



*"Do not be amazed;
you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has risen, he is not here;
see the place where they laid him."
(Mark 16:6)*

BULLETIN FOR APRIL 30-MAY 13, 2023

***SUN 4/30/2023** **THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

Perpetual Commemorations for April 30-May 6:
ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.
POPADICS, John & Mary; Irene & Chester O'KRESIK;
Peter & Mary O'SHANICK
MISINAY, Joseph, Mary, Joseph & Daniel
TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

TUES 5/2/2023 **Saint of the Day: St. Athanasius the Great**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

***SUN 5/7/2023** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC**
PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

Perpetual Commemorations for May 7-13:
PENICK, John
TACZAK, Mary and William Sr.
KARAS, Agnes & Andrew

TUES 5/9/2023 **Saint of the Day: Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

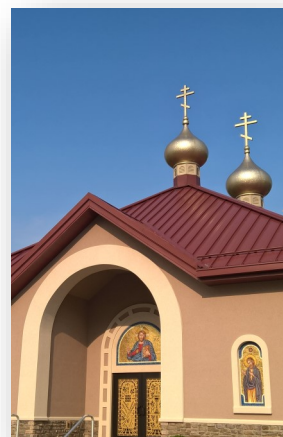
***SUN 5/14/2023** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
MOTHER'S DAY
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Prayers for the Special Intention of All Mothers
Panachida for All Departed Mothers

Perpetual Commemorations for May 14-20:
KRAYNAK, Anna & John Sr.
VANSACH, John & Helen



SAINT JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Marking the 85th
Anniversary of Our Founding
and the 10th Anniversary
of Our Relocation*



with

HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN GREGORY

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Celebratory Meal in the Fellowship Hall to Follow
(Pre-Purchased Tickets)

Remember:

Be sure to arrive EARLY on May 7th!
Metropolitan Gregory will be formally welcomed
at the doors of the church at 10:00 AM,
so plan to arrive *before* that
so that we can ALL be in our seats as he walks in.

—Let us gather to thank the Lord for all of His blessings—

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Sunday – INFO NEEDED: We are going to plan our annual Graduate Sunday in May or early June—once we can find a Sunday that works for the graduates. **Parents, please let Fr. David know NOW if you have a graduate in your household** by sending an e-mail to father.david@stjohnacro.org with the following information: **Name** of graduate; **school** from which he/she is graduating from; any post-graduation **plans** (college/further education, job, etc.).

Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 28: Our annual Procession to the Cemetery Cross, Panachida, and Blessing of the Cemetery will take place after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 28. (In case of bad weather, we will offer a Panachida in church, and reschedule the procession and blessing.)

Mark Your Calendars! Our 3rd Annual **St. John's Pierogi Walk/Run** will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at LindenPointe. More information will be forthcoming!

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

To Father David and all parishioners,

Thank you for the thoughtful remembrance and cake on my 90th birthday. I love my church and all the memories. Your cards, gifts and prayers touched my heart. Thank you so much. Bless you all. You are always in my prayers.

Love, Julianne Lukac

Christos Voskrese!!

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" - John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make him feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too - just as God, Our Father, sees us.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road. while He opened to us the scriptures?" - Luke 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE	
April 30: Anna Marie Shears	May 14: David & Michelle Firster
May 7: Gino & Mary Ann Tofani	May 21: OPEN! Sign Up!

The Stewardship of the Myrrhbearing Women

*From the Department of Stewardship
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese—goarch.org*



Another icon depicting the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shows the women disciples going to the tomb on the first day of the week. On that Sunday morning, the first witnesses of this amazing event are the women who found the tomb empty! The angel of the Lord asks, *"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee..."* The news of great joy, announcing the Resurrection, resounds throughout the entire world.

We see the courage of the women who went to the Tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. It is a courage that is expressed by faith as they consider how they might roll the stone away from the Tomb.

What a beautiful expression of STEWARDSHIP — to move forward without any expectation of the outcome, regardless of potential obstacles. The myrrh-bearing women have no guarantee of success, yet they are motivated by their faith to do what is right and proper. The result is that they became the first to preach the Good News of the Resurrection.

We, too, are witnesses of the Resurrection when we live a life centered in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Managing our Time, Talents, and Treasure as stewards of the Resurrected Lord puts forth the message of our precious Orthodox Christian Faith. We are the Church of the Resurrection and we have the responsibility to preserve the true Faith and "proclaim the glad tidings" to all people.

Christ is Risen from the dead and by His death He has trampled upon death and to those in the tombs He bestows life!

See: Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18

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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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Our YouTube Live Stream:	youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon
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Our Diocesan Website:	acrod.org

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