

*The Holyday of the Ascension of Christ –  
the 40th Day after Pascha – is June 10th.*

**BULLETIN FOR  
MAY 30-JUNE 12, 2021**





On **Monday, May 31st**, our nation remembers its departed veterans who served in the armed forces of our country. May God grant rest to all departed veterans. *Eternal Memory! Christ is risen!*

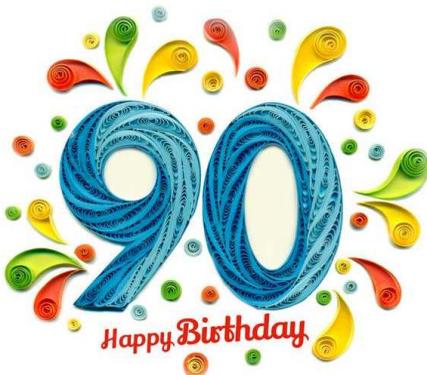
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### June 13th is Graduate Sunday

*Parents: Please give Fr. David all information (name, graduating school, and any post-graduation plans) regarding our 2021 graduates and—since we didn't have a Graduate Sunday in 2020—all 2020 graduates. (The best option is e-mail: [father.david@stjohnacroc.org](mailto:father.david@stjohnacroc.org))*

### Sponsorship Opportunities: Altar Flowers

Something rare happened in the month of May: we had sponsors for altar flowers for every Sunday of the month! Consider sponsoring flowers to beautify the Holy Altar. We have many dates open throughout the year. Flowers can be offered for a donation of \$50. *Stop by the church office to see which dates are available!*



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Congratulations and Best Wishes to **ESTHER CHUPAK** who celebrated her 90th birthday on May 29th! May God grant her many, blessed, happy and healthy years—*Christ is risen!*

# GOLF SCRAMBLE NOTES

**Mark your calendars!** The 2021 Golf Scramble will be held on **Saturday, August 21st at Avalon at Buhl Park**. Shotgun Start will be at 8:30 AM.

The post-golfing meal will again be held at our church hall, and will feature our *signature* all-you-can-eat buffet with spit roast lamb, roast chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 2:30 PM. We will also hold the ever-popular Basket Raffle at this dinner.

We are now accepting:

- ⇒ Team Commitments
- ⇒ Donations of Items for the Basket Raffle
- ⇒ Major sponsorships for \$100.00
- ⇒ Hole sponsorships for \$35.00
- ⇒ Patron Listings for \$10.00
- ⇒ General donations to the event

**Copies of the registration form/flyer and the sponsorship form are available in the church hall.**

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$20 per person. See Francine Fabian to get your ticket!

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Christ is Risen!

Reverend and dear Father:

*This is a NEW Prayer Initiative for our Diocesan Clergy and Seminarians from our Shepherd and Father in Christ, Metropolitan Gregory. Pray **DAILY** for these men listed in the letter, and for an increase in vocations!*

By this correspondence, we are announcing a new Prayer Program that we encourage you to initiate in your Parish. The goal is to have our faithful everywhere in the Diocese praying daily for our Priests, Deacons and Seminarians, asking God to give them health and continued strength to minister to our people, while at the same time praying for more vocations to the Priesthood. Please note: THIS IS NOT A SICK LIST. With this Prayer Program, we are praying for ALL the Clergy of our Diocese through December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. I am asking you to do two things:

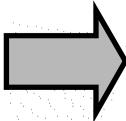
1) In the Proskomedia of every Liturgy, pray for the following 2 Priests, 1 Deacon, and all current Seminarians:

FR. WILLIAM BENNETT

FR. PETER BENYO

DEACON DONALD KOCH

Seminarians Dylan Kelemecz, Thomas Kovalak, Nicholas Worobey and Aydin Zill.

 2) Ask your parishioners in their daily devotions to pray for these Clergy by name, and to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood.

Prayer is powerful! Could it be that God is just waiting to hear from us? He has blessed our Diocese over and over again since our canonical establishment in 1938. Today is no different than those early years. We need Priests. Ask God to grant us fruitful bounty as we plant the seeds for the future.

Thanking you and your parishioners in advance, and with my Blessing I remain

Working in the Vineyard of the Risen Lord,

+ Metropolitan Gregory  
+ Metropolitan Gregory

# Thoughts on Stewardship

## *by Dan Hromyak*

*"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." - Romans 8:16-17*

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His Kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

**Red Cross Blood Drives** will be held at our church on the following dates:

**June 3 & 17**

**July 1 & 15**

**August 5**

**Sept 2 & 16.**



If you would like to give blood, sign up online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

We also like to have someone from our church on-hand throughout the blood drives. If you would like to help in this capacity, please speak with Fr. David or Dennis Burprich.

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*Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka*

*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

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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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