

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

## Bulletin for September 23 – October 6, 2018



**THE ANNUNCIATION TO ZECHARIAH AND THE CONCEPTION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
*are celebrated in the Orthodox Church on September 23.*

*Open your Bible and read about these events in Chapter 1 of the Gospel According to Luke.*

## — SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS —

<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/23/2018</b>	<b>17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida:</i> ++Guzi Family, ++Rowlands Family, ++Hall Family (Perpetual) +Mary Taczak, by Diane Kupensky +Joe Brashen, by Audrey Fleischer
<b>TUES</b>	<b>9/25/2018</b>	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy ++Ristvey Family (Perpetual)
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/26/2018</b>	
	5:30 PM	Confession Available
	6:00 PM	Prayer Service (Moleben) to Christ, <i>with Prayers for the Living/Sick</i>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/30/2018</b>	<b>18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida:</i> ++Giroski Family (Perpetual)
<b>MON</b>	<b>10/1/2018</b>	<b>PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLIDAY)</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
<b>WED</b>	<b>10/3/2018</b>	
	6:00 PM	Pirohi Making: Potato Prep
<b>THURS</b>	<b>10/4/2018</b>	
	6:00 PM	Pirohi Making: Filling Prep
<b>FRI</b>	<b>10/5/2018</b>	
	8:00 AM	Pirohi Making and Sale
<b>SUN</b>	<b>10/7/2018</b>	<b>19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida:</i> ++Volsko Family – ++Kroko Family (Perpetual)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Prayer Service to Christ and Prayers for the Living/Sick** on Wednesday, September 26 at 6:00 PM. Please give any names of the living that you would like included in this service to Fr. David.

¶ **Banns of Marriage** for Joshua Dean Good and Natasha Ann Fabian will be announced on Sundays September 23, 30, and October 7th. They will be crowned in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 13.

¶ This year's Youngstown Deanery **DDD Appreciation Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 7 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 23.**

¶ **Pew Book Update:** We are grateful to all those who contributed towards our project of purchasing new Divine Liturgy Pew Books and Pew Bibles. Thank you! Fr. David received notice this week that the Diocesan Chancery is currently getting a new batch of Liturgy books printed and bound, and that it may be a little time before they are available. However, the Diocese has our order, and as soon as they are ready, we will get them into our seats! Thank you for your patience.

¶ **Volunteers and Sponsors** are needed for Coffee Hour on Sundays. Please stop by the church office and lend your support to our hospitality ministry.

¶ **Chinese Auction**, sponsored by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of New Castle. Sunday, October 14, 2018. Shenango Township Fire Hall, 2424 East Washington Street, New Castle. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Drawing starts at 3:00 PM. Donation: \$5. There will be numerous special raffles and a 50/50 cash drawing.

¶ **Saint John's 2018 Chinese Auction** will take place on Sunday, November 18th. Mark your calendar, and remember: it's never too early to start thinking about your donations for this event! More announcements in the coming weeks.

*Introducing a New Ministry at Saint John's!*



**Tuesday, October 9, 2018**  
**10 - 11 AM**

For Pre-K Children (5 and Under) and their Parents/Caregivers

We will have a story, an activity, a snack, and unstructured play time for the kids  
*(and coffee and socialization for the grown-ups!)*

Everything will be provided. No cost. No need to sign up.  
Come to the first one, and we will discuss future dates.

*(Note: This is not daycare! Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver at all times.)*

## **Announcing our Fall Religious Enrichment Series** *Three Wednesdays at 6:30 PM*

**October 10**

*“Reading” Icons: Understanding Visual Art  
How to identify who and what we see in icons.*

**October 17**

*“Reading” the Church Building: Understanding Architecture  
Exploring why the church is arranged the way it is.*

**October 24**

*“Reading” Liturgics: Understanding Liturgical Actions  
Examining components of what clergy and people do in worship.*

## A Note of Thanks

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for remembering our 10th wedding anniversary and for surprising us with a cake on Sunday, September 9th! We are grateful for all your best wishes and prayers, and for the cards and gifts we received from several parishioners. May God richly bless you in return for your kindness!

With gratitude,

*Fr. David and Pani Vikkie*

### **2018 Young Adult Fall Retreat At Camp Nazareth**

MERCER, PA [Camp Nazareth] -- The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM and the Ukrainian Orthodox League invite Young Adults to come retreat to Camp Nazareth for a weekend with other Orthodox Young Adults from all jurisdictions from October 5-7, 2018.

The theme of the weekend retreat is Faith and Politics. The participants will discuss understanding their beliefs, responsibilities, rights and privileges as Orthodox Christians. Special attention will be given as to how one's Faith plays a role in how we interact with a secular government and understanding how Faith should illumine decision-making in everything, including Politics.

The Keynote Speakers will be Metropolitan-elect Gregory of Nyssa, Fr. Stephen Lopusky of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese and Fr. Nicholas Halkias of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh. The weekend event will be filled with fellowship, worship, learning, time for reflection, rejuvenation and of course, fun!

The registration fee is \$75.00. Financial-need Scholarships may be available through the participant's home parish or diocese. If assistance is needed, please contact Fr. Stephen Lopusky (724.662.4840 // [fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com](mailto:fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com)).

# Thoughts on Stewardship

## by Dan Hromyak

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mark 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

### 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.



Mark Your Calendars With These Parish Events!

—PIROHI SALES—

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

—CHINESE AUCTION—

Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

—2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET—

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**OCTOBER 5 SALE  
PIROHI SCHEDULE**

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

Wed., October 3  
at 4:30 PM  
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., October 4  
at 6:00 PM  
(Filling prep)

Friday, October 5  
at 8:00 AM  
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

**Remember:  
Get your  
orders in  
by September 30!**

**October 5, 2018 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: September 30, 2018  
724-981-0571*

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato @ 8.00/dozen      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Pick-Up on Friday, October 5, 2018  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM  
(Doors Open at Noon)

**MEN TO HOLD  
CANDLES**

Sunday, September 30th

Milan Shumkaroff  
Ed Slovesko  
Gino Tofani  
Henry VanZanten  
Michael Waryanka

Sunday, October 7th

Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky  
Gary Yonchak  
Bob Amos  
Bob Andras

**BIRTHDAYS**

September 27<sup>th</sup> Jerry Chupak  
September 27<sup>th</sup> Carol Ristvey  
September 30<sup>th</sup> Carole Bailey  
September 30<sup>th</sup> Stephen  
Baronowsky  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Corridori



**Happy Wedding  
Anniversary**

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Sue & Rich  
Preston

September 25<sup>th</sup>  
Brenda & Michael  
Polanichka

September 26<sup>th</sup>  
Cindi & Steve  
Saluga

September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Joan & Stephen  
Chuba

**Eternal Lamp**

**Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

In honor of his parents

**Sue & Rich Preston**  
Wedding Anniversary

Sponsored by: Richie Preston

**Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

In Loving Memory of Husband

**John Kolbrich**

Sponsored by: Nona Kolbrich

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP**

**Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

In Loving memory of

**Mary Taczak**

Sponsored by: Diane & Kyle Kepensky

**Coffee Hour Sponsors**

**Stop in the church office  
to sign up to sponsor  
coffee hour**