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Bulletin for April 22 – May 5, 2018



The Myrrh-bearing Women at the Empty Tomb

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

*SUN	4/22/2018	THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida – Perpetual <i>+John, +Mary & +Tom Kroko</i> <i>++Lazor Family</i>
WED	4/25/2018	
	6:00 PM	Akathist Service to the Resurrection <i>With Prayers for the Living/Sick</i>
*SUN	4/29/2018	FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>First Confession Celebration</i> Panachida – Perpetual <i>+Andrew Penick</i> <i>+Helen & +John Andras</i>
TUES	5/1/2018	
	8:30 AM	Parastas – Perpetual <i>++Popadics Fam.</i> <i>++Misinay Fam.</i> <i>++Turchan Fam.</i>
THURS	5/3/2018	
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>+Margaret Kavulla 40th Day Memorial, by the Family</i>
*SUN	5/6/2018	FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAMARITAN WOMAN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida <i>+Protopresbyter Ronald Hazuda (1 Year Memorial)</i>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 FIRST CONFESSION CLASS

**Karsten Baker
Elias Mastroberte
Samantha Jo Ristvey**

We will celebrate their reception of the sacraments
at Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 29th.
Coffee Hour will be in their honor—all are welcome!

*God grant them many, blessed years!
Christ is risen!*

¶ **Divine Services for St. George Day:** Our brothers and sisters at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 315 West Englewood Avenue, New Castle will be celebrating their patron saint with a Divine Liturgy by His Eminence, Metropolitan Savas on Monday, April 23rd at 9:30 AM. Fr. David will be attending this Liturgy in New Castle; no services will be held at Saint John's. All are welcome in New Castle. Saint George's is only 17 miles from our church, straight down Route 18, so consider taking a "pilgrimage" for the morning to honor St. George at a church dedicated to his name!

¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the

church office for a donation of \$20.

¶ **Presentation: "Wooden Churches of Rusyn Areas in Eastern Europe"** by Dr. Michele Parvensky will be held on Sunday, April 29 at 1:30 PM at the Butler Institute of American Art, 524 Wick Avenue, Youngstown. This is sponsored by the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. Admission and parking are free. Free-will donations are accepted. More info on the bulletin board.

¶ **Fr. David will be away** for the weekend of May 4th through May 6th. In case of an emergency, please contact Fr. Michael Polanichka (724-981-2520) or any of the local Orthodox priests.

Thoughts on Stewardship by Dan Hromyak

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

A Prayer for Vocations

O Lord, the High Priest of God's people, You have shown us that it is Your will that men be called to the service of Your Holy Church. From the ranks of fishermen, You called Andrew and Peter and James and John, and made them and their successors in every age to be the "fishers of men." We, your people in this age, call upon Your great love to inspire for our churches, young men to be Your future priests. Touch their lives with Your Holy Spirit; give them the courage to answer Your call and the strength to work all the days of their life for Your service. Continue to shower upon our Diocesan Seminary Your choicest blessings and make us aware of her needs so that it may continue to be a place where the souls of those called to Your service may be trained and prepared to teach and preach, to pray and labor, to forgive and heal - to care in every way as priests of Your fold, O Good Shepherd. You told us with Your precious lips, "Without me, you can do nothing." As we call upon Your Name for more vocations, O Great High Priest, hear us and have mercy. (acrod.org)

New Vestibule Icons – In Memoriam

Many individuals were pleasantly surprised when they arrived during Holy Week and Pascha to see the beautiful new icons of Christ and the Mother of God which were hung in the vestibule in the area where we light candles.

These two icons have been placed there in memory of two of our parishioners who were incredibly generous to Saint John's after their repose. The **Mother of God icon** is in memory of **Helen Wanchik**. The **Christ icon** is in memory of **Frank Raiti**. *Eternal Memory – Christ is Risen!*

The icon of the Mother of God is based on one of the “wonder-working” weeping icons of the Virgin Mary of Carpatho-Rusyn origin from the 17th century in what is today eastern Slovakia, known as the icon “*of Klokočov*” (pronounced KLO-ko-chov).

The icon of Christ bears the title “*The Giver of Light*” and has Our Lord's words from John's Gospel “*I am the light of the world.*” This theme was chosen to remind us of the Light of Christ as we light candles and offer prayers before going into the church.

Visit our Diocesan Online Resources!

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>



Pirohi Sale Report

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who worked at the two March pirohi sales. There was a wonderful turnout of over 35 workers at each sale, and we are pleased to report the following:

March 2 sale	315 doz.	\$2423.00
March 30 sale	361 doz.	\$2632.10
Total profit		\$5055.10

The profit will go towards the repayment of the Cemetery Perpetual Care Loan. Next pirohi sale - October!

Lorraine Amos, Pirohi Sale Chairperson

Safety First...

When parking your car in the church parking lot (or any other parking lot, for that matter!) remember:

- Always lock your vehicle.
- Never leave anything of value in your vehicle.
- If not possible, lock all valuables in the trunk or at least conceal from sight.
- Alarms and anti-theft devices are a good idea.

Upcoming Important Dates

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13

Ascension of Christ (*Holyday*): Thursday, May 17

Graduate Sunday: Sunday, May 20

Pentecost (*Holyday*): Sunday, May 27

Memorial Day Procession to Cemetery: Sunday, May 27

2018 Golf Scramble: Saturday, August 18

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.

BIRTHDAYS

April 23 Pauline Koval
April 26 Robert
 Maykowski
April 27 Debbie Moon
April 28 Tom Tulip
April 29 Brent Hynes
April 29 Nona Kolbrich
May 1 Dina Fabian

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Melinda & Tom Ristvey
April 24th

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, April 22nd

Tom Ristvey
Peter Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko

Sunday, April 29th

Gino Tofani
Dr. Henry VanZanten
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak

Sunday, May 6th

Bob Amos
Bob Andras
Jason Baker
Robert Banas
Dennis Burprich

Eternal Lamp

for Sunday, April 22 is in
loving memory of Father
Joseph Blasko
Sponsored by Helen Blasko



BULLETIN SPONSORS

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MOTHER / GRANDMOTHER
HELEN ANDRAS

SPONSORED BY: DOROTHY
PACINDA, AND BOB & MICHAEL
ANDRAS

COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 22 will be
in honor of

**Anne Kudelko's
90th Birthday**

Please stop and wish Anne a Happy Birthday

