

BULLETIN FOR MAY 17-30, 2020

SUN	5/17/2020	FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAMARITAN WOMAN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Protopresbyter George HUTNYAN, Newly Reposed +Pañi Patsy JOSEPH, Newly Reposed +Julia Feczko STROKE, 1 Year, by daughter Kathy Piston +Agnes & +Andrew KARAS (Perpetual) +Anna & +John Sr. KRAYNAK (Perpetual) +John & +Helen VANSACH (Perpetual) +George BOGDAN (Perpetual) ++DOBROVOLSKI Family (Perpetual)</i>
WED	5/20/2020	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>+Julia Feczko STROKE (1 Year Memorial) by daughter Kathy Piston</i>
SAT	5/23/2020	
	10-11 AM	Holy Confession Available
*SUN	5/24/2020	SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – BLIND MAN
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: All Departed Veterans and All Departed Parishioners</i>
WED	5/27/2020	
	6:00 PM	Vespers for the Holyday
THURS	5/28/2020	ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (HOLYDAY)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
*SUN	5/31/2020	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY FATHERS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Marjorie & +Helen EVERETT +Harold E. BOUSLOUGH ++FELTOVICH Family</i>

Live-streams of services can be accessed through our website: stjohmacroc.org

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NEWS AND UPDATES

With the blessing of Metropolitan Gregory, we have resumed public services during the "yellow" phase in Mercer County, with the following provisions:

- **Only 25 people or fewer are to be in attendance.**
- **Physical distancing (6 feet) applies in the church.**
- **Masks are strongly encouraged.**
- **Those with any symptoms are to stay home.**

Sunday Liturgy Attendance: Participation in Sunday Liturgy will be on a rotating basis. Fr. David will contact our active parishioners to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Please do *not* come to Sunday Liturgy unless you receive a direct invitation to do so.

Holyday and Other Weekday Service Attendance: The same limits on attendance, physical distancing, and so forth apply. For these services, if you would like to attend, please contact Fr. David in advance and he will add you to a list of attendees. These weekday services will be on a “first come, first serve” basis.

Please Note: Those who are still physically distancing from groups are under no obligation to attend, even if invited. *If you prefer to wait until we fully reopen and do NOT want to be included in the rotation, please tell Fr. David and he will make a note of this.*

Confession

Fr. David will be available for Holy Confession before services, and on Saturday, May 23 from 10 to 11 AM. *(Other times for Confession will be planned and shared by e-mail, social*

media, etc.) In order to maintain physical distancing, Confessions will not be heard in the side room. If the weather is good, Fr. David will hear confessions outside the front of the church. If the weather is rainy, he will use alternate space inside.

Memorial Day: On Sunday, May 24—the day before Memorial Day—we will remember our departed veterans and all parish departed in a Panachida in the *church*. We will postpone our annual Panachida at the Cemetery Cross and blessing of the cemetery until a later date, once we can have maximum participation.

Diocesan Events: Camp Nazareth camping sessions, Altar Boy Retreat, and Young Women's Encounter will be held online this year. Information about registration is available on acrod.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

We are grateful to all of our parishioners for their continued stewardship during this period of non-public services at the church. Your contributions allow us to continue our ministries during this present time and into the future. If you have not sent in your offerings, you may mail them to the Church Office.

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charism and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

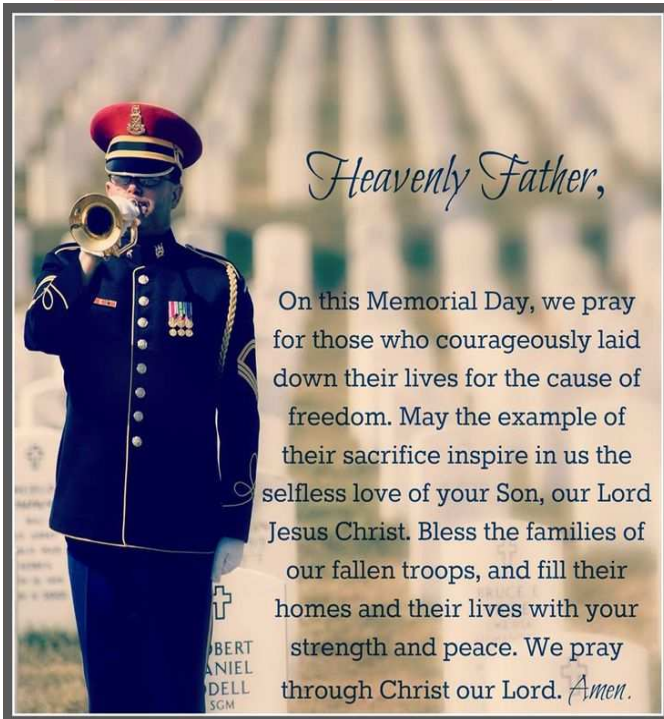
"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." - 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a plan in store for you.

Happy May Birthdays

Dorothy Pacinda - May 17
Alexandra Maurer - May 19
Elizabeth Maurer - May 21
Dawn Burns - May 22
Dennis Burprich - May 22
Stephen VanZanten - May 22
Christine Maurer - May 23
Esther Chupak - May 29
Paula Kudelko - May 29
Viktor Ristvey - May 29
Doane Baily - May 30
Kathy Baronowsky - May 30

**Memorial Day
Panachida**
SUNDAY, MAY 24TH
(In the Church)



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May 24

In loving memory of
Irene Shaffer

By: Karen, Jim, Katie & Brent Hynes

**Happy 40th Wedding
Anniversary**
May 31
Christine & John Frejik



**HAPPY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY**

Michelle & Dave Firster
May 17

Kathy & Stephen Baronowsky
May 18

Geri & Tom Tulip
May 25

Christine & John Frejik
May 31

