

— BULLETIN FOR APRIL 26 TO MAY 9, 2026 —

***SUN** **4/26/2026**
9:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA—MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for April 26-May 2, 2026:

KROKO, John, Mary & Tom

PENICK, Andrew

ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.

POPADICS, John & Mary; Irene & Chester O'KRESIK; Peter & Mary O'SHANICK

MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph Jr. & Daniel

Last Week's Commemorations will also be mentioned at Tuesday's Liturgy:

PENICK, Michael

BENIC, Anna & John, John Jr. & Carole

KARAS, John Sr., Martha, Andrew & Agnes, George & Ann, Wesley, John, Mary

YARABINEC, Steve

LAZOR, George, Mary, John, Susan, John, Katherine, Nicholas, Katherine

TUES **4/28/2026**
9:00 AM

Saints of the Day: Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy
Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

***SUN** **5/3/2026**
9:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC
Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for May 3-9, 2026:

TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

PENICK, John

TACZAK, Mary and William Sr.

WED **5/6/2026**
9:00 AM

MID-PENTECOST (HALFWAY BETWEEN PASCHA AND PENTECOST)
Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

SAT **5/9/2026**
10:00 AM

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS
Divine Liturgy at Camp Nazareth for Deanery Pascha Celebration

***SUN** **5/10/2026**
9:00 AM

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—SAMARITAN WOMAN
MOTHER'S DAY**

Divine Liturgy with Prayers for All Mothers, Living and Departed

Perpetual Commemorations for May 10-16, 2026:

KARAS, Agnes & Andrew

KRAYNAK, Anna & John Sr.



We extend our condolences to Steve and Natalie, Kathy and Fred, Mary Ann, to all the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends of +JULIANNE LUKAC who fell asleep in the Lord on Bright Monday, April 13. Her funeral was held on Bright Friday, April 17. May God grant her blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom! Eternal Memory – Christ is risen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendar! Our 2026 First Confession Celebration will be on Sunday, June 14. We have three young people (Jacob, Damon and Ryan) preparing for their First Confession this year. We look forward to honoring their accomplishment as a community!

2026 National ACRY Family and Friends Weekend will be taking place over Memorial Day Weekend (May 22 – May 25, 2026) in Cleveland. To register for all or part of the event (such as the Grand Banquet) go to acrod.org

Send Your Kids to Camp Nazareth This Summer! Our Diocesan camping program is incredible and helps strengthen our children in their Orthodox faith. Our parish will cover 100% of tuition for all parish youth to attend one week of camping. Parents, if you still need the registration code, please speak with Fr. David.

Graduate Sunday—INFO NEEDED: We honor our parish graduates every year. **Please let Fr. David know NOW if you have a graduate in your household (or yourself are a graduate)** by sending an e-mail to father.david@stjohnacroc.org with the following information: **Name** of graduate; **school** from which he/she is graduating from; any post-graduation **plans** (college/ further education, job, etc.).

SPRING 2026 PIROHI WRAP-UP

		GROSS	NET
March 6, 2026	271 Dozen	\$ 2409.00	\$ 2322.00
April 3, 2026	285 Dozen	\$ 2563.00	\$ 2468.85
TOTAL	556 Dozen	\$ 4972.00	\$ 4790.85 PROFIT

We want to express our sincerest **GRATITUDE** to all St. John's Members who gave of their time and talent to participate in our Spring Pirohi Sales. We had many "newbie" members who participated, including Reagan, Sara, Jackie, Sanda, Blaise and Michael. They quickly "learned their trade!!" We had wonderful turnouts for both sales and were FINISHED by 10:45 am!! We also THANK the "Pinchers" who kept all those fingers nimble for those **6672 Pirohi** !! We want to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to Tommy Ristvey of **VEY'S Pub and Grill** who generously donated the 30# of cheese and the 300# of potato used in the sales. We also want to thank Mary Ann Lavin, Jerry Chupak and Steve Saluga who provided the delicious morning donuts, to Melinda Kroko for organizing the luncheon afterwards, and to ALL THE LADIES who provide the foods. Our next sale will be in October. COME, LAUGH and have FUN with us!!

