so that the poor may be sufficiently clothed and fed. And, by so loving our neighbor, adorn us with the everlasting pearls of virtue instead. Where there is suffering, help us to bring Your mercy; where there is despair, Your hope. Where there is war, allow us to present You who are the Prince of Peace; where there is pain, You who are the Comforter; Where there is hatred, You who are Love; where there is death and destruction; You who are the Resurrection and Life. Daily guide our work in and through IOCC so that we may do all things, in every place and at all times, for Your glory. Amen.

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/acroddioecese
 Twitter: twitter.com/acrodnews
 YouTube: youtube.com/acroddioecese

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LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH

“Orthodoxy is not an ideology; it is a way of life, founded upon faith that has been articulated in doctrine so that it may be preserved and passed down by the faithful.” – Fr. Andrew Steven Damick

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SPIRITUAL VITAMIN

“Never forget that the Son of God, for thirty years of His earthly life, was a carpenter. He had calloused hands and was not ashamed to extend His hand to receive payment for the plows and yokes He made, as was said in the time of Saint Justin the Philosopher and Martyr.

The highly intellectual Apostle Paul was not ashamed, after preaching during the day, to make bags, tents, and rugs from goat hair at night, as was customary in the East at that time. Both Saint Basil the Great and Saint John the Theologian, along with all the other saints, worked. Therefore, we too must not be ashamed or afraid of any work; we should only be ashamed and afraid of sin.

By doing so, through our faith and life in faith, we will fulfill the meaning and purpose of our existence in this world—that is, to attain bliss in our true heavenly homeland, in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

-Patriarch Pavel of Serbia

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S’bohom: Go with God!

The Rusyn language originally did not have words for “Hello” or “Good-bye” – their greetings were *Glory be to Jesus Christ!* and *Go with God!*

Excerpt from “Insights into the Orthodox Faith” pages 66-67: “Go in peace.”

“This is the way the Divine Liturgy concluded according to the late fourth century work entitled *Apostolic Constitutions*, which most scholars believe originated in Syria and reflects the practices of the Christian East... After [the Amvon Prayer], the deacon simply says, “Go in peace,” with no further ceremony. Most of the early Christian liturgical texts that exist end this way – with a simple “Go in peace” or “Go with God”... This was, in all probability, simply the way that believers said good-bye to each other.

“In many languages this dismissal was accepted into common speech, even after the dismissal changed. Consider, for example, the practice of saying *S’Bohom (Go with God)* in the Carpatho-Rusin language as a popular way to say good-bye.”

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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

MARTYRS ACEPSIMAS THE BISHOP, JOSEPH THE PRESBYTER, AND AEITHALAS THE DEACON, OF PERSIA (376)

Commemorated on November 16/3

Bishop Akepsimos headed the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work. The emperor Sapor gave orders to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimos also was arrested, being then already an eighty year old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh – a pagan-priest of the sun-god. The holy elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day they threw in with him, after fierce beatings, the seventy year old Presbyter Joseph and Deacon Haiphah. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and worn down by hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor and at his demand they again firmly refused to worship the pagan gods, instead confessing their faith in Christ. The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were sent off within the city and there to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, – lightning killed the guard, the wind threw about stones, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared.

The deacon Haifal was taken to the village of Patrias and there he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. On the grave of the saint there grew a tree, the fruit of which brought healings.

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ADDITIONAL BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please have submissions to Fr. Dave by Wednesday)

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* **Free ACRY Annuals** – Feel free to take a past edition of the Diocesan Yearbook, the ACRY Annual. They are on the ledge in the vestibule by the window.

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* **Pop Can Tab Collection** – Join the National Jr. ACRY in supporting the Ronald McDonald House. A collection bin for *Can Tabs* has been placed in the vestibule near the bin for repurposed Greeting Cards. During the next year, please help fill the container with your pop can tabs.

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"Code" for reading the bulletin:

*** = new news ** = 2nd time in the bulletin

* = at least the 3rd time in the bulletin

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

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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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CHURCH BUILDING UPDATE

Here is a brief update from the past few weeks:

✠ ** A **Temporary Sidewalk** has been modified and updated which wraps from the double doors in the middle around to the back of the church (ending at the shed). The 2' pavers were found online for free and the stewardship of members of the construction crew installed them.

✠ * **Temporary Flooring** has been added between the Solea and the start of the pews in the nave of the church. This "dresses up" this area until the ceiling and walls are finished (*plan still being finalized*). When the day comes to do the floor in the nave, this laminate can be re-used elsewhere (i.e. offices downstairs). The cost is less than \$1,000. Thank you and God's blessings to members of the Construction Crew who worked on this project. Many Years!

