

BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 17-30, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, Jan. 17	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Live Streamed</i>) <i>Panachida: ++Soroka Family (Perpetual)</i>
Wednesday, Jan. 20	6:00 PM	Moleben (Prayer Service) <i>with Prayers of Special Intention for Living/Sick</i>
Sunday, Jan. 24	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Live Streamed</i>) <i>Panachida: ++Mudrey Family (Perpetual)</i> <i>++Vudmaska Family (Perpetual)</i>
Friday, Jan. 29	6:00 PM	Eve of the Holyday of the THREE HOLY BISHOPS Saints Basil, Gregory, and John Chrysostom Vesperal Divine Liturgy (<i>Live Streamed</i>) <i>Eucharistic Fast as for an evening Liturgy during Lent.</i> <i>(No AM Liturgy on Saturday.)</i>
Sunday, Jan. 31	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (<i>Live Streamed</i>) <i>Panachida: ++Guzi Family</i>

Some Important Dates for 2021

<i>Tuesday, February 2</i>	Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple – <i>Blessing of Candles</i>
<i>Sunday, February 21</i>	Triodion Begins – No Fasting This Week
<i>Saturday, March 6</i>	First Soul Saturday
<i>Monday, March 15</i>	First Day of the Great Fast (Lent)
<i>Sunday, April 25</i>	Palm Sunday
<i>Friday, April 30</i>	Holy (Good) Friday
<i>Sunday, May 2</i>	PASCHA (Easter) – The Resurrection of Christ
<i>Sunday, May 30</i>	Memorial Day Observance – Panachida in the Cemetery
<i>Thursday, June 10</i>	Ascension
<i>Sunday, June 20</i>	Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Sponsorships Available: Please visit our church office if you would like to sponsor the Bulletin, Eternal Lamp, Candelabrum, or order altar flowers in 2021. Be sure to clearly print all information. This is a great way to honor someone, remember the departed, or simply make a donation to the church!

The 5th Issue of SPF50 Family Scripture Reading Ministry began the week of January 10th, so there is plenty of time to catch up! The NEW reading program “**Essential Bible Stories**” will highlight many important stories like Creation, Noah and the Ark, the Exodus, and more from throughout the Old and New Testaments.

If you haven't joined SPF50 yet, this new year is a great time to start. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and praying together with your family. This ministry is designed with even the busiest families in mind! Visit acrod.org and click on the **SPF50 logo to download the new edition**.

(For those who do not have children at home, you may still find value in using the SPF Scripture reading plan. Check it out at acrod.org!)

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

By Dan Hromyak

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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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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Happy January Birthday!

January 19th Helen Jaeger
January 20th Geri Tulip
January 21st Susan VanZanten
January 22nd Eleanor Cooper
January 23rd George Radu
January 26th Natalee Ristvey



ETERNAL LAMP SPONSOR

January 24

In loving memory of my Dad & Sister

John Hromyak & Mary Jane Sernik

By: Margie Hromyak

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

◆ **Sunday, January 24**

Bob Kapusta
Matt Kulusich
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
Andy Lutz

◆ **Sunday, January 31**

Ken Maceyko
Emil Maurer
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller

