

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

*A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese – Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople*

## Bulletin for November 4-17, 2018



# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/4/2018</b>	<b>23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 6</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida – Perpetual: ++Pavlick Family; ++Soloninka Family</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>11/7/2018</b>	
	8:30 AM	Parastas <i>+John &amp; +Katherine Polochak (Perpetual)</i>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>11/8/2018</b>	<b>SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (HOLYDAY)</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>FRI</b>	<b>11/9/2018</b>	<b>SAINT NEKTARIOS THE WONDER-WORKER</b>
	6:00 PM	Moleben to St. Nektarios with Prayers for the Living/Sick
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/11/2018</b>	<b>24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 7</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Honoring of Parish Veterans <i>Panachida – Perpetual: ++Valent Family, +Harold Bouslough</i>
<b>MON</b>	<b>11/12/2018</b>	
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
<b>TUES</b>	<b>11/13/2018</b>	
	8:30 AM	Parastas <i>+Joseph &amp; +Margaret O'Shanic (Perpetual)</i>
<b>WED</b>	<b>11/14/2018</b>	
	6:00 PM	Moleben for the Nativity Fast
<b>SUN</b>	<b>11/18/2018</b>	<b>25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 8</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida – Perpetual: +Vivian Miller, by Mary Ann Mustake &amp; Pat Rinda</i> <i>No Coffee Hour</i>
	1:00 PM	Doors Open for Chinese Auction
	3:00 PM	Chinese Auction Drawing Begins

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 8th is the holyday of Saint Michael and all the holy angels.** Divine Liturgy for this holyday will be on Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 AM. *Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Michael Polanichka and all who bear the name of "Michael" on their name day! Mnohaja Lita!*

**November 9th is the day of St. Nektarios the Wonder-Worker,** a special intercessor for those with cancer and other illnesses. To honor his day, we will celebrate a Moleben (prayer service) at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 9th, with prayers for the special intention of the living. Please submit any names to Fr. David before the service.

**Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual Sponsors and Memorial Listings:** If you would like to include your name and/or the names of your loved ones in the 2019 Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual, please visit the church office.

**ACRY "Lots o' Luck" calendars** are available in the church office for \$25/calendar.

**Veterans Day Recognition:** This year, we will pray for and honor our *(living)* veterans on Sunday, November 11th. *Veterans, please be prepared for November 11th as we will honor you for your service to our country!*

**2018 Special Fund calendar tickets** are now available! Stop by the church office.

Preparations for our **Second Annual CHRISTMAS MARKET** are already underway! We are accepting contributions, as well as volunteers to help. Please see Rene Maceyko or Mary Ann Lavin for more information.

# *We Honor Our Veterans...*

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, we offer special prayers for all the veterans of our Saint John's parish family. This list below includes those members of our church or their immediate family members who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. *Thank you for your service!*

May God, through the Prayers of the Archangel Michael, Saint George, Saint Demetrius, and all the Saints, grant these men and women, and all veterans who served or now serve our country, His blessings, grace, and mercy!



Robert Amos  
Deacon John Anderson  
Robert Banas  
George Benya  
Father Thomas Blaschak  
Robert Bobanick  
Dennis Burpich  
Andrew Chuba  
Stephan Chuba  
Ruth Ristvey Cisneros  
Chester Everett  
Patton Gilliland  
Joseph P. Jaeger

Matthew Kolusich  
Andy Lutz  
Robert Maykowski  
Paul McMahan  
Scott Obermiyer  
John D. Ristvey  
Peter Roman  
Edward Slovesko  
Joseph Tatusko  
Aaron VanZanten  
David VanZanten  
Gary Yonchak

*God bless America!*

## The Nativity Fast (“Advent”) begins on November 15th

During this time, we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ (*December 25*) and the festive season (*the “12 Days of Christmas”*) that ends with the Baptism of Christ (*January 6*).

**A Moleben will be offered on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 PM** to help us begin this holy season with prayer. Additional services will be held periodically throughout the Fast, and more times will be scheduled for Confession, which we are to approach during this time.

Fasting goes hand-in-hand with our spiritual preparation. The traditional, fuller fast calls for abstention from meat and dairy from November 15 until December 25. At a minimum, we are to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, and observe the fast on Christmas Eve, December 24. (*Dispensation is given for Thanksgiving and the Friday following, as listed in the ACRY Annual.*)

Consider this: in America today, most people *pre-celebrate* Christmas, so that Christmas *ends* on December 25th. The Church wants us to take time and prepare *before* Christmas, and *then* celebrate and feast. We should, of course, be balanced in how we approach this, especially when invited by friends, neighbors and coworkers to holiday gatherings. In our personal and family observance of this pre-Christmas Fast, though, adding an extra day or two (or more!) of fasting and abstention per week can help us focus more intently on preparation, and lessen the temptation to end Christmas on December 25th. *Remember: don’t ask “what is the least I have to do?” but “what is the most that I can do for Christ?”*

2019 Church Wall Calendars have again been provided to our parish through the generosity of TOMON FUNERAL SERVICES. We thank our parish funeral directors Joe Tomon and Jennifer for this annual gift, and ask God to bless them for many years! Please consider utilizing their excellent services.

