

Bulletin for October 12-25, 2025

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

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, Kasha, Steve, Betty, Peter, Catherine, John, Andrew, George, Helen, Charles, Joseph SOBEY, John Sr, Pauline, Anna, George, Andrew & John Jr., Julia, Charles, Pauline

MON 10/13/2025
6:00 PM Board Meeting

TUES 10/14/2025 ***Saint of the Day: Martyr Paraskeva***
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy *With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

WED 10/15/2025
6:30 PM Faith Enrichment: "Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian" Part 1

SAT 10/18/2025
6:00 PM Vespers for Sunday

***SUN 10/19/2025 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
4:30 PM "Fall Fun" Event

Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for October 19-25:

*HANDO, John & Dorothy
SOBEY, Charles & Betsy
BOLDISH FAMILY, Luka, Sophia, Frank, John, Mary, Ann, William, Eleanora, Ronald, Rose, Michael, Irene, Marie*



TUES	10/21/2025 9:00 AM	<i>Saint of the Day: Venerable Hilarion</i> Divine Liturgy With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
WED	10/22/2025 6:30 PM	Faith Enrichment: "Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian" Part 2
THURS	10/23/2025 9:30 AM	<i>Saint of the Day: Apostle James, Brother of the Lord</i> Divine Liturgy of Saint James
*SUN	10/26/2025 9:00 AM	20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIUS Divine Liturgy Church School Lesson

Weekly Perpetual Commemorations for October 26-Nov. 1:
REPASKY, Stephen and Mildred and Family
WANCHISIN, Andrew, Anna, Stephen, Peter, Mary, Andrew,
Anna, John, Michael, George, Mary & Ellen, Frank, Mary &
Charles
PACINDA, George

Divine Liturgy of St. James ***on Thursday, October 23***

This will be our third year celebrating the Liturgy of St. James on his holyday, October 23! This special type of service is a form of the ancient liturgy that was used in the city of Jerusalem for many centuries. It has become customary in many parts of the Orthodox world to offer this Liturgy on St. James' day as he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. Please join us on **Thursday, October 23 at 9:30 AM** for this beautiful and unique Eucharistic celebration! (Note the later start time.) **Please gather in the HALL before Liturgy.**



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October 7, 2025

Protocol No. 9/2025

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers and Faithful,

Today I write to you to officially announce the appointment of the new Director of our beloved Camp Nazareth. Very Rev. Protopresbyter Stephen Lopusky (who has served as the Director of Camp Nazareth along with Pani Daria for 16 years) and I considered various individuals since his appointment as Chancellor on January 1, 2025.

With great pleasure and excitement, I announce the appointment of Rev. Fr. Nathaniel Choma as the new Director of Camp Nazareth. He and Pani Nicole, along with their two daughters, will be transitioning over the next several months to their new assignment. During that time the Chomas will be meeting regularly with the Lopuskys to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Please join me in prayer and congratulations for Fr. Nathaniel, Pani Nicole and their two daughters as they assume the awesome responsibilities of administering "our slice of Paradise", Camp Nazareth. May God the Father, His Son and our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit bless them and their efforts in the coming years.

Working in His Vineyard,

+Metropolitan Gregory

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

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 us 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

Stewardship

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take the time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." - 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

NOVEMBER 2025 Pirohi Schedule

November 12, 2025

11:00 AM

Potato Prep

November 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Filling Prep

November 14, 2025

8:00 AM

Pirohi Making and Sale

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

Remember: this is the last pirohi sale before Thanksgiving and Christmas!

NOVEMBER 2025 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: November 9, 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, November 14, 2025

12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)

SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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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

*Schedule of
Men to Hold
Candles During
the Gospel*

October 12

Jason Baker
Dave Beight
Dennis Burprich
Evan Campbell
Lucas Campbell

October 19

Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian
Chad Fette
Jim Hynes

October 26

Abram Johnson
Martin Johnson
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart