

BULLETIN FOR JULY 24-AUGUST 6, 2022

*SUN	7/24/2022	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	
		<i>Panachida: ++Dorus, ++Lysohir, ++Slovesko Families (Perpetual)</i>	
		<i>Annual Blessing of Vehicles</i>	
TUES	7/26/2022		
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy	++Ristoey Family (Perpetual)
WED	7/27/2022	ST. PANTELEIMON THE HEALER (RELICS IN OUR ALTAR)	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy	
	11:00 AM	Potato Prep	
THURS	7/28/2022		
	6:00 PM	Filling Prep	
FRI	7/29/2022		
	8:00 AM	Pirohi Making and Sale	
SAT	7/30/2022		
	8:30 AM	2nd Annual Pierogi 5K Walk/Run	
*SUN	7/31/2022	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	
TUES	8/2/2022		
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	+Fr. Paul & +Pani Helen Tkach (Perpetual)
WED	8/3/2022		
	6:00 PM	Paraklis to the Mother of God, with Prayers for the Living	
THURS	8/4/2022		
	12:00 Noon	Red Cross Blood Drive	



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FRI	8/5/2022 6:00 PM	Great Vespers for the Transfiguration
SAT	8/6/2022 9:00 AM	TRANSGURATION OF OUR LORD (<i>HOLYDAY</i>) Divine Liturgy & Festal Blessing of Fruit (<i>Bring Your Own</i>)
*SUN	8/7/2022 9:00 AM	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Liturgy & Festal Blessing of Fruit (<i>Provided by Church</i>) <i>Panachida: +Joseph Pacinda; +Andrew & +Anna Gelety (Perpetual)</i>

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

The three Banns of Marriage for SCOTT RIDDLE and COURTENEY LUKAC will be announced on Sundays July 31, August 7, and August 14. Courtney and Scott will be joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 20th.

THANK YOU, DONORS!

We express our gratitude to our parishioners who offered the following new items to our church:

- **10 Gold Altar Boy Robes, by Bob and Lorraine Amos**
- **10 Blue Altar Boy Robes, by Reader Gregory and Debbie Cross**
- **Burgundy/Blue Covers for the Tomb, by Ed and Francine Fabian**

These vestments will enhance the beauty of our worship throughout the year.

"O Lord... sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house!" (Amvon Prayer of the Liturgy)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dormition Fast goes from August 1 to 14. This two-week fast is in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th. It is the “summer Lent” before the “summer Pascha”! Fast as you are able, with a joyful heart. Additional weekday services will be scheduled, in order to help us prepare.

Praying for Others: At several Dormition Fast services, we will include intercessory prayers for the living. Please use the available prayer sheets and give them to Fr. David, or e-mail names to father.david@stjohnacroc.org.

If you haven't been to **Confession** in a while, the Dormition Fast is the perfect time to go! Fr. David will be hearing confessions 30 minutes before evening services; before Liturgy on Sundays (but no later than 8:45 AM); and by appointment.

Transfiguration and the Blessing of Fruit: August 6th is the holyday of the Transfiguration of Christ. Great Vespers on August 5th will be at 6:00 PM. Divine Liturgy will be on August 6th at 9:00 AM. The tradition on this summer holyday is to bless grapes and other fruit—the “first fruits” of summer. We will bless fruit at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Thursday, August 6th. Bring a basket or bowl of fruit for this blessing!

On the Sunday after the Transfigura-

tion, August 7th, we will also provide small bags of blessed fruit for all parishioners. (*You are also welcome to bring fruit from home for this blessing, if you are unable to come on August 6th.*)

August 14th—Calling All Young Ladies to be “Flower Girls”: At the end of Liturgy on Sunday, August 14th—the eve of the Dormition of the Mother of God—there will be a short (indoor) procession to carry the “Shroud” icon of the Mother of God to the tomb arranged for the occasion. All girls of our parish are invited to walk in this procession and carry flowers (which will be provided). Parents, please let Fr. David know if your daughter(s) will participate.

