

# BULLETIN FOR AUGUST 7-28, 2022

- \*SUN 8/7/2022**      **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy & Festal Blessing of Fruit  
*Panachida: +Joseph Pacinda; +Andrew & +Anna Gelety (Perpetual)*
- MON 8/8/2022**  
6:00 PM      Moleben to the Mother of God with Prayers for the Living
- WED 8/10/2022**  
6:00 PM      Paraklis to the Mother of God with Prayers for the Living
- FRI 8/12/2022**  
6:00 PM      Moleben to the Mother of God with Prayers for the Living
- \*SUN 8/14/2022**      **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PREFEAST OF THE DORMITION**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*After Liturgy*      Board Meeting  
6:00 PM      Great Vespers for the Holyday
- MON 8/15/2022**      **DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy & Festal Blessing of Flowers and Herbs
- WED 8/17/2022**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy      ++*Hromyak Family (Perpetual)*  
10:00 AM      Panachida      ++*Helen and +Andrew Parimuha, by the Family*
- \*SUN 8/21/2022**      **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
Panachida      ++*Steve & +Anna Blanar (Perpetual)*
- THURS 8/25/2022**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy      ++*Ristoey Family (Perpetual)*
- \*SUN 8/28/2022**      **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy      Blessing of Students  
*Panachida: +Anthony & +Helen Dzurinda; +Joseph & +Mary Bartko (Perpetual)*  
Church School Parents Meeting

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Dormition Fast** continues through August 14th. This two-week fast is in preparation for the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15th. Fast as you are able, with a joyful heart. Additional weekday services are scheduled, in order to help us prepare to celebrate the Dormition.

**Confessions** will be heard 30 minutes before evening services; after services as needed; before Liturgy on Sundays (but no later than 8:45 AM); and by appointment.

**August 14th: Calling All Young Ladies to be “Flower Girls”!** At the end of Divine 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.

**Services for the Dormition** of the Mother of God are as follows: Great Vespers is on Sunday, August 14 at 6:00 PM, and will include the blessing of loaves. Divine Liturgy is on Monday, August 15 at 9:00 AM, with the traditional blessing of **flowers and herbs**. Please bring some for this blessing and let them adorn your icons at home!

*You might say, “But I JUST went to church! Why do I need to go AGAIN?” We Orthodox honor the Mother of God on many days throughout the year, but August 15th is her primary holyday. In many majority Orthodox and Catholic countries, August 15th is a national holiday, and people flock to churches and monasteries. Countless people travel to go on pilgrimages for this feast. We can make a special sacrifice to honor the Ever-Virgin Mary. So if you are able, come and celebrate the Mother of God at her “falling asleep” at one or both services!*

**Fr. David will be away August 21st through August 24th.** In case of any emergencies in which the services of a priest are needed, please call Fr. Michael Gavrilos (4 1 2 - 5 0 0 - 2 2 6 2) or any of the local Orthodox priests.

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

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
a sinner!*

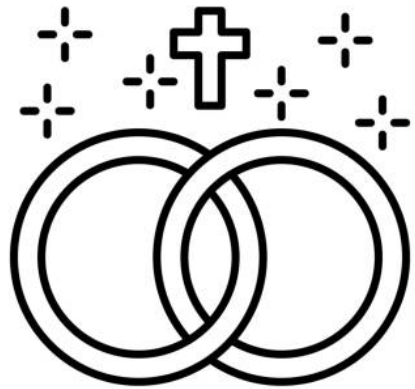
with  
sympathy

We offer condolences to Paula; Steven and Beth Anne; and siblings Lorraine and David; at the passing of **JAMES KUDELKO** on July 24th. Jim's funeral was held on July 28th. *May God grant him blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom. Eternal memory!*

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

*May God grant them many, blessed years  
of married life!*



**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!



## **“Why do we bless flowers and herbs on Dormition?”**

According to the church’s tradition, when the Mother of God died, she was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane. All the apostles were present, except for Thomas. Thomas arrived three days later and went to pay his respects to the ever-Virgin at her tomb. When the tomb was opened, it was empty – the Mother of God had been assumed into heaven. Within the tomb, there was a strong and beautiful aroma of flowers. To remember this, flowers and sweet-smelling herbs are blessed on this holyday. Historically, many of the herbs and flowers brought for this blessing were used in medicine, and thus the prayers ask that these plants be efficacious for the healing of body and soul.



