

SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

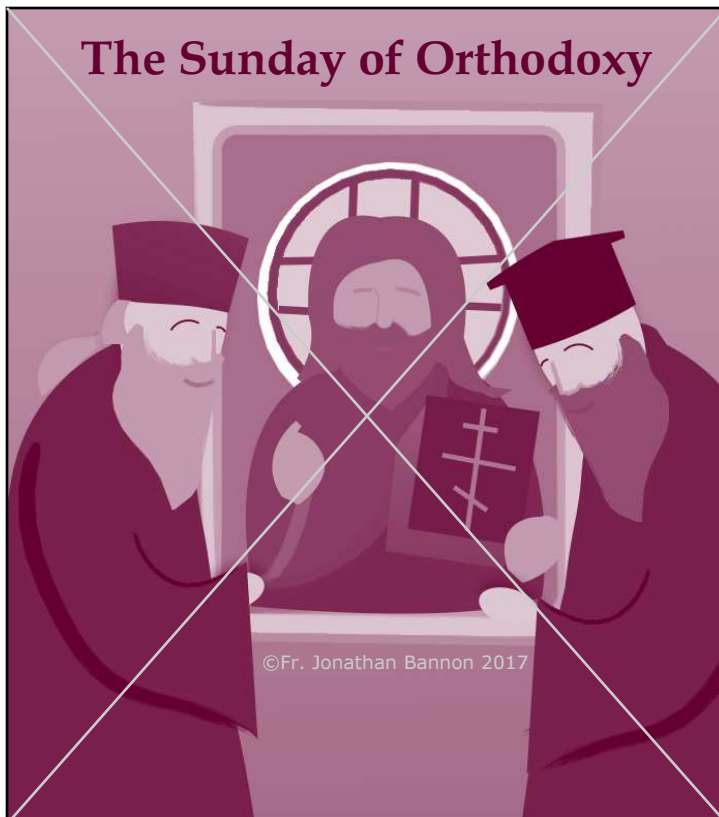
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Bulletin for March 5-18, 2017



CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN	3/5/2017	FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Repasky Family (Per.). +Charles Holmes (Per.)</i>
	5:00 PM	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Sharon
WED	3/8/2017	
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Potluck Meal to Follow</i>
FRI	3/10/2017	
	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Cross & Panachida for Soul Saturday with Reading of Names of Departed
SUN	3/12/2017	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. GREGORY PALAMAS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Joseph Kushner, as a 93rd Birthday Remembrance, by the Family</i>
MON	3/13/2017	
	6:00 PM	March Board Meeting
TUES	3/14/2017	
	8:30 AM	Parastas (Chapel) <i>++Trescilla Fam.; ++Palahunik Fam.; ++Spondike Fam. (Per.)</i>
WED	3/15/2017	
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Potluck Meal to Follow</i>
FRI	3/17/2017	
	6:00 PM	Paraklis to the Mother of God
SAT	3/18/2017	SOUL SATURDAY
	TBA	Liturgy & Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed (Chapel)
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers (Chapel)

SUN 3/19/2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; HOLY CROSS

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Panachida: +John Belous; ++Pavlick Family

4:00 PM

Lenten Mission in Warren



**Congratulations to Mary Jane Repasky
who turns 90 on March 8th!**

*Happy Birthday!
God grant you many, blessed years!*

Announcements

¶ **Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers** will be held on Sunday, March 5th at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Clark Street, Sharon. The service will begin at 5:00 PM. Fr. Michael Gavrilos from New Castle will offer the homily. Refreshments to follow. (*Attention, singers! Pan-Orthodox Choir Rehearsal will begin at 3:30 PM. All singers invited!*)

¶ **Lenten Pot-Luck Meals.** Following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies throughout the rest of the month of March, 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!*

¶ **Confessions** will be heard beginning at 5:30 PM before most evening Lenten services (unless otherwise

noted). Fr. David is also available by appointment; and on a limited basis before Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. *All Orthodox Christians are expected to approach this sacrament during Lent!*

¶ Please check out the enclosed information about the **National Jr. ACRY Project** and the **Diocesan Young Woman's Encounter!**

¶ **Information on the Diocesan ACRY Retreat** in Homestead and the Diocesan College Retreat at Camp Nazareth is in the hall. Consider *your* participation in these events this year!

¶ **Reminder About Eucharistic Fast:** Those receiving Communion at an evening Presanctified Liturgy are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. (*Ideally, we should not eat after lunch.*) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Lit-

urgy. (Also, remember that only services called “Liturgy” have the distribution of Holy Communion. Other services – Canon, Moleben, Parastas, Paraklis – do not have Communion.)

¶ We are accepting donations of candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 16th. They must be *individually wrapped* and *small* enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the church hall.

¶ **“Willow Watch” has begun!** Please keep an eye out for pussy willows. Please cut them as soon as they are ready and bring them to the church. (If you put them in a plastic bag, DO NOT leave the bag sealed.)

