

BULLETIN FOR JUNE 13-26, 2021

Pentecost is June 20th

On the 50th Day after Pascha, we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles (*as we read in the book of Acts, chapter 2*) which enabled them to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. This is the second most important feast, after Pascha.

In many Slavic expressions of the Christian faith, Pentecost is the “Green Holyday” (*Zeleni Svjata*), since the church is decorated with greenery and the clergy wear green vestments to remember that the Holy Spirit is the “Giver of Life.” *Join in with this festivity and consider wearing something green to church on Sunday, June 20th.*



On Sunday, June 20th, 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!

*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!





We offer our prayers, congratulations, and best wishes to all parish graduates!

Alexandra Maurer received a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry/Literature at University of Pittsburgh. She will be attending graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health majoring in Epidemiology this fall.

Steven Joseph Lukac RN, BSN graduated from Youngstown State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Cum Laude. He was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. He is employed by Mercy Health-St. Elizabeth's in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit.

Elizabeth Maurer graduated from Hickory High School. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Mechanical Engineering this fall.

Nicholas Figiel graduated from Jamestown High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society and yearbook editor. He will be attending Youngstown State University majoring in Accounting and Theater this fall.

May God grant you many, blessed years!

*"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
(Proverbs 3:6)*

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

- *SUN 6/13/2021 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY FATHERS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (*Live-stream*)
Panachida – Perpetual: +Joseph Pacinda
+Frank Raiti
+Louie & +Margie Varga
- TUES 6/15/2021
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
+Beckie Kapusta, by Her Sisters
- THURS 6/17/2021 Red Cross Blood Drive
- FRI 6/18/2021
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Panachida
+Chrysa Thear, by Uncle Fr. Michael & Aunt Pani Eleanor
- *SUN 6/20/2021 PENTECOST – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; FATHER’S DAY
9:00 AM Deacon’s Service by Deacon John Anderson (*Live-Stream*)
with Distribution of the Pre-Consecrated Eucharist
Prayers of Special Intention for the Health of All Fathers
Panachida for All Departed Fathers
- THURS 6/24/2021 NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (OUR CHURCH HOLYDAY)
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Festal Procession (*Outdoors, Weather Permitting*)
- SAT 6/26/2021 ST. DAVID OF THESSALONICA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Special Intention of Fr. David’s Family, Friends, and All Parishioners
- *SUN 6/27/2021 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – ALL SAINTS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (*Live-stream*)
Panachida: +Courtney Holt
++Gelety Family
++Toten Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. David will be away June 19th through June 22nd. During that time, in case of an emergency in which you need the services of a priest, you may call Fr. Michael Gavrilos (St. George Greek Orthodox Church, New Castle: 412.500.2262), Fr. Vedran Grabic (St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Hermitage: 224.308.0485) or any available Orthodox priest.

Deadline for registration for the **Online Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat** is Monday, June 14th. Please visit acrod.org or speak with Fr. David if you have any questions!

Don't Forget: June 20-26 is a **fast-free week** in honor of Pentecost! Meat may be eaten every day, including Wednesday and Friday.

Celebrate Our Patron Saint! June 24th is the day when the Orthodox Church remembers the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. We will honor our patron saint with **Divine Liturgy on Thursday, June 24th** at 9:00 AM. Following Liturgy, we will hold the traditional Festal Procession with Gospel readings around the church (*outdoors, weather permitting*). After services, we will have an opportunity for fellowship with a Pot-Luck Coffee Hour—feel free to bring something to share!



*Our deepest condolences are extended to Andy and Billie Lutz upon the passing of their son, Andy, on May 29th. May God grant Him blessed repose—**Eternal Memory!***

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!



Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us - our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

"Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?'" - Mark 4:40

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

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

June 17
July 1 & 15
August 5
Sept 2 & 16.



If you would like to give blood, sign up online at: 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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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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Bulletin Sponsors

Sunday June 13

In loving memory of Brother-in-Law

Joseph Pacinda, Jr.

Sponsored by: Dorothy Pacinda

Sunday June 20

In loving memory of

Frank Raiti

Sponsored by: Dorothy Pacinda

Candelabrum Sponsor

Sunday June 13

In Honor of

Katherine Yourema's

94th Birthday on June 18

By sister Delores Jisko

Sunday June 20

In loving memory of Mother & Grandmother

Sophia Balzic

By Joan & Stephen Chuba & Family

Our congratulations and best wishes to

Katherine Yourema

who turns 94 on

June 18th! *God grant her many years! Mnohaja lita!*



Happy Wedding Anniversary

June 13

Kaitlin & Charles Chacon

June 20

Anna & Dan Shears

June 24

Sandra & Edward Kraynok

June 24

Susan & Henry VanZanten

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

- **Sunday, June 20**

Jerry Chupak

Tom Doyle

Ed Fabian

Matt Fabian

Dave Firster

- **Sunday, June 27**

Mike Holmes

Jim Hynes

Bob Kapusta

Matt Kulusich

Steven Lukac

June Birthdays

June 13 Danica McMahan

June 13 Mia Joy-Marshel

June 15 Tenley Fabian

June 18 Katherine Yourema

June 20 Mathew Ristvey

June 22 Beth Anne Kudelko

June 23 Kathleen Meiss

June 23 Jennifer Trepanosky

June 25 Father Thomas Blaschak

June 25 Thomas Patrick