Before sitting down for your Thanksgiving feast, do not neglect to thank God in PRAYER! Feel free to use the following prayers:

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We, Your thankful and unworthy servants, praise and glorify You, O Lord, for the many blessings we have received from You. We bless You, we thank You, we sing to You and we rejoice in Your great mercy. In humility and love, we praise You: O Benefactor and Savior, glory to You.

AMEN!
# Services & Events

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THANK YOU to all who helped organize and staff our 2019 Chinese Auction, and who gave gifts and donations. A fuller report will follow in the next bulletin!

Thanksgiving Eve Service: To mark the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we will celebrate a Prayer Service (Moleben) of Thanksgiving on the eve of Thanksgiving, November 27, at 6:00 PM. Take this opportunity to come to God’s holy house and “Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!” (Ps. 117)

Our Annual St. Nicholas Celebration with a Visit from “St. Nicholas” will take place on Sunday, December 8th following services. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hall, so that we can accurately plan the refreshments for this great annual tradition! All Church School parents and anyone who would like to assist with the event are asked to meet briefly on Sunday, December 1st in order to coordinate any final details.

Vespers for Saint Nicholas Day will be offered at St. Nicholas Church, 2053 North Road NE in Warren, OH on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend and celebrate this day with our dean, Fr. Ken, and our brothers and sisters in Warren. Veneration of a Relic of St. Nicholas will take place at the service. Refreshments will be provided after Vespers. More info on the bulletin board!

2020 Special Fund calendar tickets are available in the church office for $20. ACRY “Lots o’ Luck” calendars are available in the church office for $25.

Altar Boy Meeting and Training on Sunday, December 22nd after coffee hour until approximately 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

House Blessings... ALREADY?! We still have about a month and a half before House Blessings begin on January 6. As we did last year, please fill out a card indicating that you want your home blessed and return it to the church by Christmas. Fr. David will produce a schedule by January 1 based on your responses.
Thoughts on Stewardship

By Dan Hromyak

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.
Join Us for our Third Annual

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday, December 14, 2019
10:00 am to 2:00 PM

BAKED GOODS & FOOD

- Homemade Cookies, Nut Roll & Other Baked Goods
- Pirohi & Halushki Packaged “To Go”
- Christmas Candy & Snack Mixes
- Holiday Dip Mixes Free Samples!

SHOPPING

- Holiday & Decorator Items
- Religious Items Icons, Crosses, Jewelry
- European Folk Crafts Nesting Dolls, Ornaments, Seasonal Gifts
- Last Minute “Pick Up” Gifts
- Gift Wrapping Station FREE gift wrapping for items purchased at our event
  Bring your own gifts and we will wrap them for a donation

- And More...
  Visit our Church, decorated for the Christmas Season
  Snap a Selfie with “Saint Nicholas”!

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SAINT JOHN’S ORTHODOX CHURCH
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.

Sacramental and Membership Information
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: _______________________

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___ 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 24

In loving memory of
John & Pauline Komisin
By: Children, Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

**Coffee Hour Sponsors**

December 1

In honor of
Kathy Piston’s Birthday
“We wish her many more years”
By: WJ & CS Murrin

**Candelabra Sponsor**

November 24

In loving memory of our
Brother / Uncle
George J. Balzic
By: Joan & Stephen Chuba & Family

**Men to Hold Candles**

♦ December 8

Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Bob Andras

♦ December 15

Jason Baker
Dave Beight
Dennis Burprich
Jerry Chupak
Daniel Corridori

**Happy Birthday!**

November 24th Karen Bich
November 26th Dylan Figiel
November 27th Emily Anderson
November 27th Andrew Chuba
November 27th Robert Miller
November 28th Kevin Yasnowsky
December 2nd Chuck Kretchek

**St. Nicholas Celebration**

Sunday December 8th

Happy 63rd

Wedding Anniversary!

November 27th

Billie Jo & Andy Lutz