

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## *Clergy:*

*Rev. Father David Mastroberte*  
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*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

*A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese – Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople*

## Bulletin for March 4-17, 2018



## CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

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**SUN 3/4/2018 2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Mike & +Ruth Frejik (Perpetual)*  
*+Tom Chuba & ++Family (Perpetual)*  
*+Charles Holmes (Perpetual)*

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**MON 3/5/2018**

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9:00 AM Parastas @ Chapel  
*+Stephen, +Mildred, +John & +Helen Repasky (Perpetual)*

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**WED 3/7/2018**

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5:30 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
*Lenten Pot-Luck Meal to Follow*

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**FRI 3/9/2018**

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5:30 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Moleben to the Passion of Christ  
*Panachida & Reading of Lists of Names of Departed (Hramoty)*  
*(In lieu of Saturday Liturgy)*

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**SUN 3/11/2018 3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Susan & +Michael Trescilla (Perpetual)*  
*++Palahunik Family (Perpetual)*  
*+John & +Mary Spondike (Perpetual)*  
4:00 PM Lenten Mission Vespers and Dinner in Warren

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**WED 3/14/2018**

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5:30 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
*Lenten Pot-Luck Meal*  
*With Presentation by Dr. Henry Van Zanten: "OCMC Guatemala Mission"*

**FRI 3/16/2018**

5:30 PM Confessions  
6:00 PM Moleben to the Holy Cross

**SAT 3/17/2018 SOUL SATURDAY**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida & Reading of Lists of Names of Departed (Hramoty)*

**SUN 3/18/2018 4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Andrew & +Agnes Karas (Perpetual)*  
*+Vasil & +Melania Hercha (Perpetual)*  
*+John Belous (Perpetual)*

## **Diocesan Senior Retreat**

*I consider the  
days of old,  
I remember the  
years long ago...  
I will call to mind  
the deeds  
of the LORD...*

*Psalm 77:5*

With Keynote Speaker  
Bishop Gregory



Ages 65 and older  
\$110 Registration Fee

**Monday, April 23 to Wednesday, April 25  
at Camp Nazareth Retreat and  
Conference Center, Mercer, PA**

**Register on [ACROD.org](http://ACROD.org) or call 724-662-4840**

*See the  
enclosed letter  
from His Grace,  
Bishop Gregory  
about this  
new retreat  
opportunity—  
right in our  
backyard!*

We hosted the local **Sunday of Orthodoxy** Vespers and Dinner on Sunday, February 25th, and it was a great success – glory to God! 85+ people participated in the service and meal. We are grateful for all who helped throughout the day, especially for those who prepared the delicious meal; those who baked desserts; Paula Kudelko and the choir for their responses; and for those who helped set-up before and clean-up after the event. *May God bless you abundantly for all your assistance!*



Thank  
you

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (GENERAL & LENTEN)

¶ **2018 Lenten Pirohi Sales:** Our next pirohi sale will take place on Friday, March 30th. Please plan accordingly! Worker sign-up sheet is in the hall.

¶ **The First Youngstown Deanery Lenten Mission** for this season will be held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 2053 North Road NE, Warren on Sunday, March 11. Vespers at 4:00 PM, with a homily by Fr. Andrew Harmon. Dinner to follow in the hall. We are all invited to participate and join our brothers and sisters in prayer and fellowship!

¶ **Lenten Pot-Luck Meals.** Following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies on March 7, 14 and 21, we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal in the Hall. Bring a Lenten dish, baked good, or a beverage to share with those assembled. This is a great opportunity to gather mid-week and cheer one another on as we go through our Lenten journey together. Please stay for the meal!

¶ During the Lenten Pot-Luck Meal on March 14th, Dr. Henry Van Zanten will offer a presentation about his experience this past November on OCMC's Medical Mission Team to Guatemala. It will also include a video about OCMC's work in Guatemala. *Don't miss it!*

¶ **Confessions** are heard beginning at 5:30 PM before most evening Lenten services (unless otherwise noted). Fr. David is also available by appointment; and before Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings, starting at 8:25 AM. *All Orthodox Christians are expected to approach this sacrament during Lent!*

¶ **“Willow Watch” has begun!** Please keep an eye out for pussy willows, especially with this warmer weather. Please cut them as soon as they are ready and bring them to the church. We do have ONE request: do *not* put them in plastic bags. Please use paper bags. *(We had to throw out a large number of willows the past two years due to mold.)*

¶ **Reminder About the Eucharistic Fast:** Those receiving Communion at an evening Liturgy are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. *(Ideally, if we are able, we should not eat after lunch.)* Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy. *(Also, remember that only services called “Liturgy” have the distribution of Holy Communion. Other services – Canon, Moleben, Parastas, Paraklis – do not have Communion.)*

¶ **Services for the Departed:** Since the Divine Liturgy is not offered on the weekdays of Lent, the Parastas (*requiem service*) will be offered for the perpetual remembrance of the departed. Holy Communion is not given at this service. Also, do not forget about the **Soul Saturdays** during Lent!

