



Icon of St. Joseph carrying the Christ Child

*On Sunday, June 21st,
we pause to honor
all fathers...*

*We pray for the health,
welfare, happiness, and
salvation of our fathers,
and ask God our
Heavenly Father to bless
and guide them always.*

***God grant
them many years!
Happy Father's Day!***

*For our departed fathers,
we pray that
our Heavenly Father
will shine the light of
His face upon them
and grant them
blessed repose.
Eternal Memory!*

BULLETIN FOR JUNE 14-27, 2020

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 14-28, 2020

*SUN	6/14/2020	1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— ALL SAINTS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Joseph Pacinda (Perpetual) +Frank Raiti (Perpetual) +Louie & +Margie Varga (Perpetual)</i>
MON	6/15/2020	
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
THURS	6/18/2020	Martyr Leontius & Companions
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>+John & +Irene Lutz, by Anthony</i>
*SUN	6/21/2020	2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUS FATHER'S DAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Prayers for the Special Intention of All Fathers Panachida for All Departed Fathers Panachida: +Courtney Holt (Perpetual) ++Gelety Family (Perpetual) ++Toten Family (Perpetual)</i>
TUES	6/23/2020	
	6:00 PM	Vespers for the Holyday
WED	6/24/2020	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST—OUR PARISH HOLYDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Festal Procession (Weather Permitting)</i>
FRI	6/26/2020	St. David of Thessalonica
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Special Intention: Fr. David's Family, Friends, and All Parishioners</i>
*SUN	6/28/2020	3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Rescheduled "Memorial Day" Panachida at the Cemetery Cross for Departed Veterans and All Departed Parish Clergy and Members</i>

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have resumed having divine services open for all who wish to attend. The “good practices” we established are still in place:

- ◆ Those who are sick or showing any symptoms of any illness are to stay home.
- ◆ Physical distancing is to be observed in the church. (*Families may stand together, of course!*)
- ◆ Wash your hands and use the available hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Masks may be worn, but are not required. (*A limited number of masks are available if you forget yours. Just ask the officers in the vestibule.*)

Online Broadcast of Services: For the benefit of those who are homebound and unable to attend, we will continue to live-stream Sunday Divine Liturgy on YouTube. This can be accessed through our website stjohnacroc.org.

Confession: Fr. David is available for Confession before services and by appointment. He will have extra time available before Sunday Liturgy the next few weeks for this purpose.

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.

The Apostles’ Fast: *Why are the last two weeks of June colored pink on the wall calendar?* The period of the Apostles’ Fast each year extends from the Monday after All Saints Sunday until the holyday of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul on June 29th. This year, the fast begins on June 15th. Please be mindful of this fasting season, and devote additional time to prayer, fasting, charity, and repentance. Be sure to keep the weekly Wednesday and Friday fasts from meat over this period and, as you are able, add an additional meatless day (or more). *Holy Apostles of Christ, pray to God for us!*

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist: **Our Parish Holyday Celebration** **June 23-24**



Come and honor our parish's patron saint!

June 24th—the day when the Orthodox Church remembers the Nativity of St. John the Baptist—is OUR day to honor the saint to whom our church is dedicated. It is our opportunity to thank him for his intercession, as well as a time to celebrate our parish community as such.

This year, we will begin the celebration with **Great Vespers** on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 PM. On Wednesday, June 24th, **Divine Liturgy** will begin at 9:00 AM. Following Liturgy, we will hold the traditional Festal Procession around the church (*weather permitting*).

Please make every effort to participate! A church's feast ranks with the major holydays, and is a sort of "second Pascha" for the parish.

Rescheduled Panachida **in the Cemetery: June 28th**

We postponed our annual Panachida at the Cemetery Cross in order to allow maximum participation. On **June 28th**, we will gather at the Cemetery Cross and offer a Panachida for all our departed veterans and clergy and parishioners. It is fitting that this will take place on the Sunday *following* Saint John's holyday and the Sunday *before* Independence Day. (*Rain Date for the Panachida is Sunday, July 5th.*)



THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." - John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." -1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

John and I would like to thank Fr. David for the blessing during the service last Sunday. Also, thank you to everyone that sent us such beautiful cards and gifts on our 40th wedding anniversary. It was very thoughtful and kind. We appreciate it more than words can say.

*With love and thanks,
Christine and John Frejik*

A Moment with Missions ***Shared by Dr. Henry Van Zanten***

News in Guatemala: Fr. Juvenal Repass

“We continue in a state of lockdown here in Guatemala, as we celebrate Ascension and the Sunday of the Holy Fathers. I’m in Aguacate, but Father Evangelios and all the seminarians are in another part of Guatemala, and have been for 10 weeks. There are no services, since His Eminence, Metropolitan Athenagoras, directed the suspension of all services. Meetings of large groups of people are also prohibited by the president of the country. Missionary Jesse Brandow and his wife Juanita are in town, staying with her family. A Salvadoran family is staying with me here in the clinic and seminary building and help with feeding the animals and other tasks. The virus has not yet hit Aguacate, so far as we know (but we won’t know immediately when it does, since the disease appears before the symptoms). It is spreading and growing in Guatemala and I expect it will arrive here soon enough. We’re all wearing masks when we go outdoors (which in my case isn’t often). All the clergy of the metropolis had a meeting by Zoom and I also attended a virtual funeral of a friend back in the States, by Zoom. I’m sure you’re all doing similar things in this strange time. Pray for us all please! Love you all! The blessing of the Lord!”



OCMC News - Coming Soon! A New OCMC Website and Mobile App! **by Niko Birbilis (Posted 5/27/2020)**

We are very excited to announce the upcoming launch of our new OCMC website! Over the past several years, we’ve come to realize that, while our existing systems have served us well, we can do better. To that end, behind the scenes here at OCMC, we’ve been working hard on our brand-new website!

As the official missions agency of Orthodox Christians in the US, it’s important that we can keep Orthodox Christians back home connected with all of our missionary work around the world. We’ve redesigned OCMC’s website from the ground up with speed, convenience, efficiency, and beauty in mind. Our goal is to create an elegant and dynamic hub, where you can easily learn about ways to serve and contribute to missions.

In addition to our new website, we’re well aware that the way people interact is rapidly changing and shifting towards mobile phones. With that in mind, not only will our new website be much easier to navigate on your phones, but we’re also releasing a dedicated app on both Android and iOS to help you all stay connected!

The OCMC app will make it simple to stay engaged with missions. In addition to displaying our news articles, the app will also allow you to get updates from your favorite missionaries, volunteer for a team, or make a gift with one tap!

We are in the final stages of preparing both of these solutions for release and are doing our best to get them out to you as soon as possible. Christ calls us all to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew

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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. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

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 at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) 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); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; 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.

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