

BULLETIN FOR MARCH 1-14, 2026

SUN 3/1/2026 **1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Youth Procession with Icons

Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 1-7, 2026:

FREJIK, Mike & Ruth; Mary Hajduk

*CHUBA Tom, George, Susan, Michael, John, Mary, Anna, George & Sue,
Anne, Andrew, Ann, Heather, Steven, Helen*

REPASKY, Stephen, Mildred, John & Helen, and Family

HOLMES, Charles

WED 3/4/2026 *Saint of the Day: Venerable Gerasimos of Jordan*
11:00 AM Potato Prep
5:00-5:40 PM Confession
5:45 PM Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
(No Meal Tonight)

THURS 3/5/2026
6:00 PM Filling Preparation

FRI 3/6/2026
8:00 AM Pirohi Making

SAT 3/7/2026 **SOUL SATURDAY**
8:15-8:45 AM Confession
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Soul Saturday Panachida

SUN 3/8/2026 **2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**
8:15-8:45 AM Confession
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 8-14, 2026:

TRESCILLA, Susan & Michael

PALAHUNIK, Vasil & Kathryn, Mary & Perl, Kathryn,

Frances, Steve, Ted, George

MON 3/9/2026
6:00 PM Board Meeting

WED	3/11/2026	<i>Saint of the Day: St. Sophronius of Jerusalem</i>
	5:00-5:40 PM	Confession
	5:45 PM	Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Potluck Meal</i>
FRI	3/13/2026	<i>Saint of the Day: St. Nicephorus</i>
	3:30-3:50 PM	Confession
	<u>4</u> :00 PM	Parastas (Memorial Service) for Soul Saturday
SUN	3/15/2026	3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
	8:15-8:45 AM	Confession
	9:00 AM	Procession with the Cross Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 15-21, 2026:
JAEGER, Joseph
SPONDIKE, John & Mary
KARAS, Andrew & Agnes

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Lenten & Otherwise!*)

Our Lenten Journey Continues! Fast as you are able with a joyful heart. Pray at home daily. Read the Scriptures. Attend as many Lenten services as possible. 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!*

Our **March AWARE House Collection** item is Shampoo/Conditioner. A collection bin is in the hall. For more information or have any questions, see Renee Maceyko.

We are still collecting **CAN TABS** for the National ACRY. Just bring them in and add them to the container in the hallway! Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House.

You can still fill out a **Soul Saturday Prayer List** to have the names of your departed loved ones included in the upcoming services on Saturday, March 7; Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20. Please give the completed list to Fr. David.

CONFESSION is available at the following times during Lent:

- **Before Sunday Liturgy from 8:15-8:45 AM**
- **Before Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy from 5:00-5:40 PM**
- **Before Fridays Evening Services from 5:20-5:50 PM**
- **Other times as listed on the Monthly Calendar**

You do not need to make an appointment or call ahead for these 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).

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. (Remember: only services titled “Liturgy” have the distribution of Communion. Other services offered during Lent – Vespers, Canons, Molebens, Akathists, Paraklis, Parastas – do *not*.)

Our 2026 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!

Lenten Pot-Luck Dinners will take place on the following upcoming dates: Wednesdays March 11, March 18; and Tuesday, March 24. (No meals during Pirohi Making weeks.) 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 12. 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.)

Willow Watch: Please keep an eye out for pussy willows for Palm Sunday! You can bring cut willows any time before Saturday, April 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Nazareth Summer Camp Registration Opens March 1, 2026

Parents, our parish covers 100% of the costs for our youth to attend one week of camping but you need the special registration code to get this discount. Contact Fr. David and he will give it to you. *(Our Deanery Camping Week is July 19-25, but you can attend another week if needed.)*

Lenten Events at Camp Nazareth...

The Young Adult Spring Retreat will be taking place March 13-15. Information is found on the next page.

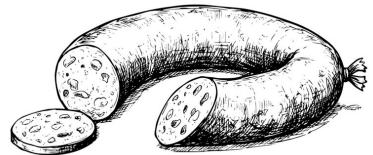
The Junior ACRY Lenten Spring Encounter will be March 20-22. No flyer has been sent to the clergy yet, so information will be shared once it is received.

The Regional Diocesan Lenten Retreat will be taking place on Saturday, March 28th at St. Nicholas Church in Homestead. This is all the information that has been released to date, so... stay tuned!