✠ * **Outside Green Space** – Recently, a gardening specialist and Landscape Architect came to the church and shared their expertise for creating a Perennial Pollinator Garden. Due to the costs involved in their proposals, at this time we will leave the space as is.

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Glory to God for All Things!

Through your generosity and dedication, everything 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!

Random Tidbits... Father Dave is available to meet Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm OR by appointment...

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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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2025-26 SJB PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Larry Martin

Vice-President: Liz Radomsky

Treasurer: Tim Martin, Reader

Financial Secretary: Rich Mirilovich

Recording Secretary: Gina Fall

Chief Auditor: Bob Fall

Auditors: Mary Jane Hudak, Ray Kilmer, Kim Opsitos, Matt Opsitos, and Kathy Schrmack

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THIS MONTH'S SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:15 am Third Hour; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Church School

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:15 am Third Hour; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Monthly Memorial (Panachida)
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:15 am Third Hour; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 #NativityFast

9:15 am Third Hour; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Church School
12-noon Moleben for the Nativity Fast
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AND Looking FURTHER Ahead...

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

- Dec 4 – Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos
- **Dec 6** – St. Nicholas Charity Dinner Luncheon Banquet to benefit Christ the Savior Seminary
- **Dec 13** – Decorating and Maintenance Morning
- Dec 19 - Feast of St. Nicholas

Please, Save the Dates!

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET



TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

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* **Ride Share** – We were blessed to have a number of college students with us last week for our Student Blessing. When their schedules work out, they will need rides from Point Park, Duquesne, or Pitt. We have also received requests from a couple other people who are interested in getting a ride to the church. Please contact Fr. Dave or Larry if you would be able to bring your “neighbor” to the church.

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ACRY NEWS

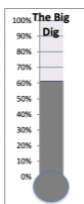
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* **Joining the ACRY** – If you would like to become a part of our philanthropic organization of the ACRY (*American Carpatho-Russian Youth*), which is open to anyone over age 8, please contact Subdeacon Ryan Ferko.

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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.

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* **The Big Dig Update** – Through the end of October, \$28,930 has been collected towards our \$45,000 expense from the recent excavation project. All of your additional generosity is greatly appreciated! May God bless you! Many Years!

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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.

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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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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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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%	Upper Range Giving 10%	Upper Range Giving 9%	Upper Range Giving 8%	Upper Range Giving 7%	Middle Range Giving 6%	Middle Range Giving 5%	Middle Range Giving 4%	Lower Range Giving 3%	Lower Range Giving 2%	Lower Range Giving 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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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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SPIRITUAL CONSIDERATIONS

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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

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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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, 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, Dcn Maximus C, Alexander H, Monk David M, Nicholas C, John B, John F, Bradley S, Clay W, and our *Parish Council and Curators*: Lawrence, Subdeacon Ryan, Timothy, Rich, Elizabeth, Robert, Gina, John, Kimberly, Matthew, 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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November Namedays:

Urban Family – Holy Disciple Urban of the 70 (11/13)
Makaela Kirish - Archangel Michael (11/21)
Cindy Pavilonis - Saint Cyntianus (11/28)
Matthew Mirilovich - Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (11/29)

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

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November Birthdays:

Fr Joseph BIRTHSEL (11/2), Subdeacon Ryan FERKO (11/4/85), Matt OPSITOS (11/4), Jason SHELPMAN, Jr (11/4), Nicholas KUBIS (11/6), Deborah HARRIS (11/8), Caitlin CARLISLE (11/9), Michael FISCHER (11/11), Dustin KOVATS (11/12), Fr. James BLOMELEY (11/14), Cindy PAVILONIS (11/14), Kim OPSITOS (11/21), Fr Michael RUSTICK (11/21), *Father's sister*, Suzanne VERBANICK (11/25), Stephen BRANCHO (11/26), Fr. Michael ELLIS (11/26/75), Pañi Peggy TEKLINSKI (11/26), Victor ZERBY (11/27), Pañi Ileana BENNETT (11/28), Chi-Wing CHOW (11/29), Liam KOVATS (11/30)

...*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...

Hekuran, 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, Nicholas & Camile
...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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November Anniversaries:

Doug & Elizabeth (Radomsky) Delaney (11/1)
Thomas & Harmonie (Scherer) Torchia (11/12/11)
Alisha and Aaron Zak (11/15/15)
...*through the prayers of St. Nicholas Planas*

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For Pregnant Mothers...

Carley (due in November), Morgan (due in January)
...*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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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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