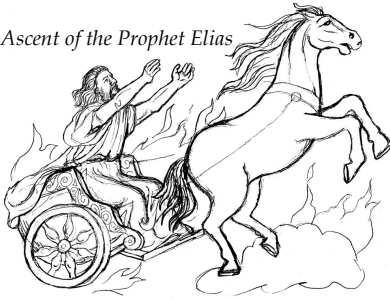


*Ascent of the Prophet Elias*



# BULLETIN FOR JULY 20- AUGUST 2, 2025

**\*SUN 7/20/2025 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SAINT ELIAS (ELIJAH) THE PROPHET**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

***\*Blessing of Vehicles After Liturgy***

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for July 20-26, 2025:***

*BICH, Ronald*

*DORUS, Joseph & Anna; David Dorus; Robert Sorokach*

*POTPRASKY, John & Betty*

*LYSOHIR, Sue & Steve*

*SLOVESKO, John & Helen, Richard; Kathleen Wansack*

*RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie, Steve, Ann, Stevie,  
Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary, Susan, Ann, John, Susan & Kanishak  
Family: Andrew, Evelyn, Dorothy*

**TUES 7/22/2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
***Saint of the Day: St. Mary Magdalene, Equal-to-the-Apostles***  
Divine Liturgy  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**FRI 7/25/2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
Parastas (Memorial Service)  
*+Andrew & +Billie Lutz, by Anthony and Family*

**SAT 7/26/2025**  
**6:00 PM**  
Vespers  
*Confession available before and after.*

<b>*SUN</b>	<b>7/27/2025</b>	<b>7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> <b>SAINT PANTELEIMON THE GREAT-MARTYR AND HEALER</b> <b>(WHOSE RELICS ARE IN OUR ALTAR)</b> Divine Liturgy  <i>Panachida: +Charles &amp; +Stella Cherepko and +John &amp; +Mary Yasnowsky</i> <i>by Donald, Joann &amp; Kevin Yasnowsky</i>  <i><b>Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for July 20-26, 2025:</b></i> <i>HAYDUK, John &amp; Anna</i> <i>PERI, John &amp; Anna</i> <i>PACZAK, John &amp; Katherine, Anna, Mary, Michael, Walter, Simon,</i> <i>Ann, Catherine &amp; John Jr.</i> <i>TKACH, Fr. Paul &amp; Pani Helen</i>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>7/29/2025</b>	<b><i>Saint of the Day: Martyr Callinicus</i></b> Divine Liturgy <i>With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations</i>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8/1/2025</b>	<b><i>Dormition Fast Begins Today</i></b> <b><i>Procession of the Holy Cross—Holy Maccabee Martyrs</i></b> 6:00 PM Lesser Blessing of Water Service ~6:30 PM Lenten Potluck Dinner <i>and</i> Spiritual Enrichment: <i>“Orthodox Veneration of Mary the Theotokos”</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>8/2/2025</b>	6:00 PM Vespers <i>Confession available before and after.</i>
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>8/3/2025</b>	<b>8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> Divine Liturgy  <i><b>Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for August 3-9, 2025:</b></i> <i>PACINDA, Joseph</i> <i>GELETY, Andrew &amp; Anna</i>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Brief Board Meeting on Sunday, July 27 after Liturgy** to approve delegates to attend the Diocesan Council-Sobor in Johnstown in October.

**Red Cross Blood Drive** will take place at our church on Thursday, August 7. *More information coming soon!*

**National ACRY Convention** will take place August 29-September 1 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Information is posted on the bulletin board and is also available online.

## *AUGUST 1, 2025— An Evening of Prayer, Fellowship & Enrichment To Begin the Dormition Fast*



6:00 PM: Prayer—Lesser Blessing of Water  
*With Special Prayers for the Living*

~6:30 PM: Fellowship—Lenten Potluck Dinner  
*Bring a fasting (meatless, at least) dish to share!*

*With* Spiritual Enrichment—  
“Orthodox Veneration of Mary the Theotokos”  
*Fr. David will offer a topical reflection,  
then we will have time for discussion and questions.*



## *August: a Month of Faith and Prayer*

August is a *wonderful* month for us as Orthodox Christians. It is PACKED full of holydays. We especially honor the Mother of God in this month of her Dormition. We also observe three special blessings: water on Aug. 1, fruit on Aug. 6, and flowers and herbs on Aug. 15. Use this time to refocus on your life of faith and prayer!

