



“After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’” (Acts 1:9-11)

BULLETIN FOR JUNE 9-22, 2024

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

***SUN 6/9/2024** **SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for June 9-15:

EVERETT, Marjorie & Helen

BOUSLOUGH, Harold E.

FELTOVICH, John Sr., Mary and Jack, George, Steven, Carol

PACINDA, Joseph

TUES 6/11/2024 **Saint of the Day: Apostle Bartholomew**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Our last Paschal service for this year!
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

WED 6/12/2024 **Leave-Taking (Last Day) of Pascha – Eve of Ascension**
6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Ascension

THURS 6/13/2024 **ASCENSION OF CHRIST (HOLYDAY)**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

***SUN 6/16/2024** **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY FATHERS OF NICAEA**
FATHER'S DAY
FIRST CONFESSION CELEBRATION
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
With Prayers for All Fathers, Living and Reposed

Perpetual Commemorations for June 16-22:

RAITI, Frank

JAEGER, Professor Joseph

HOLT, Courtney & Barbara

GELETY, Andrew Sr. & Mary, Andrew Jr. & Anna, Eleanor & Tony, Charles & Theresa, Michael, Irene; Stephen Pajak

TOTEN, John Sr. & Ann, Mary, John Jr., George, Mike, Anna, Charles, Stephen, Irene

MON	6/17/2024	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
TUES	6/18/2024	9:00 AM	<i>Saint of the Day: Martyr Leontius</i> Divine Liturgy <i>With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations</i>
FRI	6/21/2024	6:00 PM	EVE OF SOUL SATURDAY Parastas (<i>Memorial Service</i>) and Reading of Names of Departed
SAT	6/22/2024	4:00 PM	EVE OF PENTECOST Great Vespers for Pentecost (<i>Note Time!</i>)
*SUN	6/23/2024	9:00 AM	PENTECOST SUNDAY – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Divine Liturgy <i>Kneeling Prayers at the Conclusion of Liturgy</i>
MON	6/24/2024	9:00 AM	PENTECOST MONDAY – HOLY SPIRIT DAY NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (OUR CHURCH’S HOLYDAY) Divine Liturgy and Procession

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Father’s Day and First Confession Sunday: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Pentecost: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Nativity of St. John (Our Parish Holyday): Monday, June 24, 2024

Graduate Sunday: Sunday, June 30, 2024

Saint John’s 5K: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Golf Scramble: Saturday, August 17, 2024

**Congratulations to
our 2024 First Confession Class:
Danica McMahon
Lantz Ristvey**

God grant them many, blessed years!

**Our First Confession Celebration
is on SUNDAY, JUNE 16th.**

**Please join us for cake and refreshments
following Divine Liturgy!**



Happy
FATHER'S
Day ♥

*On Sunday, June 16th,
we pause to honor our fathers...*

*We pray for the health, welfare,
happiness, and salvation of our
fathers, and ask God our Heavenly
Father to bless and guide them always.
God grant them many years!*

*For our departed fathers, we pray that
our Heavenly Father will shine the
light of His face upon them and grant
them blessed repose.
Eternal Memory!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

– Summer Weekday Service Location

Unless otherwise noted, weekday services during the summer months will be in the *CHURCH*.

– Pentecost Services

Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Pascha and the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is the second most important holyday on the Church's calendar – yes, it is even more important than Christmas! We have a number of services in preparation for and in celebration of this holyday, including an All Souls Parastas (Memorial Service), Vespers, and Divine Liturgies on Pentecost Sunday and Pentecost Monday. Take a look at the schedule in this bulletin. Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit!

– Wear **GREEN** on Pentecost Sunday, June 23rd!

Since the Holy Spirit is called the “Giver of Life,” it is a very old Slavic custom to decorate the church for Pentecost with greenery, and for the vestments and altar covers to be green as well. **YOU are welcome to join in, too!** Consider wearing something green to church on Sunday, June 23rd. This is a great way to get into the spirit of the day's liturgical celebration.

– Celebrate Our Patron Saint on Monday, June 24th

June 24th is the day when the Orthodox Church remembers the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This year, it is also Pentecost Monday – the day of the Holy Spirit. Plan to join us for **Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 24th** at 9:00 AM. Following Liturgy, we will hold the traditional Festal Procession with Gospel readings around the church (*outdoors, weather permitting*). ***Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, pray to God for us!***

– Sponsorships

There are still many sponsorship opportunities available for 2024. Stop by the church office if you would like to sponsor the Eternal Lamp, the Candelabrum, or the Bulletin!

Our choir director Paula Kudelko saw this in the April/May 2024 edition of the AARP Magazine. What a great benefit to singing! Consider joining the choir!

SURVIVAL TIP | **Join the sing-along**
One study compared the effects of choir singing with simply listening to music. Those who sang showed higher levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody that lowers the risk of cancer.

On June 6th, +THOMAS DOYLE fell asleep in the Lord. We offer our condolences to his wife Theresa, to aunts Helen and Mary, and to all family and friends. May God grant him blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom! **Eternal Memory!**

We offer our condolences to Amy and Matt Ristvey and to all family members at the passing of Amy's father +CHRISTOPHER FERRINGER on May 20th. **Eternal Memory!**



Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Liturgy attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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Sacramental and Membership Information

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.

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Our YouTube Live Stream: youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon
Our Facebook Page: facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA
Our Diocesan Website: acrod.org

For Online Giving Options, please visit our website: stjohnacroc.org

Happy Birthday!

Mary Ann Lavin	June 10
Gerry Holliday	June 11
Deborah Giroski	June 12
Mia Joy-Marshel	June 13
Danica McMahon	June 13
Tenley Fabian	June 15
Matt Ristvey	June 20
Beth Anne Kudelko	June 22

Happy Anniversary!

David & Irene Beight	June 11
Edward & Francine Fabian	June 11
Gary & Katherine Yonchak	June 12
Dan & Anna-Marie Shears	June 20

*"God Grant You Many,
Blessed Years!"*

■ Our Sponsors ■

Bulletin Sponsor: Week of June 9, 2024

In Loving Memory of Brother-in-Law Joseph Pacinda Jr. by Dorothy Pacinda

Eternal Lamp: Week of June 9, 2024

*In Memory of Godmother Helen Benya Hammon on Her Birthday,
By Debbie & Greg Cross*

Bulletin Sponsor: Week of June 16, 2024

In Loving Memory of Frank Raiti, by Dorothy Pacinda

Eternal Lamp: Week of June 16, 2024

God's Blessings On Our 2024 First Confession Class Danica & Lantz and Their Families

Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

June 9, 2024
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart
Ken Maceyko
Emil Maurer
Randy Martin

June 16, 2024
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller
John Moon
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey

June 23, 2024
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff