

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

## **Bulletin for May 20-June 9, 2018** *(Three Week Edition)*



Pentecost is May 27th. On the 50th Day after Pascha, we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles (*as we read in the book of Acts, chapter 2*) which enabled them to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.



On Monday, May 28th, our nation remembers its departed veterans who served in the armed forces of our country.

May God grant rest to all departed veterans – *Eternal Memory!*

Please plan on joining in the annual Memorial Day Procession to the Cemetery Cross on Sunday, May 27th following services. Prayers will be offered for our departed veterans as well as our priests, panis, parishioners, and all those laid to rest in our cemetery.



We offer our prayers for and best wishes to all of our 2018 parish graduates!  
May God richly bless you in all your future endeavors. God grant you many years!

— High School —

**GABRIELLA CATALONI**

*Hickory High School*

*Gabby will be attending the University of Mount Union.*

**EMILY MAURER**

*Hickory High School*

*Emmy will be attending Duquesne University.*

— Graduate-Level Degrees —

**DAVID SALUGA**

*Master of Education in Advance Studies, with Concentrations in  
Instructional Leadership and History-Government from American College of Education*

**MICHAEL SALUGA**

*Master of Science in Management with a Specialization in Finance  
from Case Western Reserve University*

## — CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS —

<b>*SUN</b>	<b>5/20/2018</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — HOLY FATHERS</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy & <i>Graduate Sunday</i> Panachida — Perpetual:    +John Penick; +Andrew & +Agnes Karas
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/23/2018</b>	
	8:30 AM	Parastas — Perpetual +George Bogdan; Dobrovolski Family
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/25/2018</b>	
	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Parents and Grandparents +Michael and +Helen Kavulla, by the Family</i>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/26/2018</b>	<b>SOUL SATURDAY</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers for the Holyday
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>5/28/2018</b>	<b>PENTECOST — DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost Following Mirovanije: <i>Memorial Day Procession and Panachida</i>
<b>MON</b>	<b>5/29/2018</b>	<b>PENTECOST MONDAY</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Festal Gospel Procession
<b>THURS</b>	<b>5/31/2018</b>	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy — Perpetual +Marjorie & +Helen Everett +Harold E. Bouslough
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>6/3/2018</b>	<b>1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ALL SAINTS</b> <b>FAMILY DAY AT CAMP NAZARETH</b>
	8:00 AM	Pro-Liturgy Prayer Service at Saint John's
	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church at Camp Nazareth <i>Family Day Meal and Activities to Follow</i>
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>6/10/2018</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUS</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida — Perpetual:    ++Feltovich Family; +Joseph Pacinda

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

¶ **The final Soul Saturday** of the year will be on Saturday, May 26th. Divine Liturgy and Panachida with the reading of the *hramoty* (lists of names of our departed) will be at 9:00 AM. Historically, this Soul Saturday before Pentecost is the earliest one celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox tradition, coming at the end of the great 50-day period from the Feast of the Resurrection to the Descent of the Holy Spirit. Don't neglect this prayer for the blessed repose of our family, friends and all the departed through the ages!

¶ **Pentecost is Sunday, May 27th.** Remember: Pentecost is the "Green Holyday" (*Zelena Sojata*), since we decorate the church with greenery to remember that the Holy Spirit is the "Giver of Life." No, St. Patrick's Day isn't the only day to wear green. Consider wearing something green to church on May 27th!

¶ **Our annual Memorial Day Observance** will take place on Sunday, May 27th, immediately following services for Pentecost. We will form a procession from the church to the cemetery cross for the Panachida. Because of this...

¶ **No Coffee Hour** on Sunday, May 27th due to our Memorial Day observance.

¶ **Camp Nazareth "Family Day"** is Sunday, June 3rd. (*Info on next page.*) Join with others from our Diocese and beyond for a day of fellowship and fun. Regarding services on June 3rd...

→All of our parishioners are encouraged to attend **Divine Liturgy at Camp Nazareth** at 10:00 AM, celebrated by His Grace, Bishop Gregory and diocesan clergy. (*Even if you don't participate in the rest of Family Day, you can still go there for Liturgy!*)

→As is customary in our parish, for the benefit of those not able to go to Camp, we will offer a "**Pro-Liturgy**" (*Obidnitsa, Typika*) service at 8:00 AM. This is a prayer service that includes hymns, prayers, and Scripture readings, but is not a full Liturgy. Holy Communion will not be distributed.

→**Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20.

*Pentecost  
Fast-Free Week:  
May 27-June 2*



**CAMP NAZARETH  
ANNUAL FAMILY DAY  
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

**FELLOWSHIP & FUN ALL DAY**

**MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, SWIMMING, CRAFT  
ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND THE RAFFLE DRAWING**

**10AM -- DIVINE LITURGY**

**LUNCH/PICNIC FOLLOWING LITURGY**

**MENU:**

**BBQ CHICKEN**

**POT ROAST**

**MASHED POTATOES**

**GLAZED CARROTS**

**TOSSED SALAD**

**FRESH FRUIT**

**CHIPS/DIP**

**HOMEMADE DESSERTS**

**DRINKS**

**VEGETARIAN OPTION: GRILLED VEGETABLE WRAP**

**ADULTS: \$10.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 13 : \$6.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE**

**FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (INCLUDES 2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN UNDER  
AGE 13)**

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT FAMILY CAMP JUNE 1-3, 2018 - REGISTER AT  
[WWW.CAMPNAZARETH.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPNAZARETH.ORG)**

## — DIOCESAN EVENTS —

### **Camp Nazareth Family Camp**

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its sixth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. This year's theme - *"Being Grateful for Your Family"*. **Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3, 2018.** Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families. **Register online at [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org).** Registration closes after Friday, May 25. Visit [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org) for more information.

### **Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat**

The Annual Altar Boy Retreat which will take place from Sunday evening, July 1st (Registration is from 6pm till 8 p.m.) until Wednesday, July 4th, 2018. Our theme this year is the "Who am I." The Altar Boys will be learning about themselves, each other and about God. The Retreat will once again take place at Christ the Savior Seminary, Cathedral and Education Center in Johnstown and at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. This year's outing will be to Teen Quest Ranch in Somerset, PA where they will enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities. This is the time and place for our faithful Altar Servers to join other Altar Boys from all over our Diocese. *Deadline is June 15th, so please speak to Fr. David ASAP if interested.*

#### **Visit our Diocesan Online Resources!**

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org>

Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>

You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

# Thoughts on Stewardship

## by Dan Hromyak

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Orthodox faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think that you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given us many gifts. How we use these gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what - we are not all called to do the same thing!

***Be a good steward  
of Saint John's Church  
by giving of your  
time, talent, and treasure!***

*Announcing the Saint John's Orthodox Church 2018*

# **RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**

Friday, July 6th:  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Saturday, July 7th:  
9:00 AM to 12 Noon=Regular Price. 12 Noon to 3:00 PM "Bag Sale"

## **DONATION OF ITEMS**

We are accepting the following:

- Clothing, Purses and Shoes. Clothing must be in good condition, washed, and either on hangers OR folded neatly and placed in a box. (*No bags of clothing!*)
- Toys and Books
- Kitchenware and Glassware
- Bedding, Decorations, and Miscellaneous Items

The classrooms will be organized in order to accommodate your donations. **You may begin to bring in items and place them in the appropriate locations. Please do not bring large items (furniture, for example) until Sunday, July 1st or on the weekdays leading up to the Rummage Sale.**

## **DONATION OF BAKED GOODS**

Baked goods can be brought to the hall on the morning of Friday, July 6th.

If you have any questions, please speak with Mary Ann Lavin.

*Thank you!*



# GOLF SCRAMBLE NOTES

*Mark your calendars!* The 2018 Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, August 18th at Oak Tree Country Club. Shotgun Start will be at 8:00 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, roast chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 2:30 PM. We will also hold the ever-popular Basket Raffle at this dinner.

We are now accepting:

- ⇒ Team Commitments
- ⇒ Donations of Items for the Basket Raffle
- ⇒ Major sponsorships for \$100.00
- ⇒ Hole sponsorships for \$35.00
- ⇒ Patron Listings for \$10.00
- ⇒ General donations to the event

**Copies of the registration form/flyer and the sponsorship form are available in the church hall.**

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$20 per person. See Francine Fabian to get your ticket!

## HOLY PENTECOST

*Extracted from an article by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven ( $7 \times 7$ ): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component:  $49 + 1$ , this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom. [...]

We are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine

help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost"—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—"the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

# – LOCAL CULTURAL EVENTS –

**SLAVIC FEST:** St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2140 Highland Road, Hermitage, is having their 3rd Annual Slavic Fest on Sunday, May 20 from 11 AM to 6 PM at the Social Center. \$1 Admission, with free admission for kids 15 and under. Holubki, Pirohi, Halushki, Kolbasi, Palachinki, Baked Goods, Beer/Wine, Raffles, Live Bands.

**TASTE OF SERBIA FOOD FAIR:** St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, 65 South Keel Ridge, Hermitage is hosting this festival on Saturday, May 26th from 11 AM to 8 PM. Serbian food and sweets including lamb, čevapi, stuffed cabbage, burek, strudel, palačinki, and more + Chinese Auction.

*Please support our friends and neighbors!*

## 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.