¶ **PTO Easter Raffle** will take place this year on April 2nd, in conjunction with our Lenten Communion Breakfast. Donations of items can be brought to the church hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations are also accepted. Deadline for donations is

March 26th. Please see Pani Vikkie or Shannon Baker if you have questions.

¶ **Schwans Fundraiser:** Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan’s Home Delivery and help our church! When you order, **5% of sales** go to Saint John’s! Order online at schwans-cares.com/c/30390 and click “Shop to Give.” Or order by phone by calling 1-855-870-7208 and provide our ID 30390.

¶ **Reminder about Hospital Stays.** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please remember to inform Fr. David as soon as possible. The hospitals do not call clergy as a matter of course, and they may or may not have updated lists available for clergy. Please let your family members or other caregivers know this as well, so that if you are unable to call, they know to call Fr. David.

Mark Your Calendars!
Parish Lenten Mission
Saturday, April 1

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

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>
You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

Don’t forget to “like” our parish on Facebook: facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." - Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." - Genesis 12:1

Go calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way of life.

To my church family,
Thank you from the
bottom of my heart for all the
best wishes for my surgery, beautiful
cards & prayers.

So blessed to have all of
you in my life.

God's blessing and much love
to all of you.

Mahlene Roesch

The Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian

In the Orthodox Church, this prayer is added to church services from Sunday through Friday evenings during the Lenten season. Add it to your daily prayers!

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of laziness, despair, lust for power and vain talking. * But give to me, Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love. * Yes, Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not judge my brother. For blessed are You forever and ever. Amen.

APRIL PIROHI SCHEDULE

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

Wed., April 5
at 4:30 PM
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., April 6
at 6:00 PM
(Filling prep)

Friday, April 7
at 8:00 AM
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

**Remember:
Get your
orders in
by April 2nd!**

April 2017 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: April 2, 2017

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Potato @ 7.00/dozen \$ _____

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, April 7, 2017
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)

Bulletin ~ Sunday, March 5th

In Loving Memory of John J. and Steven Repasky, by Sisters, Katie Hartley & Mary Jane Repasky

Candelabrum ~ Sunday, March 5th

In loving memory of our Brother & Uncle, Thomas Chuba, from Stephen & Joan Chuba & Family

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, March 5th

In Memory of Mother, Catherine Pavlick, by Debbie Cross

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, March 12th

In Honor of Mary Jane Repasky's Birthday, from Her Family

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 6 Janice Bobanick
Blaise Mastroberte
Joshua Lopusky

Mar. 7 Chester Everett
Steven Joseph Lukac

Mar. 8 Nicholas Kupensky
Steve Lysohir
Mary Jane Repasky
Joseph Tatusko

Mar. 9 Robert Kapusta

Mar. 10 Margaret Kavulla

Mar. 12 Patty Chupak

Mar. 13 Kathleen Chuba

Mar. 14 Michael Frejik

Mar. 15 Mary Barbara Hardy
Michael Ristvey

Mar. 16 Frank Bair
Joseph Jaeger
Michael Yonchak

Mar. 17 Father David Mastroberte

Mar. 18 Margaret Holmes

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, March 12th

Nick Orras
Alex Parimuha
John Parimuha
Tom Patrick
Dan Ristvey

Sunday, March 19th

Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Michael Ristvey
Tom Ristey
Peter Roman

February 2017 Special Fund Winners

1st Christopher Stewert, Hermitage # 122—\$30
2nd Thomas Ristvey, Hermitage # 454—\$30
3rd Barb Anthony, Mercer # 793—\$30
4th Thomas Ristvey, Hermitage # 817—\$50
5th - SUNDAY
6th Irene Chestnut, Hubbard \$ 785—\$30
7th #010—Not Purchased—\$30
8th # 025—Not Purchased—\$30
9th Shirley Tabor Smith, Myrtle Beach #451—\$30
10th Barbara Johnson, Hermitage #584—\$30
11th Julia Stroke, Sarasota, FL #483- \$50
12th - SUNDAY
13th Abbey Baron, Sharon # 162—\$30
14th Jerry Castleman, Monroeville, IN #293—\$30
15th #334—Not Purchased—\$30

16th Lorene Burprich, Hermitage #272—\$30
17th Rose Moorman, Moon Twp., PA #655—\$30
18th #270—Not Purchased—\$50
19th - SUNDAY
20th Barbara Johnson, Hermitage #119—\$30
21st Phyllis Maykowski, Sharon # 252—\$30
22nd #444—Not Purchased
23rd Beth Snyder, Elbron, NJ #484—\$30
24th Jerry Chupak, West Middlesex #729—\$30
25th #012—Not Purchased
26th - SUNDAY
27th Juan Martinez, Hermitage #904—\$30
28th Sean Miller, Mercer #241—\$30