¶ **PTO Easter Raffle** will take place this year on **March 25th**, in conjunction with our Lenten Communion Breakfast. Donations of items can be brought to the church hall. Items do NOT need to be Easter-themed or only for children—be creative! Monetary donations are also accepted. Deadline for donations is March 18th. Please see Pani Vikkie or Shannon Baker if you have questions.

¶ We are accepting donations of candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 8th. They must be *individually wrapped* and *small* enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the church hall.

# Parish Mission



Mark your calendar! Our **Parish Lenten Mission** will be on Saturday, March 24th. Several clergy will be available for Confession beginning at 2:00 PM. Vespers at 4:00 PM. A homily will be offered by Fr. Nicholas Mihaly from Erie. A Fish Dinner will follow in the hall.

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## THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

*by Dan Hromyak*

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." -Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

**Stay up-to-date on happenings throughout our Diocese!**

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You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

**Don't forget to "like" our parish on Facebook:** [facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA](https://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA)

**COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS &  
VOLUNTEERS**

**Sunday, March 4**

**Sponsors: Kathy & Robert Piston**

**Volunteers: Karen Hynes**

**Sunday, March 11**

**Sponsors: Jaeger Family**

**Volunteers: Jaeger Family**



**Flower Donation**

Veneration of the Cross in Loving  
Memory of the Kanishak & the

Ristvey Parents

Sponsored by: Nancy & Michael Ristvey



**MARCH 30TH SALE  
PIROHI SCHEDULE**

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

Wed., March 28  
at 4:30 PM  
*(Hall setup; Potato prep)*

Thurs., March 29  
at 6:00 PM  
*(Filling prep)*

Friday, March 30  
at 8:00 AM  
*(Pirohi Making and Sale)*

***Remember:  
Get your  
orders in  
by March 25!***

**March 30, 2018 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: March 25, 2018*

*724-981-0571*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato @ 8.00/dozen \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter and Onions

**Total Amount Due:**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick-Up on Friday, March 30, 2018**

**12:00 Noon—2:00 PM**

*(Doors Open at Noon)*

## BIRTHDAYS

March 6 Jan Bobanick  
March 6 Blaze Mastroberte  
March 7 Chester Everett  
March 7 Steven Lukac  
March 8 Joseph Tatusko  
March 9 Robert Kapusta  
March 12 Patti Chupak  
March 13 Kathleen Chuba  
March 15 Mary Barbara Hardy  
March 15 Michael Ristvey  
March 16 Joseph Jaeger  
March 17 Rev. Father David  
Mastroberte

## MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, March 11th

Michael Ristvey  
Tom Ristvey  
Peter Roman  
Steve Saluga  
Milan Shumkaroff

Sunday, March 18th

Gino Tofani  
Dr. Henry VanZanten  
Michael Waryanka  
Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky

## Bulletin Sponsor

Sunday, March 4  
In Loving memory of  
**Stephen, Stephen Nicholas  
& John J.**

Sponsors: Katie Hartley &  
Mary Jane Repasky

Sunday, March 11  
In honor of Professor Joseph  
**Jaegers 93rd Birthday**  
Sponsor By Professors  
Children: Joseph & Dawn,  
Maria & Matt, Christina &  
Emil, and Tonya & Gene

## Candelabrum Sponsorship

Sunday, March 4

In loving memory of Brother & Uncle  
Thomas Chuba

Sponsored by: Stephen & Joan Chuba &  
Family

Sunday, March 11

In honor of Professor Joseph Jaegers  
93rd Birthday

Sponsored by: Grandchildren  
Andrew, Jenna, Anya, Gunner, Alexandra,  
Emily, Eliza, Dominic, Maddie & Anthony

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We offer our prayers and  
congratulations to  
**Professor Joseph Jaeger**  
who celebrates his 93rd birthday on  
Friday, March 16th.

*May God grant him many blessed  
years! Na mnohaja i blahaja lita!*

## ETERNAL LAMP SPONSORS

SUNDAY MARCH 4

In loving memory of her Mother  
Catherine Pavlick in honor of her birthday  
Sponsored by: Debbie Cross

SUNDAY MARCH 11

In honor of Professor Joseph Jaegers 93rd  
Birthday  
Sponsored By: Helen Jaeger