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1st. This two-week fast is in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th. It has been called the “summer Lent” before the “summer Pascha.” Accept the challenge and fast with a joyful heart! In Slavonic, this fast is also known as the “Savior’s Fast” (*Spasovka*) because there are three Feasts of the Savior in August: the Procession of the Cross (August 1), the Transfiguration of Christ (August 6) and the Icon of the Christ “Not Made With Hands”/Holy Face (August 16).

**Blessing of Water on August 1:** This “Lesser Blessing” of Water takes place on August 1st—a day dedicated to the Holy Cross and the Maccabee Martyrs. We will have the Blessing of Water at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 1. All are invited to receive a special blessing and drink of the newly-sanctified water for our strength and healing. Bring a bottle to take some home!

**Praying for Others During the Dormition Fast:** At a number of services during the Dormition Fast, we will include intercessory prayers for the living. Please use the available prayer sheets and give them to Fr. David. Services marked “Prayers for the Living” in the bulletin and on the calendar will include the reading of these names.

If you haven’t been to Confession in a while, the Dormition Fast is the perfect time to go! Fr. David will be hearing Confessions 30 minutes before evening services; after evening services as needed; before Liturgy on Sundays (ending at 8:45 AM); and by appointment.

# GOLF SCRAMBLE 2025

The 2025 Golf Scramble will be held on **Saturday, August 23rd at Avalon at Buhl Park**. Shotgun Start will be at 8:30 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, chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 2:30 PM. We will also hold the a Basket and Gift Card Raffle at this dinner.

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30 per person. See Francine Fabian to get your ticket!

**THANK YOU to everyone that has donated towards the golf tournament to date!**  
**We are still accepting the following:**

- ⇒ Team Commitments
- ⇒ Major sponsorships for \$100.00
- ⇒ Hole sponsorships for \$40.00
- ⇒ Patron Ad Listings for \$10.00
- ⇒ General monetary donations to the event

**Copies of the registration form/flyer and the sponsorship form are still available in the church hall for your use.**

To register your team, for any additional information, or to volunteer to help in any way, please speak with Ed or Francine Fabian.

## *Sponsorship Levels:*

Sponsorship Level	Donation with Golf	Donation without Golf
Platinum Sponsor	\$850.00	\$450.00
Gold Sponsor	\$625.00	\$200.00
Silver Sponsor	\$575.00	\$150.00
Major Sponsor	—	\$100.00



## CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Before you head back to school for the 2024-2025 academic year, you are invited to come forward for a prayer and a special blessing on **Sunday, August 17, 2025 at the End of Liturgy.**

### Thoughts on Stewardship

*From Dan Hromyak*

*"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." - Colossians*

We are called to evangelize - to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

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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:	<a href="http://stjohnacroc.org">stjohnacroc.org</a>
Our YouTube Live Stream:	<a href="https://youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon">youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon</a>
Our Facebook Page:	<a href="https://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA">facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA</a>
Our Diocesan Website:	<a href="http://acroc.org">acroc.org</a>

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

## *Happy Birthday!*

Lorraine Amos	July 20
Nicholas Figiel	July 20
Carol Maykowski	July 20
Kenneth Maceyko	July 21
Jessica Riegel	July 21
Edward Slovesko	July 24
Lucas Campbell	July 28
James Hynes	July 30
Sandra Kraynok	July 30
Peter Roman	August 1
Michael Waryanka	August 1

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Miller, Robert & Dawn      July 24

*God Grant You  
Many, Blessed Years!*



## ■ Our Sponsors ■

July 20, 2025

### *Eternal Lamp*

*In Honor of Lorraine Amos  
on Her Birthday*

July 27, 2025

### *Eternal Lamp*

*For All Those in the Medical Field  
On the Feast of  
St. Panteleimon the Physician*

*Sponsorships for the Eternal Lamp, Candelabrum and Bulletin are still available for many Sundays of the year. Altar Flowers can also be sponsored. Stop by the Church Office for more information!*

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

July 20  
Ed Fabian  
Matt Fabian  
Chad Fette  
Jim Hynes  
Steven Lukac

July 27  
Steve Lukac  
John Lenhart  
Ken Maceyko  
Emil Maurer  
Randy Martin

August 3  
Paul McMahon  
Robert Miller  
John Moon  
Dan Ristvey  
Joel Ristvey