

BULLETIN FOR AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

***SUN 8/31/2025 9:00 AM** **12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Divine Liturgy

Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for August 31-September 6:
DZURINDA, Anthony & Helen
BARTKO, Mary & Joseph; Stephen
CHUBA FAM. George Sr, Susan, Anna, John, Mary, Michael,
Tom, George, Sue, Steve, Andrew, Anne, Nicholas, Ricky,
Heather, Steven, Helen
DUPAY/DILORETO FAM. Frank, Mary, George, John & Mary,
Michael, Ann, Andrew, Louie, Margie, Jack, Louie, Helen

TUES 9/2/2025 9:00 AM ***Saint of the Day: Martyr Andrew Stratelates***
Divine Liturgy
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

***SUN 9/7/2025 9:00 AM** **13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**
Divine Liturgy
Chrismation of Gustav Redick and Jessica Reigel

MON 9/8/2025 9:00 AM **NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)**
Divine Liturgy

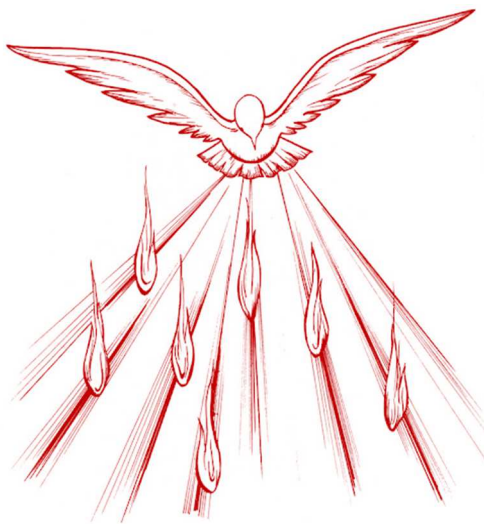
SAT 9/13/2025 6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Holyday

***SUN 9/14/2025 8:45 AM** **EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (STRICT FAST HOLYDAY)**
9:00 AM Hymns from Matins
Procession with the Cross and Rite of Exaltation
Divine Liturgy
Sunday School “Kick Off”

Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for September 14-20:
KOMISIN, George & Estella, John & Pauline, Harry & Anna VER-
HOLEK, Helen Penich
KLUTCHER, John & Mary
RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie, Steve, Ann,
Stevie, Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary, Susan, Ann, John, Susan
& Kanishak Family: Andrew, Evelyn, Dorothy

Chrismations on September 7: Congratulations, Gus and Jess!

During Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 7, Gustav Redick and Jessica Riegel will be received into the Holy Orthodox Christian Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. *May God grant you both many, blessed years! We are happy to have you as new members of our parish community!*



September 1: Happy New Year! The Orthodox Liturgical Year begins on September 1. This nicely dovetails in our American culture with the end of summer (and the end of “vacation season”) and the start of the academic year. On September 1, make a “New Year’s Resolution” to deepen your commitment to Christ and His Church!

Upcoming Holydays

- We celebrate the **Nativity of the Mother of God** on **September 8**. Divine Liturgy on Monday, September 8 will be at 9:00 AM.
- On **September 14**, we honor the Cross of Christ with a special holyday known as the **Exaltation of the Cross**. We solemnly place a representation of the Cross on the tetrapod as a sign of our honor for the Cross and Passion of Our Lord. A special service of Exaltation/Elevation is also performed, which will take place before Liturgy on Sunday, September 14 – which means more of our parishioners will get to participate.
- Given the solemnity of the day, we observe September 14 as a **day of strict fasting from meat and dairy products**.
- The liturgical color is **RED**, to recall the blood of Christ. You are welcome to “color coordinate” and wear something red to church on September 14.

As a parish community, we take this opportunity to offer our sympathies...

We extend our condolences to husband Rich, son Richie, mother Marge, brother Michael and Lisa, and to all the family and friends of **+SUE PRESTON** who passed away on Friday, August 15. Her funeral was held at the church on August 21. *May her memory be eternal!*

We extend our condolences to son Dr. Emil and Christina Maurer and granddaughters at the passing of **+PATRICIA MAURER** on August 27. *May her memory be eternal!*



GOLF SCRAMBLE 2025—THANK YOU!

