

# ***Bulletin for September 28, 2025 to October 11, 2025***

**October 1 is the holyday of the Protection** of the Mother of God. Established to commemorate her protection of Constantinople from enemy attack in the 10th century, today it celebrates her ongoing intercession and maternal care for the faithful. Vespers on September 30 will be at 6:00 PM and Divine Liturgy on October 1 will be at 9:00 AM. *"All my hope I place in you, O Mother of God – keep me under your protection!"*



**ACRY "Lots O' Luck" Calendar Raffle tickets** are available for purchase in the church office. Each calendar ticket is \$25. Proceeds benefit Diocesan ministries and activities.

## **Fall Young Adult Retreat at Camp Nazareth: October 17-19, 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](http://campnazareth.org).

## ***Upcoming Youth Church School Classes***

- *September 28*
- *October 12*
- *October 26*

**TUES**    **9/30/2025**  
6:00 PM        Vespers for the Holyday

**WED**     **10/1/2025**        ***PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holyday)***  
9:00 AM        Divine Liturgy

**\*SUN**    **10/5/2025**        **17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM        Divine Liturgy

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for October 5-11:***

*GIROSKI, John, Anna, John Roger*

*VOLSKO, George & Ann*

*LEDNEY, Michael & Helen, Michael Jr.*

*KROKO, Mary, John & Tom*

**TUES**    **10/7/2025**        ***Saints of the Day: Mother of God “Nafpaktiotissa”; Ss. Sergius & Bacchus***  
9:00 AM        Divine Liturgy  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**WED**     **10/8/2025**  
11:00 AM       Potato Prep  
6:00 PM        Moleben to the Mother of God *with Prayers for the Living*

**THURS**   **10/9/2025**  
6:00 PM        Filling Prep

**FRI**      **10/10/2025**  
8:00 AM        Pirohi Making & Sale

**\*SUN**    **10/12/2025**        **18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM        Divine Liturgy

***Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for October 12-18:***

*DZURINDA, John Sr., Anna, John Jr., Stephen, Andrew, Thomas,  
Anthony, Nicholas, Mary, Simon, Joseph, Michael Jr., Abie*

*BENYA, Michael Sr, Catherine, Michael Jr Matthew, Mary, Ka-  
sha, Steve, Betty, Peter, Catherine, John, Andrew, George, Hel-  
en, Charles, Joseph*

*SOBEY, John Sr, Pauline, Anna, George, Andrew & John Jr., Julia,  
Charles, Pauline*

## Fall Faith Enrichment Series: *“The Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian”*

This will be a FOUR WEEK series starting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at **6:30 PM**. These lessons will delve into the ways in which the Orthodox Church marks, celebrates, and assists our life through the sacraments and liturgy. Each segment will include an interactive presentation and discussion.

*Wednesday, October 15*

### **Topic 1: Start of Life – Birth and New Birth**

What are Sacraments? Theology of Baptism.

*Wednesday, October 22*

### **Topic 2: Baptism and Chrismation**

What Happens at Baptism and Chrismation.

*Wednesday, October 29*

### **Topic 3: The Sanctification of Daily Life**

The Annual Cycle of Fasting and Feasting; Piety at Home; Blessings of People, Places, Things.

*Wednesday, November 5*

### **Topic 4: Dying, Death, and Beyond**

Prayers for the Dying, Funeral Rites, Prayers for the Dead.

*Each lesson and discussion will last approximately one hour.*

*There is no sign up. All are welcome!*



**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

**4:30 PM until 7:00ish**

## **On the Church Grounds**

We'll have a **fire** going, **hot dogs**/sausages and **marshmallows** for roasting, **cider** for drinking, and seasonal **activities** for our youth. We will end the night with **Evening Prayers**. *(In case on inclement weather, meal and activities will be indoors.)*

### **ALL are Welcome!**

*There is no cost, but please sign up by October 12th for planning purposes.*

### **Bring Your Own Chair/Blanket**

*If you don't have one and need a chair, please let us know beforehand.*

### **Sign-Up for Sides!**

*You are welcome to bring a food or dessert item to share. Please list it on the sign-up sheet so we don't have duplicates.*

- **If you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up, talk to Fr. David.**



**4TH ANNUAL**

**FALL**

**FUN**

**EVENT**

## Thoughts on Stewardship

*From Dan Hromyak*

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." - Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." - 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Liturgy or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words or actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

O Lord, Who did send down Your Most Holy Spirit upon Your Apostles at the third hour and changed the simple fishermen into 'fishers of men', so now we ask of You to help us consciously recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and **in the lives of our parishes and our diocese**. May our lives continue to be worthy Temples of the Holy Spirit. May we be mindful of the continuous Pentecost, the constant outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, our families, our parishes and our diocese. May we do nothing to grieve the Holy Spirit, but may our lives be acceptable to Him Who will bring us to the knowledge of Truth, the knowledge of Your Son and our God. O God,

look down graciously upon us from Your holy dwelling place and pour forth your abundant mercies and blessings upon our Diocesan Parishes which You have raised for the honor and glory of Your all-holy Name. As your Most Holy Son walked here on earth so let Him ever be present in our parishes and may all of us find Him walking in our midst. As You sent Your Most Holy Spirit upon Your Apostles at the Feast of Pentecost, so we continue to implore and beg of You take not Your Holy Spirit from us, but renew Him in us who pray to You. For You are the Giver and the Herald of the Way of our salvation, now and ever and forever. Amen.

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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
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](http://stjohnacroc.org)

The National Junior A.C.R.Y. invites all youth  
ages 8-18 to attend the annual Fall Encounter!



REGISTER

**November 7-9, 2025**

**Cost: \$120**

**RETREAT AND RECHARGE  
WITH YOUR FRIENDS  
AT CAMP NAZARETH!**



## 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

*Sign-up sheet for volunteers is  
located on the Information Table  
in the Hall.*

**November Pirohi Sale:**  
**Friday, November 14**

## 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)*

## ■ Our Sponsors ■

September 28, 2025

### *Eternal Lamp*

*For All Those Seeking the Protection  
of the Mother of God*

October 5, 2025

### *Eternal Lamp*

*For Our Deanery Parishes,  
Clergy and Faithful*

*Schedule of  
Men to Hold  
Candles During  
the Gospel*

#### September 28

Tom Ristvey  
Thomas Ristvey  
Steve Saluga  
Milan Shumkaroff  
Gino Tofani

#### October 5

Aaron Van Zanten  
Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky  
Gary Yonchak  
Bob Amos

#### October 12

Jason Baker  
Dave Beight  
Dennis Burprich  
Evan Campbell  
Lucas Campbell

## ***Pray for Our Seminararians!***

*In a September 17 communication, His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory, has asked that all clergy and faithful keep our ACROD Seminararians in their prayers. Their names are: **Deacon Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Alexander Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Spyridon Clay Raburn and Ignatius Leonardo.** May God continue to guide and inspire them in their journey to serve Christ's Holy Church.*