We Honor Our Veterans...

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, we offer special prayers for all the veterans of our Saint John’s parish family. This list below includes those members of our church or their immediate family members who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. Thank you for your service!

May God, through the Prayers of the Archangel Michael, Saint George, Saint Demetrius, and all the Saints, grant these men and women, and all veterans who served or now serve our country, His blessings, grace, and mercy!

Robert Amos
Deacon John Anderson
Father Thomas Blaschak
Robert Bobanick
Dennis Burpich
Andrew Chuba
Stephan Chuba
Ruth Ristvey Cisneros
Chester Everett
Patton Gilliand
Joseph P. Jaeger
Matthew Kulusich
Andy Lutz
Robert Maykowski
Paul McMahon
Scott Obermiyer
John D. Ristvey
Peter Roman
Edward Slovesko
Joseph Tatusko
Aaron VanZanten
David VanZanten
Gary Yonchak

God bless America!
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| **Tues 11/12/2019** | **St. John the Merciful**                                                   |
|                    | 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy Special Intention: Baby Harrison Orras, by Nick & Angie Orras |

| **Thurs 11/15/2019** | **St. John the Merciful**                                                   |
|                     | 8:30 AM Parastas Service ++Joseph & +Margaret O’Shanic (Per.)               |

| **Fri 11/17/2019**  | **St. John the Merciful**                                                   |
|                    | 6:00 PM Akathist Service to the Mother of God & Prayers for the Living/Sick |

| **Sun 11/17/2019**  | **22nd Sunday After Pentecost; Tone 5**                                     |
|                    | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy                                                     |
|                    | Panachida: +Robert Banas, by June & Nancy Dunhallow                        |
|                    | Peter & Mary Sobota (Per.)                                                 |
|                    | Pacinda Fam. (Per.)                                                        |

| **Mon 11/18/2019**  | **Board Meeting**                                                          |
|                    | 6:00 PM                                                                    |

| **Tues 11/19/2019** | **St. John the Merciful**                                                   |
|                    | 8:30 AM Morning Prayers                                                    |

| **Wed 11/20/2019**  | **Eve of the Holyday**                                                      |
|                    | 4:30 PM Confessions                                                        |
|                    | 5:00 PM Vespers for the Holyday *(Note Earlier Time!)*                     |

| **Thurs 11/21/2019** | **Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple (Holyday)**                 |
|                     | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy                                                     |

| **Sun 11/24/2019**  | **23rd Sunday After Pentecost; Tone 6**                                     |
|                    | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy                                                     |
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nativity Fast begins on Friday, November 15th! See related announcements in this bulletin.

Prayers of Special Intention for the Living/Sick will be offered at the Akathist Service on Friday, November 15th. Please update your prayer list or submit a new one before this service.

Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual Sponsors and Memorial Listings: If you would like to include your name and/or the names of your loved ones in the 2020 Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual, please visit the church office.

ACRY “Lots o’ Luck” calendars are available in the church office for $25/calendar. Support the National ACRY with your purchase!

**Annual Election of Officers Meeting** will take place on Sunday, December 1. All members in good standing are asked to attend and participate!

Local Volunteer Opportunity:

Volunteer *Tutors* Needed in Mercer County
Farrell, Greenville, Grove City, Hermitage, Sharon
Help adults in our free GED program.
Only 3 hours per week - flexible. All materials and training provided.
To register for class or volunteer, please contact:
Edith Anderson, Grove City Education Center for Adults
724-458-7270 / eanderson.gceca@gmail.com / www.gcedcenter.org

*More information about volunteer opportunities as well as free GED instruction is posted on our bulletin board.*
Our 2019 Chinese Auction is on Sunday, November 24.

Doors will open at 1:00 PM and the drawing will start promptly at 3:00 PM.

Admission is $5.00 and tickets are $3.00 per sheet or 4 for $10.00.

Tickets are available NOW.

Please plan on helping at the event!

We thank all who have contributed items and monetary donations thus far.

