Bulletin for August 5-25, 2018
(Three Week Edition)
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Special Intention of Fr. David’s Family, Friends, and all St. John’s Parishioners |
|       |        | 6:00 PM| Board Meeting                                                                             |
| Tues  | 8/14/18 | 6:00 PM| Vespers for the Holyday  
Solemn Placement of the Shroud-Icon of the Dormition for Veneration                     |
| Wed   | 8/15/18 | 9:00 AM| Divine Liturgy  
*Blessing of Flowers and Fragrant Herbs*                                                   |
| Sat   | 8/18/18 | 8:00 AM| Shotgun Start  
3:00 PM Golf Dinner and Basket Raffle in the Hall (By Reservation Only!)                 |
| Sun   | 8/19/18 | 9:00 AM| Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida – Perpetual:*  
++Steve & +Anna Blanar                                                                       |
| Tues  | 8/21/18 | 8:30 AM| Divine Liturgy  
++Ristvey Family (Perpetual)                                                              |
| Thurs | 8/23/18 | 8:30 AM| Divine Liturgy  
+Pani Magdaline Blaschak, by Fr. Tom and Family                                           |
| Sun   | 8/26/18 | 9:00 AM| Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida – Perpetual:*  
++Dzurinda Family; ++Bartko Family                                                           |
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golf Scramble on August 18th...
More notes are found later in this bulletin.
Some teams need an additional 1-2 players. If you would like to play but don’t have a full 4-person team, please speak with Ed Fabian.
Any and all donations for the event are greatly appreciated as well.

Church School
Church School Registration Forms are now available. Church School will begin on Sunday, September 9. Parents, please get these forms to Fr. David by August 19.
Interested in helping with Church School this year? Please speak with Fr. David.

Transfiguration and the Blessing of Fruit
August 6th is the holyday of the Transfiguration of our Lord. Divine Liturgy will be at 9:00 AM. The tradition on this summer holyday is to bless grapes and other fruit—the “first fruits” of summer.
Small bags of fruit were provided by the Charity Fund for all parishioners and distributed on Sunday, August 5th. Our gratitude is extended to the Charity Fund, and to all who helped wash and bag the fruit.
We also bless fruit on the holyday itself, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 6th. Bring a basket or bowl of fruit for this blessing!

Transfiguration Monastery Pilgrimage
The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration (321 Monastery Ln, Ellwood City) will hold their Annual Pilgrimage and 50th Anniversary Celebration. On Sunday, August 5, a Vigil Service will begin at 5:30 PM, with dinner for all pilgrims at 8:30 PM. On Monday, August 6, Hierarchical Liturgy at 10:00 AM. After Liturgy, at 1:00 PM, lunch will be served and the gift shop will open. At 3:00 PM, the Sacrament of Unction will be offered. Refreshments will be served at 4:30 PM, and the day will end with Vespers at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to celebrate the Transfiguration with the sisters!

The Dormition Fast: August 1-14
This short fast is in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th. Throughout the fast, we will offer one service per day. At many of these services, intercessory prayers for the living will be made. Extra sheets are available in the vestibule, or you can e-mail names to father.david@stjohnacroc.org.
Confession
If you haven’t been to Confession since Lent, the Dormition Fast is a perfect time to go! Fr. David will be hearing confessions before evening services, and also before Liturgy on Sundays (but no later than 8:45 AM).

Services for the Dormition of the Mother of God
To mark the great feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of Mary, the Mother of God, we will offer the following services: Great Vespers on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:00 PM, with the blessing of loaves and procession of the “shroud” of the Mother of God. Divine Liturgy will be on Wednesday, August 15 at 9:00 AM, with the traditional blessing of flowers and herbs. Please bring some for this blessing and let them adorn your icons at home!

We Orthodox honor the Mother of God on many days throughout the year, but August 15th is her primary holyday. In many majority Orthodox (and majority Catholic) countries, August 15th is a national holiday, and people flock to churches and monasteries. Countless people travel to go on pilgrimages for this feast. We can make a special sacrifice to honor the Ever-Virgin Mary. Come and celebrate the Mother of God at her “falling asleep” at one or both services!

The Blessing of Flowers and Herbs?
According to the church’s tradition, when the Mother of God died, she was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane. All the apostles were present, except for Thomas. Thomas arrived three days later and went to pay his respects at the Virgin Mary’s tomb. When the tomb was opened, it was empty, and there was a strong and beautiful aroma of flowers. To remember this, flowers and sweet-smelling herbs are blessed on this holyday. Historically, many of the herbs and flowers brought for this blessing were used in medicine, and thus the prayers ask that these plants be efficacious for the healing of body and soul.
2018 GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 2018 Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, August 18th at Oak Tree Country Club. Shotgun Start will be at 8:00 AM.

The post-golfing meal will again be held at our church hall, and will feature our signature all-you-can-eat buffet with spit roast lamb, roast chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 3:00 PM. We will also hold the ever-popular Basket Raffle at this dinner.

We are now accepting:

- Team Commitments
- Donations of Items for the Basket Raffle
- Major sponsorships for $100.00
- Hole sponsorships for $35.00
- Patron Listings for $10.00
- General donations to the event

Copies of the registration and sponsorship forms are available in the church hall.

Dinner-only tickets are available for $20 per person. Please see Francine Fabian.
The Transfiguration:
The Gospel, the Law and the Prophets
By St. Augustine of Hippo

We heard, as the Gospel was read, the story of the great vision in which the Lord showed himself to three disciples, Peter and John and James.