*We extend our gratitude to Lorraine Amos
for chairing our Pirohi Sales!*





YOUNGSTOWN DEANERY

Pascha Celebration

AT CAMP NAZARETH

Saturday May 9, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00AM

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & ACTIVITIES TO FOLLOW!

*NO COST TO ATTEND ~ REGISTER ONLINE USING THE
QR CODE OR TELL YOUR PRIEST BY SUNDAY MAY 3!*



CAMP NAZARETH
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Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” - Acts 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin- to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone - 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

Wisdom from the Saints

Glory be to You, who laid your Cross as a bridge over death that souls might pass over it from the dwelling of the dead to dwelling of life. (St. Ephrem of Syrian)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Christian faith and the source of our eternal hope. (St. Leo the Great)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the ultimate proof of God's power to redeem and transform all things. (St. Athanasius)

2026 Lent, Holy Week and Pascha Service Attendance

Date	Occasion	Service	Time	Attendance
2/22/2026	Cheesefare Sunday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	76
2/22/2026	Cheesefare Sunday	Vespers	After Breakfast	53
2/23/2026	First Day of Lent	Canon of St. Andrew (Part 1)	6:00 PM	18
2/25/2026	First Wednesday of Lent	Presanctified (With Potluck)	6:00 PM	47
2/27/2026	First Friday of Lent	Akathist to the Passion	6:00 PM	16
3/1/2026	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Liturgy	9:00 AM	101
3/4/2026	Second Wednesday of Lent	Presanctified (No Potluck)	6:00 PM	35
3/7/2026	Soul Saturday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	12
3/8/2026	Second Sunday of Lent	Liturgy	9:00 AM	99
3/11/2026	Second Wednesday of Lent	Presanctified (With Potluck)	6:00 PM	49
3/13/2026	Second Friday of Lent	Parastas for Soul Saturday	4:00 PM	9
3/15/2026	Third Sunday of Lent	Liturgy	9:00 AM	102
3/18/2026	Third Wednesday of Lent	Presanctified (With Potluck)	9:00 PM	65
3/20/2026	Third Friday of Lent	Moleben to the Cross	6:00 PM	19
3/22/2026	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Liturgy	9:00 AM	115
3/24/2026	Eve of Annunciation	Great Vespers (With Potluck)	6:00 PM	53
3/25/2026	Annunciation	Liturgy	9:00 AM	21
3/27/2026	Fifth Friday of Lent	Akathist to the Theotokos	6:00 PM	10
3/29/2026	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Liturgy	9:00 AM	81
4/1/2026	Sixth Wednesday of Lent	Presanctified (No Potluck)	6:00 PM	47
4/4/2026	Lazarus Saturday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	21
4/4/2026	Eve of Palm Sunday	Great Vespers	4:00 PM	17
4/5/2026	Palm Sunday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	117
4/6/2026	Holy Monday	Presanctified	6:30 PM	28
4/7/2026	Holy Tuesday	Presanctified	6:30 PM	37
4/8/2026	Holy Wednesday	Sacrament of Unction	6:30 PM	68
4/9/2026	Holy Thursday	Vesperal-Liturgy	9:00 AM	14
4/9/2026	Holy Thursday	Matins with Passion Gospels	6:30 PM	55
4/10/2026	Holy Friday	Royal Hours	9:00 AM	20
4/10/2026	Holy Friday	Vespers with Procession	6:30 PM	78
4/11/2026	Holy Saturday	Vesperal-Liturgy	9:00 AM	27
4/11/2026	Pascha Eve	Resurrection Matins	8:00 PM	113
4/12/2026	Pascha Sunday	Liturgy	10:00 AM	190
4/13/2026	Bright Monday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	14
4/19/2026	Thomas Sunday	Liturgy	9:00 AM	95

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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 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

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April 26, 2026

Eternal Lamp

*For All the Women of Our Parish
On the Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women
(Third Sunday of Pascha)*

May 3, 2026

Eternal Lamp

*For Those Suffering from
Mobility Issues and Other Physical Ailments
On the Sunday of Christ's Healing of the Paralytic
(Fourth Sunday of Pascha)*

*Schedule of
Men to Hold
Candles During the
Gospel*

April 26

Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker

May 3

David Beight
Dennis Burprich
Ben Campbell
Evan Campbell
Lucas Campbell

May 10

Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian
Chad Fette
Torry Hook