



## — BULLETIN FOR MARCH 16-29, 2025 —

- \*SUN 3/16/2025**      **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy
- Panachida: +Joseph Jaeger, by Renee Koces*
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 16-22, 2025*  
*JAEGER, Joseph*  
*SPONDIKE, John & Mary*  
*KARAS, Andrew & Agnes*  
*HERCHA, Vasil & Melania*
- WED 3/19/2025**  
5:45 PM      Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations  
6:00 PM      Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
*Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner*
- FRI 3/21/2025**  
6:00 PM      Lenten Service: Moleben Service to the Passion of Christ  
& Soul Saturday Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed
- \*SUN 3/23/2025**      **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — VENERATION OF THE CROSS**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Church School Lesson*
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 23-29, 2025*  
*BELOUS, John*  
*PAVLICK, Paul, Ruth & Paul Denny*
- +Deborah Anderson, 1 Year Memorial, by Debbie Cross*
- MON 3/24/2025**  
6:00 PM      Great Vespers for the Holyday of the Annunciation
- TUES 3/25/2025**      **ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

<b>WED</b>	<b>3/26/2025</b>	
	5:45 PM	Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/28/2025</b>	
	6:00 PM	Lenten Service: Moleben Service to the Holy Cross & Soul Saturday Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>3/30/2025</b>	
	9:00 AM	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER</b> Divine Liturgy
		<i>Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 30-April 5, 2025</i> <i>BURPRICH, JoAnn &amp; Eric</i> <i>PAVLICK, Joseph &amp; Katherine</i>
	3:00 PM	Deanery “Afternoon of Reflection and Fellowship” at Camp Nazareth

## – *Announcements* –

**Our Lenten Journey Continues!** Fast, pray, read the Scriptures, attend Lenten services, go to Confession, give charitably... this is how we are called to intensify our Christian life during these sacred days leading to the Cross and Empty Tomb. *Having suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us!*

CONFESSION is available at the following times during Lent:

- **Before Sunday Liturgy from 8:15-8:45 AM**
- **Before Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy from 5:10-5:40 PM**
- **Before Fridays Evening Services from 5:20-5:50 PM**

You do not need to make an appointment for these above times. If you would like to schedule **an appointment for Confession** at a time other than those listed above, please call/text/e-mail Fr. David (724-813-3172, [father.david@stjohnacroc.org](mailto:father.david@stjohnacroc.org)).

*Confessions are heard in the left side room (sacristy). If the door to the “confessional” room is open and the light is on, please WALK IN!*

*Also, remember that we will not have a Lenten Mission service at our church, so you need to use the above times for Confession. Don’t wait until the last minute!*

### **California Wildfire Relief Collection UPDATE**

We raised \$1300 and matched it with an additional \$1300 from our Tithe Account, sending a total of **\$2600** to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities! **THANK YOU!**)

**Our 2025 Lenten “Self-Denial” Offerings** will benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). All donations will be matched by our Tithe Account. Your Lenten sacrifices will help the propagation of the Orthodox Christian Faith around the world.

*Please be generous!*

**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, we should not eat after lunch.*) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy.

**Lenten Pot-Luck Dinners:** Following most Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies (*except April 2nd*), we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to 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 as a community!

**Easter Candy:** We are grateful for all donations of candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Pascha Sunday, April 20. Please leave candy in the hall. (We have plenty of plastic eggs as everyone was very generous last year, so we do not need any more plastic eggs.)

**Pussy Willows:** This year, we will be sourcing our pussy willows for Palm Sunday from the florist, to ensure that we will have enough for everyone. Because of this, we will not need any clippings from parishioners.