We are asking every family in our parish to consider donating a prize for the Auction. At a minimum, items should be worth $10.00. If you are able to spend more on an item—great! Think about this when you go shopping: “Would I put a ticket in for this?”

If you prefer, the committee members will accept monetary donations which will be used for the purchase of prizes. Every contribution helps!

All donations **MUST be at the church no later than November 15th.** Our hard-working volunteers need plenty of time to set-up for this event.

Thank you for all of your assistance!

*Mark Your Calendars With These Other Upcoming Events!*

——PIROHI MAKING FOR CHRISTMAS MARKET——
THURSDAY, December 5th

——3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET——
Saturday, December 14th
Thoughts on Stewardship
By Dan Hromyak

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around and bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people and other people desire this in their own life. Now that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Orthodox faith

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Pledge Check! We thank all those who have been making contributions towards their 2019 Financial Stewardship pledge. Now is a good time to review where you are at with your pledge, especially as we will soon be shifting our attention to 2020. (Don't forget to consider how your Diocesan Assessment factors into this, too!) God bless you for your generosity and support!
The Nativity Fast (“Advent”) begins on November 15th

During this time, we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ (December 25) and the festive season (the “12 Days of Christmas”) that ends with the Baptism of Christ (January 6).

An Akathist Service to the Mother of God will be offered on Friday, November 15th at 6:00 PM to help us begin this holy season with prayer. This beautiful service takes us through all the events of the Incarnation. Additional services will be held periodically throughout the Fast, and more times will be scheduled for Confession, which we are to approach during this time.

Fasting goes hand-in-hand with our spiritual preparation. The traditional, fuller fast calls for abstention from meat and dairy from November 15 until December 25. At a minimum, we are to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, and observe the strict fast on Christmas Eve, December 24. (Dispensation is given for Thanksgiving and the Friday following, as listed in the ACRY Annual.)

Consider this: in America today, most people pre-celebrate Christmas, so that Christmas ends on December 25th. The Church wants us to take time and prepare before Christmas, and then celebrate and feast. We should, of course, be balanced in how we approach this, especially when invited by friends, neighbors and coworkers to holiday gatherings. In our personal and family observance of this pre-Christmas Fast, though, adding an extra day or two (or more!) of fasting and abstention per week can help us focus more intently on preparation, and lessen the temptation to end Christmas on December 25th. Remember: don’t ask “what is the least I have to do?” but “what is the most that I can do for Christ?”

2020 Church Wall Calendars have again been provided to our parish through the generosity of TOMON FUNERAL SERVICES. We thank our parish funeral directors Joe Tomon and Jennifer for this annual gift, and ask God to bless them for many years! Please consider utilizing their excellent services.

Every home should have a calendar! Please take a calendar home and let it assist you in sanctifying the whole course of the year. Follow the daily commemorations, as the Church remembers the events of our salvation—the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord—and the lives of the saints. Use the Bible readings as daily spiritual nourishment.
Protocol No. 10/2019

November 1, 2019

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers and Faithful,

As you are aware, throughout the history of our God-Protected Diocese, the National ACRY has been at the forefront of the youth and philanthropic initiatives of the Diocese.

Throughout the years a tremendous amount of financial support has been offered to our youth from the National ACRY in the form of collegiate and seminary scholarships, missionary trips, and projects through the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and OCF (Orthodox Christian Fellowship). Our Diocesan Mission Fund has also received more than $260,000 over the years. Additionally, Camp Nazareth and Diocesan youth in need have benefited from the Bishop John Camperships and annual support sponsored by the ACRY. Numerous educational pamphlets and books for the benefit of all of our Diocesan faithful have also been made possible through the generosity of the ACRY. Presently, the ACRY produces our Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual in partnership with the Diocesan Chancery.

