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Bulletin for January 6-19, 2019



CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	1/7/2019	2ND DAY OF THEOPHANY; ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
FRI	1/11/2019	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy + <i>Rebecca Kapusta, 40th Day, by the Family</i>
SUN	1/13/2019	SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY; TONE 8
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida (Perpetual): +Peter & +Helen Gula; ++Soroka Family</i>
	1:00 PM	Blessing of the River, Downtown Sharon
FRI	1/14/2019	
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
FRI	1/18/2019	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Special Intention: Sanctity of Life</i>
SUN	1/20/2019	34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 1
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida (Per.): ++Mudrey Fam.; ++Vudmaska Fam. ++Guzi Fam.</i>

DIVINE LITURGY "FOR LIFE" Friday, January 18th at 8:30 AM

To spiritually unite with the hundreds of thousands who will be witnessing to the sanctity of life at the annual "March for Life" in Washington DC, we will gather on **Friday, January 18th at 8:30 AM for Divine Liturgy**. Our prayer intention is that the sacredness of life will be respected by all in our country, and that those involved in the sin of abortion will turn to God, our Merciful Father.



Come and thank our Creator for the gift of life, as we affirm the value and sacredness of all human life, from conception until natural death!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy New Year! On Sunday, January 6, we blessed and cut the St. Basil New Year Bread (Vasilopita), provided for us again by Theano Joy. *May God bless all of us in 2019 with joy, health, and furtherance in all spiritual blessings.*

Public Service Announcement – Don't Hoard Old Holy Water! With the Blessing of Water on January 6th, remember: while holy water doesn't have an "expiration date", it is best to replenish your supply yearly. Holy Water from the previous year should be poured outside (preferably onto the ground on a place where people don't ordinarily walk).

Installation of 2019 Church Board Officers will be on Sunday, January 27th at the Divine Liturgy.

2018 Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27th, 2019 after Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing, who have met their spiritual and material obligations (i.e. have—at a minimum—participated in the sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion within the past year, and are financially supporting the parish) are encouraged to attend.

Sponsorships Available: Please visit our church office if you would like to sponsor the Bulletin, Eternal Lamp, Candelabrum, or Coffee Hour.

Volunteers Needed! In addition to coffee hour sponsors, we are in need of volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up of coffee hour. Please visit the church office to sign up.

You are Invited to the
PARISHIONER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
on Sunday, January 27, 2019 following Divine Liturgy

Throughout the year, we always say "thank you" to our parishioners, but we want to take the opportunity to gather for a meal as a community and show our thanks for all of your hard work and dedication over the past year.

December 2018 Calendar Winners

1 st	933	Carol Ristvey, Hermitage
2 nd	118	Sunday
3 rd	525	Gloria Chupak, W. Middlesex
6 th	452	Milan Shumkaroff, Farrell
7 th	944	Kyle Baldwin, Floral City, FL
8 th	659	Barbara Belvilaquie, Linden, NJ
9 th	090	Sunday
12 th	104	Fotis Frangakis, Hermitage
14 th	995	Mary Teplica, New Castle
15 th	501	Mary Blasko, Hermitage
16 th	800	Sunday
17 th	534	Thomas Burprich, Hermitage
18 th	919	Adrienne Frangakis, Philadelphia,PA
19 th	318	Ken Maceyko, Hermitage
20 th	804	Karen Bich, Brookfield, OH
22 nd	489	Andy Lutz, Hermitage
23 rd	887	Sunday
25 th	975	M/M Edward Kraynok, Buckannon,WV (\$200)
26 th	120	Linda Wellington, Canfield, OH
27 th	693	Ryen Roberts, Hermitage
28 th	646	Matthew Scott, Hermitage
29 th	432	Viktor Ristvey, Hermitage
30 th	345	Sunday
31 st	648	Carol Maykowski, Sharpsville

*Thank you to everyone who helped make 2018 another successful
Year for Saint John's Orthodox Church Special Fund
Good Luck in 2019!!*

Stewardship

By Dan Hromyak

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how he wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

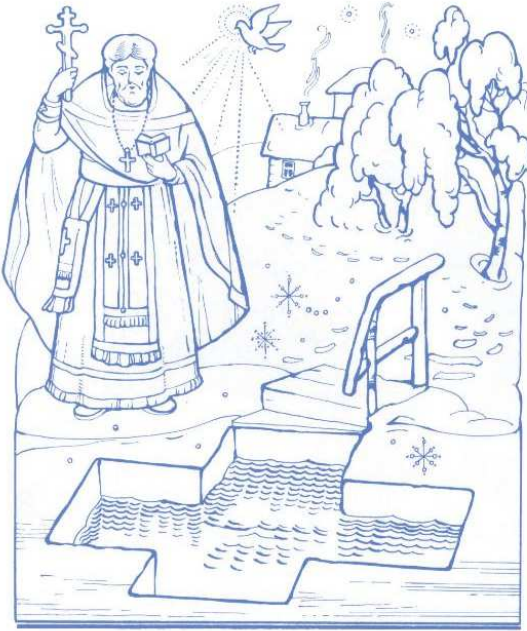
"John answered them all, 'I baptize you in water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." (Luke 3:16)

