DIVINE LITURGY
“FOR LIFE”

Friday, January 24, 2020 @ 9:00 AM

Saint John’s Orthodox Church
3180 Morefield Road
Hermitage, PA 16148

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To spiritually unite with the hundreds of thousands who on this day will be witnessing to the value and sacredness of life at the annual “March for Life” in Washington DC, we will prayerfully gather to offer the Divine Liturgy.
Please join us!
**Bulletin for January 19-February 1, 2020**

**CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS**

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<td><strong>31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 6</strong>&lt;br&gt;9:00 AM Divine Liturgy&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<em>Panachida:</em> +John Kolbrich, by wife Nona&lt;br&gt;+Vudmaska Family (Per.)&lt;br&gt;+Andrew Guzi (Per.)</td>
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<td><strong>THREE HOLY BISHOPS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN &amp; JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</strong>&lt;br&gt;9:00 AM Divine Liturgy</td>
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<td><strong>MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE</strong>&lt;br&gt;(40TH DAY AFTER THE NATIVITY)&lt;br&gt;9:00 AM Divine Liturgy&lt;br&gt;&lt;br*Blessing of Candles for the Holyday&lt;br&gt;<em>Panachida:</em> +Edward &amp; +Irene Zahuranec (Perpetual)</td>
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1) Installation of Officers
2) Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast
3) Annual Parish Meeting

The Installation of Church Board Officers will take place at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. (Reminder: We will take the group photo immediately after the Installation.)

All Parishioners are invited to our Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, January 26 following Divine Liturgy. Throughout the year, we always say “thank you” to our parishioners, but we want to take the opportunity to gather for a meal as a community and show our thanks for all of your hard work and dedication over the past year.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place in conjunction with the breakfast. All members in good standing, who have met their spiritual and material obligations (i.e. have—at a minimum—participated in the sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion within the past year, and are financially supporting the parish) are encouraged to attend.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. David will be away January 31 through February 2. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call one of the local Orthodox priests.

Church School Classes will resume Sunday, February 9th.

Sponsorships Available: Please visit our church office if you would like to sponsor the Bulletin, Eternal Lamp, Candelabrum, or Coffee Hour. Be sure to clearly print all information.

Blessing of Candles on February 2. As is customary, candles will be blessed at the Divine Liturgy on February 2—the holyday of the Meeting of Our Lord, the 40th day after the Nativity that remembers the presentation of the infant Jesus into the Temple. It is recorded in Gospel of Luke (2:22-39) that the elder Simeon recognized the infant Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” on this day. Thus we highlight the use of candles, as they remind us that Christ is the true Light of the World. We will have candles available for a donation, but you may also bring a candle from home for this blessing. Just place your candle(s) on the prepared table before the Divine Liturgy.

The First Soul Saturday is one month away—on February 22. Hramoty envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please use them to list the names of your dear departed to be remembered on the five Soul Saturdays this year. Return them to Fr. David as soon as you can!

“A Night In Belgrade” will be held on February 8, 2020 at St. George Serbian Orthodox Church Hall in Hermitage. Information is on the bulletin board.

Local Event: Alpha 1/107th Spaghetti Dinner. January 25, 2020. 3:00pm-7:00pm. $12.00/person (Adults 13 & up), $8.00/kid (12 and under). Dinner will include your choice of Plain sauce, Meat sauce, Salad, Dinner Roll, Dessert, and Drink. To-go Boxes will be available for the same price. All proceeds benefit the Hermitage National Guard for the upcoming year. Bring your Kids and get a picture with one of the Howitzers!! Location: 740 NORTH HERMITAGE ROAD. HERMITAGE, PA 16148-3222.
Stewardship
By Dan Hromyak

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." - Isaiah 49:5

God has given us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." - Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.
December 2019 $35 Calendar Winners

2nd Dee Dee Brest, Sharon 151
3rd Tom Ristvey Jr, Hermitage 685
4th Teena Castleman, Monroeville, IN 789
6th Kirk Kupensky, Masury, OH 660
7th Jeff Saluga, Boardman, OH 462
9th Matt Maurer, Cranberry Twp, PA 433
11th Shannon Brozovich, Allison Park, PA 531
17th Missy Syersak, Burghill, OH 505
19th Rege Jacobs, Pittsburgh, PA 337
21st Steven Kudelko, New Wilmington, PA 710
23rd Sophie Blanar, Hartsville, OH 549
26th John Napotnik, Sharpsville 472
28th Andy Lutz, Hermitage 788
31st Douglas & Elsa Zavoda, Bridgewater, NJ 697

Mark Your Calendars!
Diocesan Events at Camp Nazareth

Seniors Retreat: May 12-14, 2020
Family Camp: June 5-7, 2020
Family Day: June 7, 2020
Deanery Camping Week: July 19-25

February 15: Staff Applications due
March 1: Camper Registration Opens
May 15: Clergy and Volunteer Applications due
May 15: Last Day for Early Bird Discount ($20) for Camper Registrations

Visit acrod.org and campnazareth.org for more information!
Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do not call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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 church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual “pledge”).

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.
Happy Birthday!

January 19th Helen Jaeger
January 20th Geri Tulip
January 21st Susan VanZanten
January 22nd Eleanor Cooper
January 23rd George Radu
January 26th Natalee Ristvey

Men to Hold Candles

♦ February 2
  Gary Yonchak
  Bob Amos
  Bob Andras
  Jason Baker
  Dave Beight

♦ February 9
  Dennis Burprich
  Jerry Chupak
  Tom Doyle
  Ed Fabian
  Matt Fabian

Eternal Lamp Sponsor

January 19
In loving memory of brother
George “Butch” Benya
on his birthday January, 31
By: Sister Marge Holmes

January 26
In loving memory of
Stephen Yonchak
By: Kathy & Gary Yonchak

Please make plans to attend
Parish Meeting & Annual Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast
Sunday, January 26