

SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

Bulletin for January 22-February 4, 2017



The Three Holy Bishops—**Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom**—were great teachers of the Faith who lived in the 4th century. They are remembered together on January 30th every year.

(Left: 18th century Carpatho-Rusyn Icon of the Three Hierarchs from the village of Zboj, Slovakia)

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN	1/22/2017	31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 6
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Mudrey Family (Perpetual); Vudmaska Family (Perpetual)</i>
WED	1/25/2017	
	6:00 PM	Moleben to Christ <i>With Prayers for the Living/Sick</i>
SAT	1/28/2017	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>++Soroka Family (Perpetual, Rescheduled)</i>
SUN	1/29/2017	32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; OF ZACCHAEUS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Installation of Officers, Parishioner Appreciation Breakfast and Annual Parish Meeting <i>Panachida: +John Penick (40th Day Memorial)</i>
MON	1/30/2017	THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL, GREGORY & JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Andrew Guzi (Perpetual)</i>
WED	2/1/2017	
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers for the Holyday
THURS	2/2/2017	MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (40TH DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>with Blessing of Candles</i>
SAT	2/4/2017	
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers
SUN	2/5/2017	SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Edward & +Irene Zahuranec (Perpetual)</i>

You are Invited to the
PARISHIONER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
on Sunday, January 29, 2017 following Divine Liturgy
(Catered by Guy Gibbs Catering)

Throughout the year, we always say “thank you” to our parishioners, but we want to take the opportunity to gather for a meal as a community and show our thanks for your hard work and dedication over the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Installation of 2017 Church Board Officers** will be on Sunday, January 29th at the Divine Liturgy.

¶ **2017 Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Sunday, January 29th, 2017 after Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing, who have met their spiritual and material obligations (i.e. have – at a minimum – participated in the sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion within the past year, and are financially supporting the parish) are encouraged to attend.

¶ **No Church School Classes** on 1/29/17.

¶ **Attention Youth & Parents!** See the included information on page 7 about the Pittsburgh “**BeeTreat.**” It’s a wonderful event for Orthodox youth *and* parents on February 25th. There’s no cost to participate.

¶ **Blessing of Candles on February 2.** As is customary, candles will be blessed at the Divine Liturgy on February 2—the holyday of the Meeting of Our Lord, the 40th day after the Nativity that remembers the presentation of the infant Jesus into the Temple. It is recorded in Gospel of Luke (2:22-39) that the elder Simeon recognized the infant Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” on this day. Thus we highlight the use of candles, as they remind us that Christ is the true Light of the World. We will have candles available for a donation, but you may also bring a candle from home for this blessing. Just place it on the prepared table before the Divine Liturgy.

¶ **Vespers Services.** For the period of the *Triodion*—the pre-Lenten and Lenten season—we will offer Vespers on most Saturdays. This is an evening prayer service of psalms, hymns and

litanies that lasts approximately 30-40 minutes. It celebrates the beginning of Sunday at sunset, and prepares us for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy the next day. (*We will not have Vespers on some Saturdays, so please watch the schedule carefully.*)

¶ **The First Soul Saturday** is about a month away, on February 18. *Hramoty* envelopes will be available soon to list the names of your dear departed.

¶ **Reminder about Hospital Stays.** If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital, please remember to inform Fr. David as soon as possible. The hospitals do not call clergy as a matter of course, and they may or may not have updated lists available for clergy. Please let your family members or other caregivers know this as well, so that if you are unable to call, they know to call Fr. David.

¶ **We begin Great Lent on Monday, February 27.** Yes, we still have a little over a month, but in these preparatory weeks, start considering your observance of the Lenten disciplines of prayer, church attendance, fasting, and charitable giving. *It will be here before you know it!*

¶ **Schwans Fundraiser:** Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and

help our church! When you order, **5% of sales** go to Saint John's! Order online at schwans-cares.com/c/30390 and click "Shop to Give." Or order by phone by calling 1-855-870-7208 and provide our ID 30390.

¶ **Development Officer Position Available at OCMC**

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center is now accepting resumes for the position of Development Officer. The Development Officer position represents the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in all aspects of its fundraising, but particularly among its constituencies in the West and Mid-West. This person will work with, and assist, all staff members in the identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of individuals who may or should have an interest in supporting the mission of OCMC and its programs.

A Bachelor's Degree is required. A proven record of success in the field is highly desirable. Interviews begin in February.

To apply, submit your resume and cover letter, including a brief statement of fundraising qualifications, to Fr. Martin Ritsi, Executive Director, Orthodox Christian Mission Center, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL 32086, or by e-mail to misions@ocmc.org.

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him" - Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5:3*

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember - God first in all circumstances.

Stay up-to-date on happenings throughout our Diocese!

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>

Don't forget to "like" our parish on Facebook: [facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA](https://www.facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA)

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2017

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2017!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1 -- July 16 - 22, 2017

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 23 - July 29, 2017

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 3 -- July 30 - August 5, 2017

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2017

Register at – *campnazareth.org*

From the Home Page, From the 2017 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration. If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2017 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!

(one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2017!!!!

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 14 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

When you register online please note that **you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical)** which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*

From YouTube to you!



BEE TREAT!

PITTSBURGH, PA



February 25, 2017

**Holy Trinity Greek
Orthodox Church**

985 Providence Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

9:30AM - 5PM

Youth (6th - 12th grade)
Parents & Youth Workers

TO REGISTER:

BeTheBee.goarch.org/retreats

Questions? Contact Rhea Ballas:
youth@pittsburgh.goarch.org

***There is no cost to participate in
this wonderful event!***

Led by:

**STEVE CHRISTOFOROU - host of "Be the Bee"
AND THE BEETREAT TEAM!**

"Be the Bee" is a weekly YouTube series exploring
how we can focus on what is
good and beautiful in our lives.

Visit youtube.com/y2am to learn more!



Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, January 22nd

In Loving Memory of Stephen Yonchak, Jr. by Gary and Katherine Yonchak

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, January 29th

In Loving Memory of the 8 Siblings of the Furin Family includes:
Steven, Michael, John, Anna, Mary, Margaret and Catherine by Rose Marie Prisby

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 22 Eleanor Cooper
Jan. 23 George Radu
Jan. 25 John Bauer
Jan. 26 Natalee Ristvey
Jan. 27 Anna Loposky
Jan. 29 Angie Orras
Jan. 31 Judith Banas
Feb. 2 Denise Burprich
Feb. 3 Steve Banas
Feb. 4 Ronald Bich

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, January 29th

Gino Tofani
Dr. Henry Van Zanten
Michael Waryanka
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky

Sunday, February 5th

Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Bob Andras
Jason Baker
Robert Banas



*To Sue Van Zanten
—sorry we missed your
birthday on January 21!*