The Orthodox teachings states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Christians there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

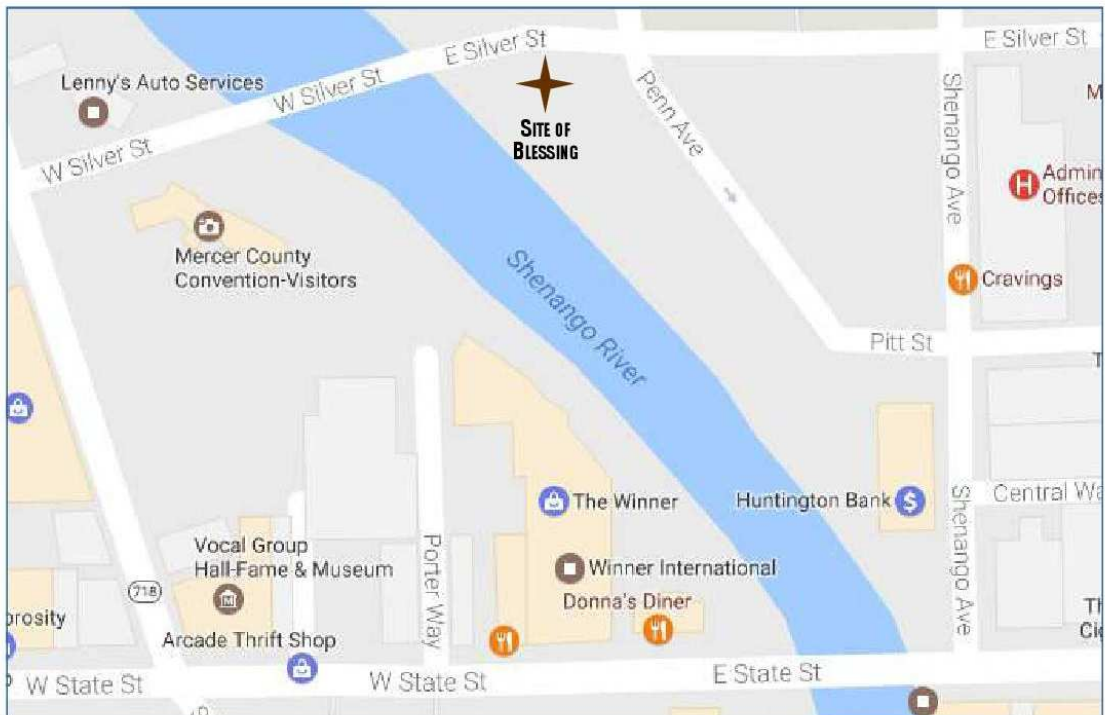
Stewardship 2019: We thank all who have pledged to date! Remember, it's not too late to submit your pledge for 2019. A pledge card isn't just a piece of paper—it is a sign of your ongoing full and active participation in the life of Saint John's. It is your way of saying "Yes, Saint John's is my parish!" Prayerfully consider your support of Saint John's and submit your pledge card in the receptacle in the vestibule.

River Blessing 2019

Served by the Orthodox Clergy Association of the Shenango Valley



- ◀ Sunday, January 13th, 2019
- ◀ 1:00 PM
- ◀ Downtown Sharon (*approx. 97 Penn Avenue*)
- ◀ Parking on site
- ◀ Service will last 15-20 minutes
- ◀ Open House and Refreshments following the blessing at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 389 Clark Street, Sharon.
- ◀ In case of inclement weather, please check with your parish priest for cancellation information.



From the Diocesan Chancery

We have received a request from our parishioners – Anna, Ron and Jacob Markosky – at St. John’s Church in Ligonier (Wilpen), PA. Their son, Jacob (age 33) was born with Polycystic Kidney Disease, a genetic disorder in which there is growth of multiple cysts in the kidneys. At the age of 3, Jake had a transplant from his dad which has lasted for 30 years. It’s now failing. Jake’s mother, Anna, intended to be a donor, but after testing she was not found to be compatible. They are now looking for a donor.

*Any interested person may call: Living Donor – Pittsburgh UPMC (412) 864-5475
or go on-line for more information.*

God bless them in their search.

*Sincerely,
Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro
Chancellor*

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.

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. 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 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); 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.

MEN TO HOLD
CANDLES

Sunday, January 13th

Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Pete Roman

Sunday, January 20th

Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani
Henry VanZanten



Candelabrum Sponsor

Sunday, January 6th

In Loving Memory of Nephew

John Kolbrich

Sponsored by: Aunt Marge Hromyak

Happy Birthday

January 6th Julie Gordon
January 7th Gary Yonchak
January 13th Melinda Ristvey
January 15th Michelle McMahon
January 19th Helen Jaeger

Wedding Anniversaries

January 15th
Kathleen & Ed Chuba
January 15th
Margaret & Peter Tatusko

Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sunday, January 6th

*By Fr. David, Pani Vikkie & Family
With gratitude to All Parishioners*

Sunday, January 13th

*By Nancy Ristvey
With gratitude to her church family for all of the
prayers, cards, food, flowers and good wishes
during her recent surgery*

Eternal Lamp Sponsor

Sunday, January 6th

Robert Miller