I am proud of the efforts the ACRY has made in recent years in providing hands-on opportunities for direct charitable and missionary work. This past year, ACRY Ambassador Jordan Polanichka represented the ACRY at the OCF Real Break trip to Houston Texas with Team Rubicon, a hurricane recovery build team. It is also currently partnering with the Jr. ACRY to provide Health Hygiene kits to those impacted by Hurricane Dorian. Most recently, at the 2019 ACRY Convention in Taylor, PA the proceeds of the Annual Pass the Hat Convention Appeal was given to a member of our Diocesan family to help defray the medical bills for their infant daughter who was a patient at a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and a large donation was given to the fiancée of a long time ACRY member who recently was involved in a serious accident.

As the Supreme Patron of the ACRY and your Diocesan Hierarch, I am calling upon your parish’s support of the second annual ACRY Stewardship Campaign. This past year’s inaugural campaign, thanks to the combined support of both ACRY and non ACRY members, was a huge success, raising over $12,000! Again during this year’s Advent Season (that starts November 15th/25th), the ACRY will be seeking a single contribution from its chapter members, as well as the parishes and individuals of the Diocese. Your renewed support will help them to continue and expand the many outreach projects and philanthropic works completed in the name of our Diocese. Please see the attached promotional materials for all necessary details and deadlines. As stewardship also includes the offering of one’s time and talents, I urge parishion that do not have an active ACRY Chapter to consider starting or reactivating a chapter.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory
American Carpatho-Russian Youth

Stewardship Campaign

“Empowering the Saints for Ministry”

November 15th, 2019 to January 15th, 2020

Support of Camp Nazareth

Academic Scholarships

Missionary Projects

Aiding Children with Serious Illnesses & Special Needs

Promotion of the Orthodox Faith

Lenten Retreats

Campus Ministry

GOAL: $14,000

Deadline for donations is February 15th, 2020

For more information visit ACRY.org
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.
IMPORTANT NOTICES REGARDING DECEMBER PIROHI

Since Friday, December 6th is St. Nicholas Day, pirohi making will be on December 5th.

We are taking orders from our parishioners and their friends, but we are only taking orders for **150 dozen** as we need to reserve 100 dozen to sell at the Christmas Market on December 14th. If you want to be sure that you have pirohi for the holidays, get your orders in ASAP. **Do not wait until the last minute!**

All parishioner orders must be picked up on December 5th.

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**DECEMBER PIROHI SCHEDULE**

*Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Hall!*

- **Tues., December 3**
  - at 1:00 PM
  - *(Hall setup; Potato prep)*

- **Wed., December 4**
  - at 6:00 PM
  - *(Filling prep)*

- **Thurs., December 5**
  - at 8:00 AM
  - *(Pirohi Making)*

*Remember: Get your orders in by December 1!*

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**December 2019 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: Sunday, December 1, 2019*

(724) 981-0571

**Name:** ______________________________

**Phone Number:** ______________________

___ Potato-Cheese Pirohi @ $8.00/dozen

___ Butter Only

___ Butter and Onions *(on the side)*

**Total Amount Due:** $________

Pick-Up on Thursday, December 5, 2019

*We are only accepting orders for 150 dozen, so get your orders in ASAP!*
ETERNAL LAMP SPONSOR

November 10
In loving memory of
John Robert Hynes
By: The Hynes Family

November 17
In loving memory of
Richard Hartley on his Birthday
By: Katie Hartley & Family

Coffee Hour Sponsors

November 10
In honor of
Christina & Emil Maurer
25th Wedding Anniversary

November 17
In honor of
Billy Jo & Andy Lutz
63rd Wedding Anniversary and
In loving memory of
Grandson Aaron Brest

CANDELABRA SPONSOR

November 10
In honor of the wedding of
David Saluga & Elise Baldarelli

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

♦ November 24
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Pete Roman
Steve Saluga

♦ December 1
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani
Henry VanZanten
Michael Waryanka

Happy Birthday!

November 10th Gino Tofani
November 12th John Parimuha
November 15th Amelia Baronowsky
November 18th Francine Fabian
November 19th Dorothy Wilson
November 20th Lauren Holmes
November 20th Mary Ann Tofani

Belated Birthday Wishes!
Carol Ristvey (September 27)
Joel Ristvey (November 5)

Happy Anniversary!

November 12
Michaelene & Scott Obermiyer