

— **BULLETIN FOR JULY 19-AUGUST 1, 2026** —

***SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026**

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX COUNCILS

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Blessing of Vehicles

Perpetual Commemorations for July 19-25, 2026:

BICH, Ronald

DORUS, Joseph & Anna; David Dorus; Robert Sorokach

POTPRASKY, John & Betty

LYSOHIR, Sue & Steve

SLOVESKO, John & Helen, Richard; Kathleen Wansack

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

HOLY PROPHET ELIAS (ELIJAH)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*With Prayers for Weekly
Perpetual Commemorations*

***SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026**

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Blessing of Those
 in the Medical Field

Perpetual Commemorations for July 26-August 1, 2026:

RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie, Steve, Ann, Stevie, Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary, Susan, Ann, John, Susan & Kanishak Family: Andrew, Evelyn, Dorothy

HAYDUK, John & Anna

PERI, John & Anna

PACZAK, John & Katherine, Anna, Mary, Michael, Walter, Simon, Ann, Catherine & John Jr.

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

GREAT-MARTYR & HEALER PANTELEIMON

(His relics are in our altar.)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*With Prayers for the Sick
& Prayers for Weekly
Perpetual Commemorations*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HOLY MACCABEE MARTYRS

BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Lesser Blessing of Water

***SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026**

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

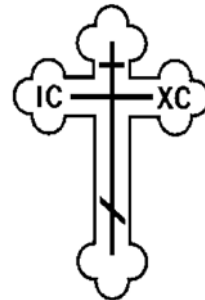
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for August 2-8, 2026:

TKACH, Msgr. Paul & Pani Helen

PACINDA, Joseph

GELETY, Andrew & Anna





RESCHEDULED!!!

**New Date:
Saturday,
August 8, 2026**

*All the same events
will take place,
just on this new day!*

*For more information,
please see Laura Fette.*

Blessing of Those in the Medical Field

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Since receiving a portion of the relics of St. Panteleimon the Unmercenary Physician at the consecration of our church's altar, our parish has grown in awareness of this wonderful saint. Because we also have many parishioners in medical-related professions, this year we are going to offer a special Blessing of Those in the Medical Field on the Sunday nearest St. Panteleimon's feast: July 26. All who are in this line of work are invited to come forward to receive a blessing!





There is a receptacle in the Hall for the July **"Kids Helping Kids" Food Drive** for the Mercer County Food Bank. A list of needed items is on the box. Please bring in items to help the Food Bank assist those in need!

For more information, speak with Samantha Tofani.

Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom here on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to heaven.

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different from what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.



August: a Month of Faith and Prayer

August is a *wonderful* month for us as Orthodox Christians. It is PACKED full of holydays. We especially honor the Mother of God in this month of her Dormition. We also observe three special blessings: water on Aug. 1, fruit on Aug. 6, and flowers and herbs on Aug. 15. Use this time to refocus on your life of faith and prayer!

The Dormition Fast begins on August 1st. This two-week fast is in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th. It has been called the “summer Lent” before the “summer Pascha.” Accept the challenge and fast with a joyful heart! In Slavonic, this fast is also known as the “Savior’s Fast” (*Spasovka*) because there are three Feasts of the Savior in August: the Procession of the Cross (August 1), the Transfiguration of Christ (August 6) and the Icon of the Christ “Not Made With Hands”/Holy Face (August 16).

Blessing of Water on August 1: This “Lesser Blessing” of Water takes place on August 1st—a day dedicated to the Holy Cross and the Maccabee Martyrs. We will have Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Water at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 1. All are invited to receive a blessing and drink of the newly-sanctified water for strength and healing. Bring a bottle to take some home!

Praying for Others During the Dormition Fast: At a number of services during the Dormition Fast, we will include intercessory prayers for the living. Please use the available prayer sheets and give them to Fr. David. Services marked “Prayers for the Living” in the bulletin and on the calendar will include the reading of these names.

If you haven’t been to Confession in a while, the Dormition Fast is the perfect time to go! Fr. David will be hearing Confessions 30 minutes before evening services; after evening services as needed; before Liturgy on Sundays (ending at 8:45 AM); and by appointment.

25TH GOLF SCRAMBLE: AUGUST 22, 2026

Don't Forget! Our 25th ANNIVERSARY Golf Scramble will be held on **Saturday, August 22nd at Avalon at Buhl Park**. Shotgun Start will be at 8:30 AM.

The post-golfing meal will again be held at our church hall, and will feature our *signature* all-you-can-eat buffet with spit roast lamb, chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 2:30 PM. We will also hold the a Basket and Gift Card Raffle at this dinner.

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30 per person. See Francine Fabian to get tickets!

We are still in need of the following sponsors/donations:

- ⇒ Team Commitments
- ⇒ Major sponsorships for \$100.00
- ⇒ Hole sponsorships for \$40.00
- ⇒ Patron Ad Listings for \$10.00
- ⇒ Gift Cards for the Raffle
- ⇒ General monetary donations to the event

There is a list of donations in the hall, including some specific items for the 25th Anniversary.

Copies of the registration form/flyer and the sponsorship form are still available in the church hall for your use.

To register your team, for any additional information, or to volunteer to help in any way, please speak with Ed or Francine Fabian.

Sponsorship Level	Donation with Golf	Donation without Golf
Platinum Sponsor	\$850.00	\$450.00
Gold Sponsor	\$625.00	\$200.00
Silver Sponsor	\$575.00	\$150.00
Major Sponsor	—	\$100.00



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**Fellowship Hall
3180 Morefield Road
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**Thursday, August 6
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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

Eternal Lamp

July 19, 2026

*For Health and God's Blessings on
Lorraine Amos on Her Birthday*

July 26, 2026

*For All Parishioners
In the Medical Field*

**July AWARE House
Donation Item:**

BANDAIDS

(Leave your donations in the box in the hall!)

Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

July 19

Martin Johnson
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart
Ken Maceyko

July 26

Emil Maurer
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller
John Moon

August 2

Gus Redick
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey