



## BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 11-24, 2022

- \*SUN 9/11/2022**      **SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: All Those Who Died  
in 9/11/2001 Attacks  
++Komisin Family  
++Klutcher Family*  
September Board Meeting
- TUES 9/13/2022**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy *Special Intention: Health of Eleanor Cooper, by Her Family*
- WED 9/14/2022**      **ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (HOLYDAY—STRICT FAST)**  
8:45 AM      Selected Hymns from Matins  
9:00 AM      Procession with the Holy Cross and Divine Liturgy
- \*SUN 9/18/2022**      **SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—TONE 5**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Helen Repasky (Perpetual); +Guzi Family (Perpetual)*  
Sunday School Class
- WED 9/21/2022**  
6:00 PM      Moleben to the Holy Cross  
*With Prayers of Special Intention for the Living*
- \*SUN 9/25/2022**      **15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 6**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Charles & +Mary Rowlands (Perpetual)  
+Frank & +Connie Hall (Perpetual)*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Church School Starts September 18th!

A schedule for September through December was reviewed at the Parents' Meeting on August 28th. On September 18th, there will be a lesson and an activity on the theme of the **HOLY CROSS**. Don't miss it!

## Elevation of the Holy Cross—a Strict

**Fast Holyday:** On Wednesday, September 14th, we celebrate the feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, a day set aside to venerate the instrument of Our

Lord's Passion and Death. Divine Liturgy on September 14th will begin at 9:00 AM. Given the solemn nature of this day, we observe a strict fast—no meat or dairy products are to be eaten. *"Your Cross we adore, O Master, and Your holy resurrection we glorify!"*

**Local Event:** GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 315 West Englewood Avenue in New Castle on September 17th & 18th, 2022. 11:00 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE 2022

### Winners:

1<sup>ST</sup> (\$400) Martin Gargano, Tyler Gargano, Patrick Murphy, Mike Kelly  
2<sup>nd</sup> \$300) Don Pletcher, Willie Pletcher, Arran, Sasha Petrochko  
3<sup>rd</sup> (\$100) Ray Sadowski, John Vanwye, Jim Speir, Ben Armando

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$24,931.26

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$11,714.85

**PROFIT:** **\$13,216.41**

*10% to Tithe for Charities = \$1,321.64*

*September 2, 2022: Submitted by Ed & Francine Fabian  
Books were balanced with Stephen Saluga & Dorothy Pacinda*

***Our gratitude is extended to Golf Chairpersons Ed and Francine,  
and to ALL who worked so hard for this event!***

**Sunday, October 9, 2022**

*Columbus Day Weekend*

**6:00—8:00(ish) PM**

## **On the Church Grounds**

We'll have a **fire** going, **hot dogs**/sausages and **marshmallows** for roasting, **cider** for drinking, seasonal **activities** for our youth, and finish with **Evening Prayers** outside.

### **ALL are welcome!**

*There is no cost, but please sign up by October 2nd for planning purposes.*

### **Bring Your Own Lawn Chair/ Blanket**

*If you don't have one and need a chair, please let us know beforehand.*

### **Want to Help?**

- You are welcome to bring a food or dessert item to share.
- You can volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up.

*Also, we are looking to see if any parishioners have **cornhole boards and beanbags** they can lend for the evening. If you do, talk to Fr. David.*



**FALL  
FUN  
NIGHT**

**Q&A: "What is Fr. David singing before Divine Liturgy?"**

*Several people have asked Fr. David about the hymns he has been singing for 5-10 minutes before most Sunday and holyday Liturgies over the past couple months.*

*These hymns are taken from the **MATINS** (morning prayer) service, specifically the*

*portion known as the "Praises". These hymns relate to the theme of a given day, like the Resurrection of Christ on Sundays, or a saint or holyday commemorated.*

*While we do not offer the service of Matins, this small selection of hymns can help us quietly and spiritually prepare to participate in the Divine Liturgy.*

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

*"Everything I have is yours." - Luke 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." - Luke 16:13*

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Liturgy every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

# The Miraculous Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of The Mother of God

is coming to the

**Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery from Hawaii**

*The faithful can come and venerate Her on*

***Friday, September 16, 2022.***

*The Icon will be at the Monastery during the hours of*  
***9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.***



This is a huge Blessing for the  
Monastery & the Faithful

*With much gratitude to  
Father Nectarios Yangson, guardian of the  
Holy Icon for bringing Panagia  
back to our Monastery so the  
faithful can venerate and be  
blessed by Her myrrh.*

We welcome you and ask for your continued  
prayers for our Monastery.

In Christ's Love,  
Gerontissa Theophano & my Sisterhood

121 St.Elias Lane Saxonburg, PA 16056 724-352-3999

[www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org](http://www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org)

***If anyone plans to go, please note the following from the Monastery website:*** "All visitors must dress modestly and remain this way until they leave the Monastery grounds. Women must wear modest clothing for example long skirts and sleeved tops. No pants/slacks, shorts mini-skirts, sleeveless blouses/tops or tight clothing. Men must wear long pants and sleeved shirts. If you are not appropriately dressed, one of the sisters will provide you with suitable clothes."

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*Rev. Father David Mastroberte*  
*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

*A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese – Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople*

## 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>
<b>Our Facebook Page:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA">facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA</a>
<b>Our Diocesan Website:</b>	<a href="http://acrod.org">acrod.org</a>

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### TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE

September 11: Gary & Kathy Yonchak

September 25: The Figiels

September 18: Sue, Rich & Richie Preston

October 2: Julie Lukac and Mary Ann

## OCTOBER 2022 Pirohi Schedule

**Wednesday, October 5**

11:00 AM  
Potato Prep

**Thursday, October 6**

6:00 PM  
Filling Prep

**Friday, October 7**

8:00 AM  
Pirohi Making and Sale

*We are grateful to all those  
who are able to help pre-  
pare these delicious dump-  
lings!*

## October 2022 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: October 2, 2022*  
724-981-0571

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato-Cheese Pirohi @ **\$9.00**/dozen

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter and Onions

**Total Amount Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up on Friday, October 7, 2022  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM

*(Doors Open at Noon)*