

—BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 13-26, 2026—

Schedule of Services & Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9 AM Divine Liturgy
Church School Begins Today

Panachida: +Ronald Figiel (40th Day)
By Ron, Kelly, Dylan, Nicholas & Elizabeth Figiel

6 PM Vigil Service for the Exaltation of the Cross

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (STRICT FAST)

9 AM Divine Liturgy
6 PM Board Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

8:45 AM Panachida for
+John & Irene Lutz & Family, by Robert
9 AM Service (Moleben) to the Holy Cross
With Prayers for the Living

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

6 PM Vespers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

9 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for Sept. 20-26:
KLUTCHER, John & Mary
RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie,
Steve, Ann, Stevie, Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary,
Susan, Ann, John, Susan & Kanishak Family: Andrew,
Evelyn, Dorothy
REPASKY, Helen

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9 AM Divine Liturgy
With Mention of Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 AM Divine Liturgy
Church School Classes

Perpetual Commemorations for Sept. 27-Oct. 3:
GUZI, Frank
ROWLANDS, Charles & Mary
HALL, Frank & Connie

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On this holyday, we honor and “exalt” the Cross of Christ—the instrument of our salvation. As a solemn day on which we read the Gospel account of Our Lord’s Passion, **we observe September 14th as a day of strict fasting**, without the eating of meat or dairy products.

We will have two services to mark this holyday. On September 13 at 6:00 PM, we will have a Vigil service consisting of Vespers, portions of Matins, and the Rite of Exaltation of the Cross. On September 14 at 9:00 AM, we will have the Divine Liturgy. The Cross will be venerated at each service.

Praying for Others on September 18

This month, we will offer a prayer service (*moleben*) to the Holy Cross on Friday, September 18 at 9:00 AM. During this service, we will include prayers for the health and salvation of the living. Lists submitted this past August will be used. If you want to submit a new list or add additional names, blank sheets are available in the vestibule.

Seminary Academic Year

Starting September 21, Fr. David will again be teaching on Mondays at our Diocesan Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown. Most Mondays, he will be teaching in person; some Mondays will be taught remotely.

“Assembly of Bishops” in Pittsburgh: October 3 & 4

The *Assembly of Orthodox Bishops* is the organization that brings together all Orthodox bishops of the USA. They will have their upcoming meeting in Pittsburgh and are inviting the Orthodox faithful of the region to participate. This is a rare opportunity to worship with and meet numerous Orthodox hierarchs from throughout the country. Visit assemblyofbishops.org for more info. All are welcome to register and attend! ↓

AoB XV Schedule

SAT OCT 3	VESPERS & RECEPTION 6:00 p.m. St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church 43230 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017
SUN OCT 4	LITURGY & RECEPTION Orthros: 8:00 a.m. Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral 419 S Dithridge St. Pittsburgh, PA 15213
SUN OCT 4	CULTURAL PERFORMANCES 4:30 p.m. Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church 123 Gilkeson Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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October 2026 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, October 7 11 AM: Potato Prep
Thursday, October 8 6 PM: Filling Prep
Friday, October 9 8 AM: Pirohi Making

Be sure to tell others about our pirohi sale! Orders can be left on the church voicemail: 723-981-0571

Thoughts on Stewardship

From Dan Hromyak

“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord, so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.” - Roman’s 14:8

this is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren’t “owners “ of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life He intended for you.

“Thus, the last will be first; and the first will be last.” - Matthew 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not when you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to the Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live “God-centered “ lives and not “self-centered” lives.

AWARE House Item for September: Bath Towels

You can leave your donation in the appropriate box in the Church Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

Gospel Candle Schedule

9/13 Steve Lukac, John Lenhart, Ken Maceyko
 Emil Maurer, Randy Martin
9/20 Paul McMahan, Robert Miller, John Moon,
 Gus Redick, Dan Ristvey
9/27 Joel Ristvey, Matt Ristvey, Tom Ristvey,
 Thomas Ristvey, Steve Saluga

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

Sponsorships

Altar Flowers on Sunday, September 20, 2026
In Honor of Our 45th Wedding Anniversary
by Steve and Cyndy Saluga

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Eternal Lamp on September 13, 2026:
In Memory of Parents Joseph & Catherine Pavlick on
Their Wedding Anniversary by Debbie & Greg Cross

Eternal Lamp on September 20, 2026:
For Cousin Michelle Firster on Her Birthday
by Debbie & Greg Cross

Candles by the Icon of St. John on September 20
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Candles by the Icon of St. Nicholas on Sept. 20
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Sacramental & Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David (724-813-3172) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit to receive Confession and Communion.

Marriages are usually celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the 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 or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays, but other days are possible. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians. 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 Communion and periodic 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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