### ***Some Upcoming Dates to Remember...***

*March 23: Kolbasi for Sale after Liturgy*

*March 30: Deanery “Afternoon of Reflection and Fellowship” at Camp Nazareth*

*April 4: Pirohi Making & Sale*

*April 13: Palm Sunday*

*April 14-19: Holy Week*

*April 20: PASCHA (Easter)*

*May 4: First Confession Celebration*

THE YOUNGSTOWN DEANERY  
INVITES YOU TO

*An Afternoon  
of Reflection &  
Fellowship*

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

CAMP NAZARETH

339 PEW ROAD  
MERCER, PA 16137

**Lenten Vespers** at 3:00 PM

**Presentation:** *"I BELIEVE:  
1700 Years Since the Council of Nicaea  
and What It Means for Us Today"*  
by Fr. Nicholas Mihaly

**Children's Activity**  
(Concurrent with Presentation)

**Lenten Meal** to Follow in the Lodge

You are also welcome to come early  
and walk the grounds, visit the shrines,  
and explore the nature trails.

**TO ASSIST THE ORGANIZERS,  
RSVP TO YOUR PARISH PRIEST  
BY SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**

***Camp Nazareth Summer  
Camp Registration is OPEN!***

*Parents, our parish covers 100% of the costs for our youth to attend. You will need a special registration code to get this discount – contact Fr. David and he will give it to you. (Our Deanery Camping Week is August 3-9.)*



## **STEWARDSHIP**

*From Dan Hromyak*

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land a a possession." - Genesis 15:7*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none'" - Luke 13:7*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all the gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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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 to receive Confession and Communion. 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, but other days are possible as well. 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 Church’s Website:** [stjohnacroc.org](http://stjohnacroc.org)  
**Our YouTube Live Stream:** [youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon](http://youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon)  
**Our Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA](http://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA)  
**Our Diocesan Website:** [acrod.org](http://acrod.org)

**For Online Giving Options, please visit our website: [stjohnacroc.org](http://stjohnacroc.org)**

# KOLBASI SALE ON MARCH 23



The Chupak Family will be making **fresh homemade kolbasi** at our church hall on Saturday, March 22nd. It will be sold to parishioners after services on **Sunday, March 23rd** on a “first come, first serve” basis—no pre-orders will be taken. All proceeds benefit the church! Anyone who would like to help out with the processing on Saturday is more than welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. See Jerry Chupak if you have any questions.

## APRIL 2025 Pirohi Schedule

**Wednesday, April 2**  
11:00 AM  
Potato Prep

**Thursday, April 3**  
6:00 PM  
Filling Prep

**Friday, April 4**  
8:00 AM  
Pirohi Making and Sale

*We are grateful to all those  
who are able to help  
prepare these delicious  
dumplings!*

## APRIL 2025 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: March 30, 2025*  
724-981-0571

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato-Cheese Pirohi @ **\$9.00**/dozen

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

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

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

Pick-Up on Friday, April 4, 2025  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM

*(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)*

## ***Happy Birthday!***

Fr. David Mastroberte	March 17
Margaret Holmes	March 18
Karen Hynes	March 21
Katie Hynes	March 25
Stephanie Shumkaroff	March 28

*God grant you  
many, blessed  
years!*

## ■ Our Sponsors ■

**March 16, 2025**

### ***Eternal Lamp***

*For God's Blessings on Aunt  
Marge Holmes' on Her Birthday!  
By Debbie & Greg Cross*



**March 23, 2025**

### ***Eternal Lamp***

*In Memory of father Joseph Pavlick,  
Uncles, Godfather Paul Pavlick  
& Andrew Pavlick on Their Birthdays,  
By Debbie & Greg Cross*

### ***Candelabrum***

*In Memory of Debbie Anderson  
on the 1st Anniversary of Her Repose,  
by Debbie Cross*

## ***Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel***

**March 16**  
Chad Fette  
Jim Hynes  
Steven Lukac  
Steve Lukac  
John Lenhart

**March 23**  
Ken Maceyko  
Emil Maurer  
Randy Martin  
Paul McMahan  
Robert Miller

**March 30**  
John Moon  
Dan Ristvey  
Joel Ristvey  
Matt Ristvey  
Tom Ristvey