To Our Church Family,

Your faithfulness in supporting our church and community is genuinely appreciated. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time made a monetary, gift card or basket donation. We had a successful golf tournament due to everyone's hard work, enthusiasm and dedication. As a church family we have a profit of \$15,854.03 for the church with \$1,585.40 going to the Tithe Account (for charitable distribution).

Blessings and Peace,
Ed & Francine Fabian



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Greek Orthodox Nun Elucidates the Plight of Christians in the Holy Land

Dear Brother Archons and
friends of the Archons of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate,

Mother Agapia Stephanopoulos, a Greek Orthodox nun who has lived in the Holy Land for many years, recently granted a lengthy and detailed interview to journalist Tucker Carlson on the persecution of Christians in the Holy Land. If you have not watched this interview in its entirety already, I strongly urge you to do so, as Mother Agapia provides a uniquely illuminating perspec-

tive on the difficulties that our sister and brothers in the faith face on a daily basis.

As you watch this revealing and often shocking interview, please remain in prayer for the Greek Orthodox Christians of Israel and its environs, and for all the embattled Christians of that war-torn region.

Yours in the service of our
Holy Mother Church,

Anthony J. Limberakis, MD
Archon Grand Aktouarios
National Commander

To watch the interview, go
to YouTube and look up
*“Tucker Carlson, Here’s
What It’s Really Like to
Live as a Christian in the
Holy Land”*

Church School Begins on Sunday, Sept. 14!

Classes will take place on September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26, November 9 and 23, with the St. Nicholas Celebration on Sunday, December 7.

PARENTS, if you have yet to sign up, please use this QR code to access the Registration Form!



Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." - Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Liturgy, where you unite our sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we are truly His Disciples.

2025 Fall Young Adult Retreat at Camp Nazareth

Friday, October 17-Sunday, October 19, 2025

This Fall Retreat is sponsored by American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2M, The OCA Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church USA. It is open to ages 18-35.

The guest speaker will be Very Rev. Dr. Nicholas Ferencz will speak about “To Believe or Not to Believe, that is the Question.” Along with some outdoor activities, fellowship and worship. To register, visit campnazareth.org

OCTOBER 2025 Pirohi Schedule

October 8, 2025

11:00 AM

Potato Prep

October 9, 2025

6:00 PM

Filling Prep

October 10, 2025

8:00 AM

Pirohi Making and Sale

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

OCTOBER 2025 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: October 5, 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, October 10, 2025

12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)

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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.

Our Church's Website:	stjohnacroc.org
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!

Edward Fabian	August 31
Edward Kraynok	September 2
Cindy Saluga	September 3
Aaron VanZanten	September 3
Thomas Hellmann	September 4
Emma Kate Ristvey	September 4
L. John Lenhart	September 5
Donald Yasnowsky	September 7
Nancy Long	September 8
Shelley Hando	September 9
Delores Jisko	September 9
Sienna Good	September 10
Sabrina Lukac	September 11

Happy Anniversary!

Waryanka, Michael & Debora	September 2
Fabian, Matthew & Dina	September 3
Moon, John & Deborah	September 5
Figiel, Ronald & Kelly	September 6
Mastroberte, Fr. David & Pani Vikkie	September 6
Kretchek, Chuck & Janet	September 8
Baker, Jason & Shannon	September 10
McMahon, Paul & Michelle	September 13

*God Grant You Many,
Blessed Years!*

■ Our Sponsors ■

August 31, 2025

*Eternal Lamp
For All Parishioners*

*We thank Ed and Francine Fabian
for sponsoring Coffee Hour today!*

September 7, 2025

*Eternal Lamp
In Memory of +Katherine O. Varsho
By Kathy & Gary Yonchak*



*Schedule of
Men to Hold
Candles During
the Gospel*

August 31
Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian
Chad Fette
Jim Hynes

September 7
Abram Johnson
Martin Johnson
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart

September 14
Ken Maceyko
Emil Maurer
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller