

*As our country observes Memorial Day,
we pause to remember all departed veterans
who served in the armed forces of the USA.*

*As a parish community, we also remember
our departed clergy and parishioners
during our annual Panachida in the Cemetery.*

Eternal Memory!

BULLETIN FOR MAY 24-JUNE 13, 2024

Celebrating Our Graduates!

Nicholas Figiel

Youngstown State University
BS Business Administration and Accounting
BA Theater Arts
Summa Cum Laude with Honors

Livia Hellmann

Slippery Rock University
BS in Early Childhood Education
with a Minor in Special Education

Steven Lukac

Youngstown State University
Doctor of Nursing Practice

God grant them many, blessed years!

We will honor our 2026 Graduates on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Please join us for cake and refreshments following Liturgy!

—SCHEDULE FOR MAY 24-JUNE 13, 2026—

*SUN	5/24/2026 9:00 AM	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL Divine Liturgy <i>Memorial Day Observance: Procession and Panachida at the Cemetery Cross</i>
FRI	5/29/2026 6:00 PM	EVE OF SOUL SATURDAY Parastas (Memorial Service) with Reading of Names of Departed
SAT	5/30/2026 4:00 PM	EVE OF PENTECOST Great Vespers with Litija for Pentecost
*SUN	5/31/2026 9:00 AM	PENTECOST—THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GRADUATE SUNDAY Divine Liturgy <i>Kneeling Prayers following Liturgy</i>
MON	6/1/2026 9:00 AM	PENTECOST MONDAY—THE DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Divine Liturgy and Procession (<i>Outdoors, Weather Permitting</i>)
*SUN	6/7/2026 10:00 AM	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—ALL SAINTS FAMILY DAY AT CAMP NAZARETH Divine Liturgy at Ss. Cyril and Methodios Church (<i>No Services at Saint John's</i>)
MON	6/8/2026 6:00 PM	Board Meeting
TUES	6/9/2026 9:00 AM	<i>Saint of the Day: St. Cyril of Alexandria</i> Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>Perpetual Commemorations for June 7-13, 2026:</i> <i>EVERETT, Marjorie & Helen</i> <i>BOUSLOUGH, Harold E.</i> <i>FELTOVICH, John Sr., Mary and Jack, George, Steven, Carol</i> <i>PACINDA, Joseph</i>
*SUN	6/14/2026 9:00 AM	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—REGIONAL ALL SAINTS FIRST CONFESSION CELEBRATION Divine Liturgy <i>Perpetual Commemorations for June 14-20, 2026:</i> <i>RAITI, Frank</i> <i>VARGA, Louie & Margie</i> <i>JAEGER, Joseph</i>

—Services for the Holyday of PENTECOST

Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Pascha and the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is the second most important day on the Church's calendar—yes, it is even more important than Christmas! We have a number of services in connected to this holyday, including an **All Souls Parastas** (Memorial Service) on Friday, May 29; **Vespers** on Pentecost Eve, May 30; **Divine Liturgy** with **Kneeling Prayers** on Pentecost Sunday, May 31 and **Divine Liturgy** on Pentecost Monday, June 1. Take a look at the schedule in this bulletin. ***Come and celebrate the Holy Spirit!***

—Wear **GREEN** on Pentecost Sunday, May 31!

Since the Holy Spirit is called the “Giver of Life,” it is a very old Slavic custom to decorate the church for Pentecost with greenery, and for the vestments and altar covers to be green as well. **YOU are welcome to join in, too!** Consider wearing something green to church on Sunday, May 31. This is a great way to get into the spirit of the day's liturgical celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our 2026 First Confession Celebration will be on Sunday, June 14. We have three young men—Jacob, Damon and Ryan—preparing for their First Confession this year. We look forward to honoring their accomplishment! Plan to stay for cake and refreshments after Liturgy.

A review copy of our forthcoming **Church Directory** is on the Information Table in the hall. Please look over this copy and use the Correction Sheets to make any changes. *The last Sunday for reviews is May 31!*

Check out the Information Table in the Hall—we have Flyers and Sponsorship Forms for the **Pierogi 5K**, Entry Forms and Sponsorship forms for our **25th Anniversary Golf Scramble**. ***More information on these events in subsequent bulletins!***

Coffee Hour Donations: “Thank You”! We would like to thank those parishioners who have recently contributed to the Sunday morning Coffee Hour: Susan Van Zanten, and Dave and Irene Beight!

CAMP NAZARETH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Fellowship & fun all day

Great Food, Music entertainment, swimming, craft activities, games and More!

**10am -- DIVINE LITURGY
Lunch/Picnic following Liturgy**

MENU:

Grilled Chicken

Marinated and Grilled Beef Tips

Homemade Scalloped Potatoes

Tossed Salad

Fresh Fruit

Fresh Rolls

Homemade Desserts

Drinks

Vegetarian Option: Mixed Vegetables with Rice

ADULTS: \$10.00

Children 12 and under : \$6.00

Children under 5: free

FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (includes 2 parents & all children 12 and under)

***There is no service at Saint John's on Sunday, June 7.
Please attend Divine Liturgy at Camp Nazareth
and enjoy the day with others from our Diocesan family!***

Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Parish Events

- Sunday, May 31: Pentecost and Graduate Sunday
- Sunday, June 7: Family Day at Camp Nazareth
- Sunday, June 14: First Confession Celebration
- Tuesday, June 23: Services for Nativity of St. John (*Church Feast*)
- Sunday, July 5: America 250 Celebration
- Saturday, July 18: Pierogi 5K
- Saturday, August 22: 25th Anniversary Golf Scramble

Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” - 1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” - John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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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

Bulletin Sponsor

*In Memory of Tom Kroko
on the 15th Anniversary
of His Repose, by Melinda Kroko*

Eternal Lamp

May 24, 2026

*In Memory of +Irene Shaffer
By Jim, Karen, Katie & Brent Hynes*

May 31, 2026

For Our 2026 Graduates

June 7, 2026

*In Memory of Godmother Helen Benya
Hammon on Her Birthday by Debbie Cross*

Altar Flowers

May 31, 2026

*In Memory of Braden Houk on
the 5th Anniversary of His Repose
by Wife Annette Houk and Family*

Candelabra

May 31, 2026

*Gary & Kathy Yonchak
In Honor of Their
50th Wedding Anniversary!*

*Schedule of
Men to Hold
Candles During the
Gospel*

May 24

Steve Lukac
John Lenhart
Ken Maceyko
Emil Maurer
Paul McMahon

May 31

Robert Miller
John Moon
Gus Redick
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey

June 14

Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Thomas Ristvey
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff