

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## *Clergy:*

*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 October 9-22, 2016



*"Young man, I say to you: Arise!"*  
*(Luke 7:11-16)*

# CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

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**WED 10/12/2016**

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6:30 PM Religious Enrichment Small Groups:  
"Characters of the Old Testament"

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**FRI 10/14/2016**

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8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel) ++*Ledney Family (Perpetual)*  
++*Dzurcina Family (Perpetual)*

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**SUN 10/16/2016 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida:* +*Benya Family (Perpetual)*  
+*Sobey Family (Perpetual)*

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**MON 10/17/2016**

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6:00 PM October Board Meeting

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**TUES 10/18/2016**

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8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel) +*Joseph Parimucha (1 Year Memorial)*  
*by wife Barbara and Family*

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**WED 10/19/2016**

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8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel) +*John & +Dorothy Hando (Per.)*  
6:30 PM Religious Enrichment Small Groups:  
"Characters of the Old Testament"

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**FRI 10/21/2016**

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8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel) +*Kathryn Ledney, by Catherine Palsce*

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**SUN 10/16/2016 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida:* ++*Boldish Family (Perpetual)*  
++*Wanchisin Family (Perpetual)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **We thank everyone who organized and worked at our October Pirohy Sale!** We look forward to your help November 2, 3 and 4!

¶ **Fr. David will be away** at the Diocesan Sobor in Johnstown from the afternoon of October 9th through the afternoon of October 12th. In case of an emergency in which you need the services of a priest, please call one of the local Orthodox clergy:

- ⇒ Fr. Michael Polanichka: 724-981-2520
- ⇒ Fr. Andrew Gall (St. John's UOC, Sharon): 724-308-1406
- ⇒ Fr. Spyro Keyhayes (Annunciation, Farrell): 513-833-5859
- ⇒ Fr. George Treff (Holy Cross, Hermitage): 724-346-3151
- ⇒ Fr. Vedran Grabic (St. George, Hermitage): 724-308-6216

In the event that a funeral needs to be planned, please have the funeral director call Fr. David's cell phone: 724-813-3172.

¶ **Religious Enrichment Study "Characters of the Old Testament"** continues on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30 PM. Coffee will be provided; feel free to bring something to share!

¶ **2017 National ACRY "Lots-o-Luck" calendars** are available for \$25.00 each. Proceeds benefit Diocesan Funds. Please visit the church office to purchase a ticket!

¶ **Chinese Auction**, sponsored by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of New Castle. Sunday, October 9, 2016. Shenango Valley Fire Hall, 2424 East Washington Street, New Castle. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Drawing starts at 3:00 PM. Donation: \$5.

¶ **Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual Sponsors and Memorial Listings:** If you would like to include your name and/or the names of your loved ones in the 2017 Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual, please visit the church office.

¶ **"An Evening of Wine Tasting"** is being sponsored by St. George's Serbian Orthodox Church, 65 South Keel Ridge, Hermitage on Saturday, October 15th from 4 to 8 PM. \$20 per person, and includes wine tasting from various wineries, appetizers, fine cheeses, and Serbian chevapi. For advance ticket sales, call Stephanie at 724-877-2459.

# *A Note of Thanks*

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls after my recent hospital stay. It was your prayers that I felt, and I thank God all is well again. It is great being here at St. Johns and the doctors orders and my family wish was NOT to substitute any more. Therefore, God willing I will be here serving with Fr. David at St. John's Church every Sunday and Holyday. Thank you again for all your prayers, cards and calls.

Fr. Michael Polanichka  
Pastor Emeritus

## **Thoughts on Stewardship by Dan Hromyak**

*"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." - 2 Timothy 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Liturgy or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of the Lord?

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God? - Luke 17:18*

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take all this for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

# From the Diocesan Chancery

## ⇒ **Online Bible Study**

We are pleased to announce that the next topic for our Diocesan on-line Orthodox Scripture Study will be the Book of Acts, (The Acts of the Holy Apostles). The study is scheduled to begin on Saturday October 8, 2016 at 5:00 pm. This weekly on-line scripture study will be led by the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Christ the Saviour Seminary and broadcast live from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Warren, Ohio. This study will draw on the patristic voice of the Fathers of the Church and will provide the participants with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of this Scriptural text from the Orthodox Christian perspective. For those unable to view the class live, videos of each class will be archived for later viewing. This study follows the most recently concluded study of the Book of Revelation, and previously the Gospels of St. Matthew and John. Some of the archived videos of these lectures have been viewed over 3000 times! Many Diocesan parishes are using the archived class videos as springboards for discussion within their own Scripture Study classes. The online-class is offered free of charge. For more information and for the link to watch the program live visit <http://acrod.org/news/7283/acts-of-holy-apostles>

## ⇒ **+Fr Michael Rosco Memorial Build Project**

### ⇒ **PROJECT HOUSE BLESSING/DEDICATION & IOCC TEAM BUILD**

St. John's Church (Perth Amboy) is pleased to announce the dedication and blessing of the Habitat for Humanity Memorial Building Project as set for Wednesday, December 07, 2016! This is an exciting moment as the project is nearing completion through the labors and contributions of so many Diocesan Faithful. We are looking forward to having Pani Susan Rosco present for this moment and we want to include as many diocesan faithful as possible. In keeping with the spirit of service, we are planning on a final work week in association with this dedication from December 05 - 10. IOCC has graciously agreed to co-ordinate this aspect of the trip. It is hoped to have some social gatherings at night including a night on the town in New Orleans. Those details are being planned currently. Some of the other details are below. Anyone interested in participating in this glorious moment is asked to contact Fr. Michael Chendorain at [fathermikec@verizon.net](mailto:fathermikec@verizon.net) or (732) 826-4442 as soon as possible. REGISTRATION: Will be done through IOCC and their website. This information is being distributed so that Diocesan faithful may begin to make plans that fit their schedules. COST/LOGISTICS: The volunteer contribution is \$350 per person which includes local transportation, room & board, materials, supplies, tools and site supervision. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, but 16 and 17 year olds are accepted if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian or an adult with a power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment. Individuals (or groups) are responsible to travel to the build city on their own, but ground transportation will be provided from the local airport(s) to the housing site. GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

## *– With Gratitude –*

*Dear friends,*

*From the bottom of our hearts, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for the fantastic Baby Shower on October 2nd. We were simply overwhelmed by the love and generosity shown as we prepare to welcome our baby girl. We thank those who planned, those who prepared food, and all those who gave gifts. May God abundantly bless you all!*

*Please continue to pray for a safe delivery, especially as we get closer to the due date (November 20th)!*

*Pani Vikkie and Fr. David*

### **Local Event on Sunday, October 9: “Carpatho-Rusyns: Myths and Stereotypes” A presentation by Paul Robert Magocsi.**

Sunday, October 09, 2016 at 1:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 201 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44503. His talk will focus on these Slavic people living in the heart of central Europe and the ongoing evolution of their national identity, from early times to today.

Following the lecture, Professor Magocsi will be available to sign copies of his book *With Their Backs to the Mountains: A History of Carpathian Rus and Carpatho-Rusyns*. This is the history of a stateless people, the Carpatho-Rusyns, and their historic homeland, Carpathian Rus'. The book traces the evolution of Carpathian Rus' from earliest pre-historic times to the present. It details the complex manner in which a distinct Carpatho-Rusyn people came into being in the mid-nineteenth century, disappeared, and then re-appeared in the wake of the revolutions of 1989 and the collapse of Communist rule in Europe.

Paul Robert Magocsi, Ph.D., is professor of history and political science at the University of Toronto, where since 1980 he has also held the John Yaremko Chair of Ukrainian Studies. He received his education at Rutgers University, Princeton University, and Harvard University (Society of Fellows 1976).

**Coming Soon!**

**2016 CHINESE AUCTION  
Sunday, November 20th**

***Letters to solicit prizes and  
donations are available in  
the Fellowship Hall.***

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

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**NOVEMBER  
PIROHI  
MAKING  
SCHEDULE**

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

Wed., Nov. 2 at 6:00 PM  
*(Hall setup; Potato prep)*

Thurs., Nov. 3 at 6:00 PM  
*(Filling prep)*

Fri., Nov. 4 at 8:00 AM  
*(Pirohi Making and Sale)*



**November 2016 Pirohi Order Form**

*Order Deadline: October 30, 2016*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pick-Up on Friday, November 4, 2016  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM  
*(Doors Open at Noon)*

**Bulletin Sponsor ~ Sunday, October 9th**

Dorothy Pacinda and Bob & Michael Andras, in loving memory of  
Dad/Grandfather, John Andras, Jr., on his birthday

**Candelabrum ~ Sunday, October 9th**

In loving memory of Mother/Grandmother, Suzanne Chuba  
from Stephen & Joan Chuba & Family

**Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, October 9th**

In loving memory of My Mother, Mary Furin Prisby on her birthday, by Rosemarie Prisby

**Bulletin Sponsor ~ Sunday, October 16th**

Ed & Kate Chuba, Janet & Chuck Kretchek and Mary Ann Lavin, In Memory of Parents George &  
Anne Chuba on their Wedding Anniversary. Married October 19, 1946

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Oct. 9 Fred Meiss  
10 Tom Ristvey  
12 John Frejik  
14 Joan Chuba  
16 Pani Vikkie Mastroberte  
17 Brandon Moon  
Lincoln Nameth  
18 Livia Hellman  
19 Katherine Yonchak  
20 Mary Blasko  
22 Nicholas Kraynok

**MEN TO  
HOLD CANDLES**

**Sunday, October 16th**

Dennis Burprich  
John Cataloni  
Ed Chuba  
Jerry Chupak  
Chester Everett

**Sunday, October 23rd**

Ed Fabian  
Matt Fabian  
Ron Figiel  
Michael Holmes  
Jim Hynes

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**October 12th**

*Donald & Joann Yasnowsky*

*Jennifer & Sean Miller*

**October 22nd**

*Jim & Paula Kudelko*