“His face shone like the sun”
– this means the splendor of the Gospel.

“His clothes became as white as snow”
– that is to say, the purification of the Church, about which the Prophet said: “Though your sins be red like crimson, I will make them white as snow” (Isaiah 1.18).

Moses and Elijah were talking with him, for the grace of the Gospel receives the witness of the Law and the Prophets. For Moses, one understands the Law; for Elijah, the Prophets are meant. Peter suggested that they build three tents, one for Moses and one for Elijah, one for Christ. He liked the solitude of the mountain; he was bored of the tumult of human affairs. But why did he wish to make three tents? Did he not know that the Law, the Prophets and the Gospel come from the same origin? In fact he was corrected by the cloud.

“As he said this a bright cloud overshadowed them.”

So the cloud made one tent, so why would you want three? And a voice from the cloud said,

“This is my beloved Son: heed him” (Mt17.1 to 8).

Elijah speaks, but “listen to him.” Moses speaks, “but listen to him.” Prophets speak, the Law speaks, but “heed him”, the voice of the Law and the tongue of the Prophets. It was he who spoke through them, and then he spoke by himself, when he deigned to be manifested. “Hear him,” listen to him.

When the Gospel spoke, know who was the voice of the cloud; from there, it came to us. We hear him; do what he tells us. Let us hope what he promises.
Upcoming Local Events

Macedonian Picnic
Holy Ghost Orthodox Church of Youngstown’s Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday August 5, 2018 at the Social Hall of St. John’s Greek Orthodox Church, 4955 Glenwood Ave., in Boardman, Ohio. Doors open at 3:00 PM. Admission is $3.00. Free Door Prize; Large Silent Auction; and plenty of Macedonian food including Zelnik and Kabobs. Live entertainment provided by Od Srca Adult Tamburitzans and Nocne Sove Tamburitza Orchestra.
Thoughts on Stewardship  
*by Dan Hromyak*

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." - Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" - 1 Kings 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gives us the greatest gift of all - the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Liturgy, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

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Become a part of the ministries and apostolates of our Diocese! Use the form on the right, or donate online at [acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram](http://acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram). Remember, send your contribution directly to the Diocese (by mail or through the Diocesan website), but tell Fr. David so he can note this for planning purposes.

This year’s Youngstown Deanery **DDD Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 7 at Dilucia’s Restaurant, Elm Road (next to the Echo Lane Bowling Alley) in Warren. The dinner will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Those who contribute $100 or more to the dinner are invited to attend. If you wish to bring a guest, guest tickets may be purchased for $30 each. The deadline is Sunday, September 23. (Please send the checks for guest tickets to the Diocese as well.)
DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS PROGRAM

Established by His Grace, Bishop John, of *Thrice Blessed Memory*, the Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund, has been an important source of funding for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of our many diocesan apostolates. An annual donation of $100.00 or more, qualifies diocesan members and friends to be recognized as a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor*. Each "3D" member is honored at a complimentary dinner which is held in the donor’s local deanery. It is asked that all donations be made by September 1st of each year.

All diocesan faithful and friends are cordially invited to become a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor* to further the apostolic works of our God-Saved Diocese.

To participate, please complete and mail the form below to the Diocesan Chancery.

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Enclosed is my contribution to the
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Amount__________________________

($100-Entry) ($250 – Bronze) ($500 – Silver) ($1,000- Gold) ($10,000 & Up - Platinum)

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Please make all checks payable to “Distinguished Diocesan Donors,” indicating the contribution year on the “memo” line and mail to:

Office of the Diocesan Treasurer
Diocesan Administration Building
312 Garfield Street
Johnstown, PA 15906
MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, August 12th
Henry VanZanten
Michael Waryanka
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak

Sunday, August 19th
Bob Amos
Bob Andras
Jason Baker
Robert Banas
Dennis Burprich

Sunday, August 26th
John Cataloni
Jerry Chupak
Daniel Corridori
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian

BIRTHDAYS
August 5th Nancy Ristvey
August 6th John Cataloni
August 6th Joann Yasnowsky
August 8th Shannon Baker
August 9th Jefferey Banas
August 9th Vivian Miller
August 12th Henry VanZanten
August 15th Mike Holmes
August 17th Melinda Kroko
August 19th Kaitlin Chacon
August 19th Germaine Tatusko
August 24th Alex Parimuha

Happy 80th Birthday
Sunday, August 5th
Nancy Ristvey

Happy Wedding Anniversary
August 5th
Nancy & Michael Ristvey

August 6th
Elizabeth & John Safin

August 7th
Karen & Jim Hynes

August 10th
Carole & Doane Bailey

August 10th
Helen & Joseph Jaeger

August 12th
Debbie & Deacon John Anderson

August 12th
Lisa & Mike Holmes

August 18th
Mary Ann & Gino Tofani

August 19th
Lisa & Justin Bair

Eternal Lamp
Sunday August 12th
In Loving memory of her Sister
Helen Hromyak
Sponsored by: Margie Hromyak

Sunday August 19th
In Loving Memory of
Joseph Blasko
on his Birthday
Sponsored by: Mary Blasko

Bulletin Sponsor
Sunday, August 19th
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK RAITI
ON HIS BIRTHDAY
Sponsored by: Dorothy Pacinda

AUGUST