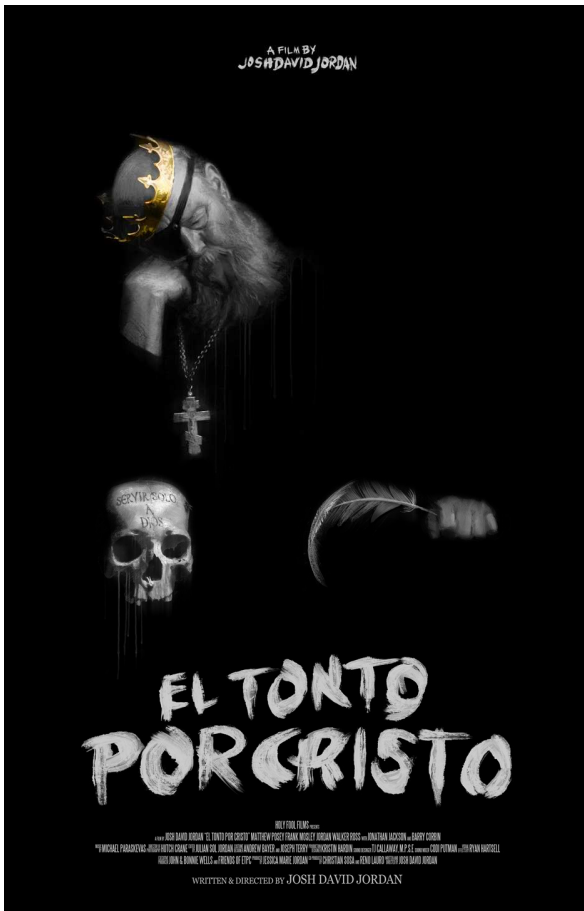
Save the Date! **Youngstown Deanery Pascha Celebration** will be at Camp Nazareth on Saturday, May 9, 2026. This is a new event for our Deanery. *More information forthcoming!*

PRE-EASTER KOLBASI MAKING AND SALE

We will again be having a kolbasi making event and sale to prepare for Easter! Kolbasi making will take place on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28. Volunteers are needed, so watch for more information in the coming weeks!







El Tonto Por Cristo: **An ORTHODOX Movie** **Coming to Meadville** **on Sunday, March 29** **—Meet the Director!**

El Tonto Por Cristo is the first Orthodox narrative feature film in the English language. It is the tale of an unlikely saint: a monk in a (fictional) monastery on the coast of Texas who embraces the life of a Holy Fool. Through a series of vignettes, it shows a brotherhood of monks as they inch toward sainthood struggling along the way with the burden of their own condition.

This screening will include viewing of the film, a Q&A with writer and director Josh Jordan and his wife Jessica, as well as a post-show mingle.

The screening will be held on March 29, 2026 at **The Movies at Meadville; 11155 Highline Drive; Meadville, PA 16335**. The doors will open at 4:30 PM with the film starting at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by visiting stnicholaserie.org

VIP packages are also available for \$55 and include early entry into the venue, a personal meet and greet with Josh Jordan and exclusive El Tonto merch.

For more information on the film and to view the trailer, please visit www.eltontoporcristo.com.



Scan for
More Information &
Tickets

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” - Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, “God does not

call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” - John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

APRIL 2026 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
11:00 AM
Potato Prep

Thursday, April 2, 2026
6:00 PM
Filling Prep

Friday, April 3, 2026
8:00 AM
Pirohi Making and Sale

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

***Get your orders in early!
Don't wait!***

April 2026 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: Sunday, March 29, 2026
(Or Until We Reach Our Production Limit!)*
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 3, 2026
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)

***Pray for Our Diocesan
Seminarians***

Fr. Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Fr. Alexander Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Spyridon Raburn, Clay Wood and Ignatius Leonardo

■ **Our Sponsors** ■

March 1, 2026

Eternal Lamp

In Memory of Mother, +Catherine Pavlick, as a 100th Birthday Remembrance, by Debbie & Greg Cross

March 8, 2026

Eternal Lamp

For All Diocesan Seminarians (Names Above), Especially for Seminarian Bradley Shaffer Being Ordained as a Deacon Today in Indiana



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

March 1

Gino Tofani
Aaron Van Zanten
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak

March 8

Bob Amos
Jason Baker
Dave Beight
Dennis Burprich
Ben Campbell

March 15

Evan Campbell
Lucas Campbell
Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian