

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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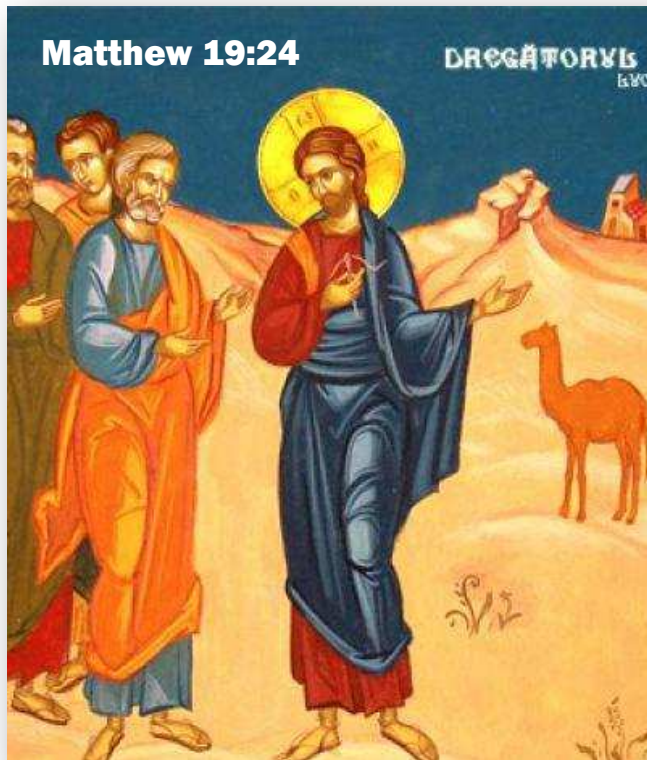
*Rev. Father David Mastroberte*

*Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka*

*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

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

## Bulletin for August 27 – September 9, 2017



## CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

<b>*SUN</b>	<b>8/27/2017</b>	<b>12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Ronald Bich, 40th Day Memorial +Mary &amp; +Joseph Bartko (Per.) +Anthony + Helen Dzurinda (Per.)</i>
	11:00 AM	Baptism of Tenley Fabian
<b>MON</b>	<b>8/28/2017</b>	
	<u>5:00 PM</u>	Vespers for the Holyday ( <i>NOTE change in time!</i> )
<b>TUES</b>	<b>8/29/2017</b>	<b>BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STRICT FAST)</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9/1/2017</b>	
	7:00 PM	Blessing of Animals ( <i>Outdoors</i> )
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>9/3/2017</b>	<b>13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Chuba Family (Perpetual)</i>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>9/7/2017</b>	
	6:00 PM	Vespers for the Holyday
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/8/2017</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>*SUN</b>	<b>9/10/2017</b>	<b>14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
		<b>SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of Students – First Day of Church School</i>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Congratulations to Tenley Fabian** who receives the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist on Sunday, August 27! May God grant many years to Tenley, her parents Matthew and Dina, her sponsors, and to all relatives and friends!

¶ **August 29** is the holyday of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Vespers will be on Monday, August 28 at 5:00 PM (please note the change in time from the calendar), and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, August 29 at 9:00 AM. This holyday is a strict fast day—no meat or dairy products are to be consumed. It is also a pious custom (not a *rule* like the fast, but a custom nevertheless!) that we do not consume foods that grow in heads (cabbage, lettuce) or use plates on this day.

## ¶ **Blessing of Animals: September 1**

We will again hold a “Blessing of Animals” this year. Its commemoration is two-fold. September 1st, the beginning of the Church Year, is a day set aside by our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to ask God to bless and protect all creation. September 2nd is the holyday of Saint Mamas, an early Christian martyr who is known as an intercessor for animals.

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Friday, September 1 at 7:00 PM outside the church. In case of bad weather, the blessing will be rescheduled. To promote the safety of all present, please make sure that your pet is either on a leash or in a crate.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets, too! We also have a Facebook “event” set up for the blessing—share it on social media!

¶ **Golf Committee Wrap-Up Meeting** will be on Sunday, September 3rd.

## ¶ **Sign Up to Staff Coffee Hour!**

We are reaching out to the wider parish community to take turns with set-up and clean-up for coffee hour. All refreshments and supplies will be at the church—all you need to do is come a little early before Liturgy, and stay a little bit after Coffee Hour to clean up and take the trash out. (*Continued...*)

A sign-up sheet for September and October is in the hall. *Also, if you have any suggestions as we go forward with our "revamped coffee hour" please share them!*

Our special thanks to those who sponsored and staffed Coffee Hour throughout the Summer: Lorraine and Bob Amos; Helen and "Prof" Jaeger; Nancy and Michael Ristvey.

¶ The 2nd Annual Diocesan Stewardship Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth from September 22-24, 2017. This Year's Theme is **Igniting the Flame of True Stewardship**.

On Friday evening, Mother Christophora, Abbess of The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, will be the presenter. On Saturday, Bill Marianes, Ancient Faith Radio contributor and Stewardship Evangelist from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, will be the day-long presenter.

There is no charge and lodging will be provided by the Camp. Anyone interested in attending, please talk to Dan Hromyak or Fr. David by September 1st.

## LOCAL EVENTS...

**Pasta Dinner** at St. Michael's Center, 2140 Highland Road, Hermitage. Saturday, September 9th from 4-7 PM. Adults, \$11. Children (4-8), \$5. Children 3 and under, free. Dinner includes pasta, homemade sauce and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Take out available.

## SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

**Hospital Stays:** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please call Fr. David as soon as possible. The hospitals do not routinely call churches, so it is up to those who are hospitalized and their loved ones to alert the parish office.

**Rental of our Fellowship Hall** is open to parishioners of Saint John's. We do not rent to the general public. The fee for renting the hall is \$150.00. Please visit the church office to schedule.

## 2017 Golf Scramble

On behalf of the Golf Committee, we want to extend a very sincere thank you to our dedicated golf event volunteers, to all who played, worked the course, to ALL the sponsors, bakers, kitchen workers and to all who bought and/or donated raffle items or purchased raffle tickets! With your help, **we raised \$11,679.41 after expenses!**

Special thanks to: our dinner sponsors, Kathy & Bob Piston; our lunch sponsors, the Cataloni Family & Fabian Cleaning; Milan Shumkaroff for taking care of the meats and serving lunch; Stephanie Shumkaroff for organizing/preparing the delicious dinner; and Dennis Burprich for always being there to help; and to Fr. David Mastroberte, Steve Lukac, Lorraine Amos, Helen Blasko, Mary Blasko, John & Grace Cataloni, Maddie Cummings, Debby Doyle, Matthew & Dina Fabian, Natasha Fabian, Josh Good, Nada James, Melinda Kroko, MaryKay Marti, Eli Mastroberte, Dr. Emil Maurer, Nick Orras, Dan Ristvey, Joel Ristvey, Michael & Nancy Ristvey, Steve & Cyndy Saluga, Bob Ward, Kevin Yasnowsky, Kathy Yonchak.

And our gratitude is also extended to Ed & Francine Fabian who chaired the event and put in many hours of hard work!

*Volunteers DO NOT Necessarily have the time; THEY HAVE THE HEART!*

thank  
you!

## 2017 Rummage Sale—Final Numbers

Sale of Items and Donations: \$2385.00

Bake Sale: \$ 450.00

Halushki Sale: \$ 165.00

**TOTAL: \$3000.00**

## Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events

### October Pirohi Sale

Potato Prep: Oct. 4 @ 6:00 PM

Filling Prep: Oct. 5 @ 6:00 PM

Pirohi Making: Oct. 6 @ 8:00 AM

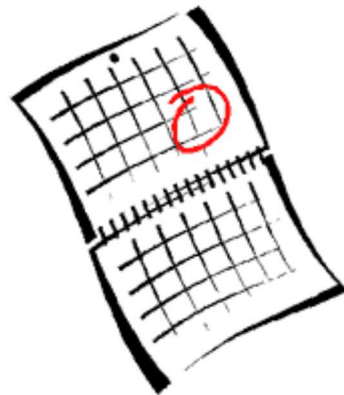
### Youngstown Deanery DDD Dinner

Sunday, October 8

Dilucia's Restaurant in Warren

### Chinese Auction

Sunday, November 19



#### 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>

# *Learn About Your Faith!*

## **Religious Education Opportunities at Saint John's**

With the end of summertime and the start of the academic year, we also start up our annual programs of religious education.

**Church School** (K-12) is on Sunday mornings after Divine Liturgy, until 10:50 AM. Classes begin on Sunday, September 10, with a special blessing for our students. **NEW IN 2017:** Fr. David will teach a monthly combined Sunday School class, usually on the first Sunday of each month.

### **Our Fall Religious Enrichment Series**

## **The Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian:**

*How the Church Accompanies Us on the Journey of Life*

will start on Wednesday, September 20th at **6:30 PM**. This series will delve into the ways in which the Orthodox Church marks, celebrates, and assists us through the sacraments and liturgy at every part of our life. Each segment will include an interactive presentation and discussion.

Classes will tentatively be held on: September 20, September 27, October 11, October 18, October 25, November 8.

Here is the list of topics we will cover:

**Topic 1: Start of Life: Birth and New Birth**

Prayers at Birth; Baptism, Chrismation, Communion; Conversion

**Topic 2: Healing of Soul and Body**

The “Age of Reason”; Sin, Repentance, Confession

Sickness and Anointing

**Topic 3: Vocations in Building the Household of God**

Marriage, Monasticism, and Ordained Ministry

**Topic 4: The Sanctification of Daily Life**

The Annual Cycle of Fasting and Feasting; Piety at Home

Blessings of People, Places, Things

**Topic 5: Dying, Death, and Beyond**

Prayers for the Dying, Funeral Rites, Prayers for the Dead

*Please bring your Bible to each class. Coffee will be provided.*



# STEWARDSHIP

*by Dan Hromyak*

*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity.

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26*

S. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

**OCTOBER 2017  
PIROHI SCHEDULE**

*Please add your name  
to the sign-up sheet  
in the Hall!*

Wed., October 4  
at 6:00 PM  
*(Hall setup; Potato prep)*

Thurs., October 5  
at 6:00 PM  
*(Filling prep)*

Friday, October 6  
at 8:00 AM  
*(Pirohi Making and Sale)*

**Remember:  
Get your  
orders in  
by October 1!**

**October 2017 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: October 1, 2017*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato @ 7.00/dozen      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter and Onions

**Total Amount Due:**                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up on Friday, October 6, 2017  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM  
*(Doors Open at Noon)*

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**Become a Distinguished Diocesan Donor**

Become a part of the ministries and apostolates of our Diocese! Use the form on the right, or donate online at [acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram](http://acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram). Remember, send your contribution directly to the Diocese (by mail or through the Diocesan website), but tell Fr. David so he can note this for planning purposes.

This year's Youngstown Deanery **DDD Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 8 at Dilucia's Restaurant, Elm Road (next to the Echo Lane Bowling Alley) in Warren. The dinner will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Those who contribute \$100 or more to the dinner are invited to attend. If you wish to bring a guest, guest tickets may be purchased for \$30 each. The deadline is Sunday, September 24.

# DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS PROGRAM

Established by His Grace, Bishop John, of *Thrice Blessed Memory*, the Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund, has been an important source of funding for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of our many diocesan apostolates. An annual donation of \$100.00 or more, qualifies diocesan members and friends to be recognized as a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor*. Each "3D" member is honored at a complimentary dinner which is held in the donor's local deanery. It is asked that all donations be made by September 1st of each year.

All diocesan faithful and friends are cordially invited to become a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor* to further the apostolic works of our God-Saved Diocese.

To participate, please complete and mail the form below to the Diocesan Chancery.

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Enclosed is my contribution to the  
Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund for the Year \_\_\_\_\_:

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

(\$100-Entry) (\$250 – Bronze) (\$500 – Silver) (\$1,000- Gold) (\$10,000 & Up - Platinum)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to "Distinguished Diocesan Donors," indicating the contribution year on the "memo" line and mail to:

Office of the Diocesan Treasurer  
Diocesan Administration Building  
312 Garfield Street  
Johnstown, PA 15906

**Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, August 27th**

In Loving Memory of Nicholas Kachaylo by Helen Kachaylo

**Candelabrum ~ Sunday, September 3rd**

In Honor of John & Debbie Moon's 30th Anniversary, and Robert Bobanick on his Birthday

**Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, September 3rd**

In Loving Memory of Katherine O. Varsho by Katherine and Gary Yonchak

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Aug. 27 David VanZanten  
28 Edward Chuba  
29 Stephen Saluga  
31 Edward Fabian  
Sept. 1 Donald Christy  
Andrew Lutz  
2 Stephen Chuba  
3 Cynthia Saluga  
Aaron VanZanten  
4 Thomas Hellmann  
Emma Kate Ristvey  
5 Robert Bobanick  
6 Samantha Burns  
7 Helen Kachaylo  
Donald Yasnowsky  
8 Nancy Long  
9 Mark Burns, Jr.  
Shelley Hando  
Delores Jisko

**MEN TO  
HOLD CANDLES**

**Sunday, September 3rd**

Andy Lutz  
Ken Maceyko  
Dr. Emil Maurer  
Fred Meiss  
Robert Miller

**Sunday, September 10th**

John Moon  
Nick Orras  
Alex Parimuha  
John Parimuha  
Tom Patrick

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**September 2nd**

*Michael & Debbie Waryanka*

**September 3rd**

*Matthew & Dina Fabian*

**September 5th**

*John & Deborah Moon*

**September 6th**

*Ron & Kelly Figiel  
Rev. David & Pani Vikkie  
Mastroberte*

**September 8th**

*Chuck & Janet Kretchek*

**September 9th**

*John & Christine  
Cataloni*