Every home should have a calendar! Please take a calendar home and let it assist you in sanctifying the whole course of the year. Follow the daily commemorations, as the Church remembers the events of our salvation—the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord—and the lives of the saints. Use the Bible readings as daily spiritual nourishment.



**Our 2018 Chinese Auction** will take place on Sunday, November 18. Doors will open at 1:00 PM and the drawing will start promptly at 3:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets are \$3.00 per sheet or 4 for \$10.00. Tickets are available for purchase in the church office.

As usual, we are asking our parishioners to donate prizes for the auction. This year, we are requesting that prizes be worth at least \$10.00. Your donations can be brought to the fellowship hall. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Letters to solicit prizes are still available in the fellowship hall, as are flyers for distribution around our area.

***Thank you in advance for your donations and work!***

### **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.

# Statement on the Recent Attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA *Wednesday, October 31, 2018*

The **Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America** expresses its deep sympathies as we mourn the loss of innocent lives and pray for the speedy recovery of those wounded in the recent attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Remembering the Message from our Assembly meeting just last month, we reiterate our “denunciation of all violence, whether caused by senseless acts related to weapons and shootings or instigated by abhorrent acts of discrimination and prejudice.”

Indeed the heinous and murderous act of terror on October 27, 2018 sprang from a place of deep prejudice against people and religion. We unequivocally condemn this rampage as a sin against the local community, religion, and humanity.

We call upon all Christians and all people of good will to stand in solidarity with the families of the victims and the survivors. We pray fervently to the Almighty God for the spiritual healing of the entire congregation and community, especially those in Pittsburgh. In this era of frequent and unprecedented attacks on basic freedoms, especially freedom of religion, it is through love and harmony that hearts might be softened and transformed. For only through love will evil be neutralized, violence cease, and peace prevail.

## Pirohi Making for Christmas Market

Wednesday, November 28  
1 PM: Potato Prep  
**\*Note the time change to 1:00**

Thursday, November 29  
6 PM: Filling Prep

Friday, November 30  
8 AM: Pirohi Making

## Upcoming Events

November 15: Nativity Fast (Advent) Begins  
November 18: Chinese Auction  
November 30: Pirohi Making for Christmas Market  
December 2: Election of Officers Meeting  
December 9: St. Nicholas Celebration  
December 15: Christmas Market

## MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

### Sunday, November 18th

John Parimuha  
Tom Patrick  
Dan Ristvey  
Joel Ristvey  
Matt Ristvey

### Sunday, November 25th

Tom Ristvey  
Pete Roman  
Steve Saluga  
Milan Shumkaroff  
Ed Slovesko

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

### November 4th

Carol & Dan Ristvey

### November 7th

Amy & Matt Ristvey

### November 12th

Michaelene & Scott

Obermeyer



## November Birthdays

### November 9th

Christine Cataloni

### November 10th

Gino Tofani

### November 12th

John Parimuha

### November 15th

Amelia Baronowsky



## October 2018 Calendar Winners

1<sup>st</sup> 627 Michael James Ristvey, Hermitage  
2<sup>nd</sup> 569 Joyce Frangakis, Hermitage  
3<sup>rd</sup> 012 not sold  
4<sup>th</sup> 649 Paul Maurer, McKees Rocks, PA  
5<sup>th</sup> 456 Nichole Sayers, Transfer, PA  
6<sup>th</sup> 758 Steven Joseph Lukac, Liberty, OH  
7<sup>th</sup> 206 Sunday  
8<sup>th</sup> 546 Bob Fetsko, West Middlesex, PA  
9<sup>th</sup> 344 Carol Ristvey, Hermitage  
10<sup>th</sup> 174 Tom Patrick, Hubbard  
11<sup>th</sup> 746 Chuck Kretchek, Hermitage  
12<sup>th</sup> 812 Barbara Johnson, Hermitage  
13<sup>th</sup> 208 Courteney J. Lukac, Liberty, OH  
14<sup>th</sup> 737 Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> 920 Manya Rymniak, Sharpsville  
16<sup>th</sup> 050 not sold  
17<sup>th</sup> 043 not sold  
18<sup>th</sup> 945 Linda Sayers, Transfer  
19<sup>th</sup> 880 Robert Amos, Hermitage  
20<sup>th</sup> 476 Bob Maykowski, Sharpsville  
21<sup>st</sup> 049 Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup> 170 Patti Chupak, W. Middlesex

23<sup>rd</sup> 710 Debora Waryanka, Grove City PA  
24<sup>th</sup> 996 Rich Cecere, Elizabeth NJ  
25<sup>th</sup> 175 Steve Baronowsky, Clarksville MD  
26<sup>th</sup> 419 Christine Frejik, Winston GA  
27<sup>th</sup> 628 Lorraine A. Amos Hermitage  
28<sup>th</sup> 442 Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> 987 Bob Conady, Hermitage  
30<sup>th</sup> 189 Nick Polanichka Dalton PA  
31<sup>st</sup> 835 not sold