August 28th—Sunday School Parents Meeting: After a hiatus, we will be resuming classes for our youth this fall. In order to plan for the coming school year, Fr. David wants to meet with all parents on Sunday, August 28th services. We will come up with a schedule for classes, and discuss other pertinent ideas. (*Classes will begin in September.*)

The “**Senior Follies**” are back this year! Performances will be held on August 6 at 6 PM and August 7 at 2 PM, at Hickory High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. See Paula Kudelko or Karen Bich for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Shenango Valley Senior Center.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

Blessing



**Sunday, August 28th
at the Conclusion of Divine Liturgy**

All students are invited to come forward for a prayer and a special blessing for the beginning of the academic year!

Stewardship *By Dan Hromyak*

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE

July 24: Gerry Holliday

August 7: Steven & Natale Lukac

July 31: Debbie & Greg Cross

August 14: Mary Blasko



2nd Annual Pierogi Walk/Run on Saturday, July 30, 2022

Event registration info can be found on our website stjohnnacro.org and on our Facebook page: facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA

Walk/Run begins at 8:30 AM at Butler Community College at LindenPointe. Fee is \$25, which includes race day T-Shirt. **For more information, speak with Laura Dinsmore.**

GOLF SCRAMBLE NOTES

Mark your calendars! The 2022 Golf Scramble will be held on **Saturday, August 27th 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, 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 \$40.00
- ⇒ 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 \$25 per person. See Francine Fabian to get your ticket!

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING OUR “SMART MONEY” PROGRAM

The Smart Money fund raising program started in the year 2001. We are currently in the 22nd year of raising money for St John's by purchasing gift cards at a discount and selling them at face value. Thanks to the great response from the St John's parishioners the program has earned over \$105,000 from the year 2001 through June 2022.

The Smart Money program has two options going forward:

Option 1

We are looking for someone to take over the program beginning January 1, 2023, so the program can continue to operating as normal. Training will be provide for the new Smart Money Program leader. Interested parishioners should contact Fr. David.

Option 2

If no one is willing to take over the Smart Money Program, then the program will continue as usual through December 31, 2022. We will continue to replenish inventory as needed through December 31, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023 the program will sell off any remaining inventory and no additional gift cards will be purchased. When all the inventory is sold in 2023 the Smart Money Program will be closed.

Stephen Saluga

Blood Drive

St. John's Orthodox Church

Fellowship Hall
3180 Morefield Road
Hermitage

Thursday, August 4
12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to schedule an appointment!



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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.

Our Church’s Website:	stjohnacroc.org
Our YouTube Live Stream:	youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon
Our Facebook Page:	facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA
Our Diocesan Website:	acrod.org

For Online Giving Options, please visit our website: stjohnacroc.org

Happy Birthday

July 24 Ed Slovesko
July 27 Ryan Gordan
July 28 Jennifer Jisko
July 30 Nicholas Baronowsky
July 30 Jim Hynes
July 30 Sandra Kraynok
July 31 Helen Parimuha
Aug 1 Peter Roman
Aug 1 Michael Waryanka
Aug 2 Ann Pysh
Aug 3 Jason Baker
Aug 5 Nancy Ristvey
Aug 6 Joann Yasnowsky



Altar Flowers

July 24

In honor of **Esther Chupak's**
91st Birthday

From: Jennifer & Kenneth

MEN TO HOLD **CANDLES**

- **Sunday, July 31**
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani
Henry VanZanten
Donald Yasnowsky
- **Sunday, August 7**
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker
Dave Beight

Ann Pysh will be celebrating her 99th
birthday on August 2.
Cards can be sent to:

Ann Pysh
413 State Street
Johnstown, PA 15905

Eternal Lamp Sponsor

July 24

In honor of **Esther Chupak's**
91st Birthday

From: Jennifer & Kenneth Wansack

Candelabrum Sponsor

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In honor of **Esther Chupak's**
91st Birthday

From: Jennifer & Kenneth Wansack

July 31

In honor of
Debbie Cross & Richie Preston's Birthdays

From: Sue & Rich Preston

Bulletin Sponsor

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In honor of **Esther Chupak's**
91st Birthday

From: Jennifer & Kenneth Wansack

HAPPY WEDDING **ANNIVERSARY**

July 24

Dawn & Robert Miller

July 28

Jessica & Donnie Nameth

August 5

Nancy & Michael Ristvey

August 6

Liz & John Safin