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## **Stewardship** *By Dan Hromyak*

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." - Luke 12:34*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stand for life, marriage and religious liberty.

# GOLF SCRAMBLE – AUGUST 27TH!

**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
- ⇒ Movie Theater Tickets to complete a basket



**WE HAVE MET OUR QUOTA FOR BASKETS!**

**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!

**DEADLINE FOR ALL DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS AND DINNER TICKETS IS AUGUST 13th!**

TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE	
August 7: Steven & Natale Lukac	August 21: Linda Kohut
August 14: Mary Blasko	August 28: Steve & Cyndy Saluga

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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.

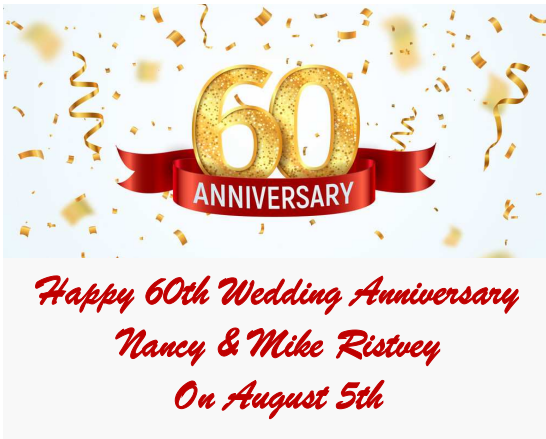
**Parishioners in "good standing"** are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic 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.

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<b>Our YouTube Live Stream:</b>	<a href="https://youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon">youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon</a>
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<b>Our Diocesan Website:</b>	<a href="http://acrod.org">acrod.org</a>

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*Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Nancy & Mike Ristvey  
On August 5th*

### Candelabrum Sponsor

August 7

In loving memory of their  
59th Wedding Anniversary  
of their Grandparents  
**Joseph & Helen Jaeger**

From: Grandsons; Gunner Found,  
Andrew Jaeger, and Anthony &  
Dominick Spadafore

August 14

In loving memory of Sister  
**Helen Hromyak**

From: Margie Hromyak

Congratulations to Nancy and Michael Ristvey  
who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary  
on August 5th!

Congratulations to Karen and Jim Hynes who  
celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on  
August 7th!



## Happy Wedding Anniversary

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Nancy & Mike Ristvey

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Karen & Jim Hynes

August 10<sup>th</sup>

Carole & Doane Bailey

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Debbie & Deacon John Anderson

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Lisa & Mike Holmes

August 18<sup>th</sup>

Mary Ann & Gino Tofani

August 19th

Lisa & Justin Bair



### Bulletin Sponsor

August 7

In loving memory of their  
59th Wedding Anniversary  
of their Grandparents  
**Joseph & Helen Jaeger**

From: Granddaughters: Jenna Jaeger, Anya  
Found, Alexandra, Emily & Elizabeth  
Maurer & Madeline Spadafore

August 14

In loving memory of  
**Frank Raiti** on his birthday

From: Dorothy Pacinda

# Happy August Birthday's

August 8 Shannon Baker  
August 12 Henry Van Zanten  
August 15 Mike Holmes  
August 17 Melinda Kroko  
August 19 Kaitlin Chacon  
August 24 Alex Parimuha  
August 26 Jennifer Miller  
August 27 David VanZanten



## MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

### • Sunday, August 14

Dennis Burprich  
Jerry Chupak  
Tom Doyle  
Ed Fabian  
Matt Fabian

### • Sunday, August 21

Dave Firster  
Jim Hynes  
Bob Kapusta  
Steven Lukac  
Steve Lukac

### • Sunday, August 28

Andy Lutz  
Ken Maceyko  
Emil Maurer  
Randy Martin  
Paul McMahon



August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Karen & Jim Hynes

## **Altar Flowers**

August 7

In loving memory of their parents  
**Joseph & Helen Jaeger**  
59th Wedding Anniversary

From: Joseph & Dawn Jaeger, Marie &  
Matt Found, Christine & Emil Maurer, and  
Tania & Eugene Spadafore

August 21

In honor of the marriage of  
**Courteney Lukac & Scott Riddle**

## **Eternal Lamp Sponsor**

August 7

In loving memory of their  
59th Wedding Anniversary  
of **Joseph & Helen Jaeger**

From: Helen Jaeger

August 14

In loving memory of husband  
**Joseph E. Blasko**