



*Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
(John 4:13-14)*

BULLETIN FOR MAY 14-27, 2023

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, we pause to honor all mothers.

May God grant many, blessed years to all mothers!

May God grant eternal rest and blessed repose to our departed mothers!

A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

***SUN 5/14/2023** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**
MOTHER’S DAY
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy *with 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
BOGDAN, George

MON 5/15/2023
6:00 PM Board Meeting

TUES 5/16/2023
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

~~**WED 5/17/2023**~~ ~~Akathist Service~~ **Canceled!**

***SUN 5/21/2023** **SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — THE BLIND MAN**
SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

WED 5/24/2023
6:00 PM Great Vespers for the Holyday

THURS 5/25/2023 **ASCENSION OF CHRIST (HOLYDAY)**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

***SUN 5/28/2023** **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA — HOLY FATHERS**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Memorial Day Observance in Cemetery

Perpetual Commemorations for May 28-June 3:
DOBROVOLSKI, Peter & Julia, Michael, Andrew & Peter,
Rose, Pauline, Helen, Anna, Julia, Mary
EVERETT, Marjorie & Helen
BOUSLOUGH, Harold E.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Board Meeting will take place on Monday, May 15 at 6:00 PM.

Golf Meeting on Sunday, May 21 after services.

The Akathist Service scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 is *canceled*.

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.)*

Monthly “Service & Pot-Luck Night” Idea: Every Lent, when we have our Wednesday Pot-Luck meals after Presanctified Liturgy, parishioners share how much they enjoy these opportunities for breaking bread and fellowship. Some parishioners have even commented that they miss them once Lent is over. Because of this, Fr. David is wondering if there is interest in having a **Monthly Service and Pot-Luck Night**. Rather than do it on a Wednesday (i.e. a fast day) we could do it on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, thus expanding the menu to non-fasting foods. The service would not be a Liturgy, but something roughly 30 minutes in length, like Vespers, Paraklis, a Moleben, etc. **Let Fr. David know if you would be interested in participating if we started having these!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Camp Nazareth Family Day: Sunday, June 11, 2023

July Pirohi Making: Friday, July 14, 2023

3rd Annual St. John’s Pierogi Walk/Run: Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM.
Entry forms, sign-up sheet for volunteers, and sponsorship forms available!

St. John’s Golf Scramble: Saturday, August 19, 2023
Entry forms and sponsorship forms available!

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...' - Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." - 1 Peter 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

***There are a number of dates open for the Traveling Icon.
Please sign up!***

TRAVELING ICON SCHEDULE
May 14: David & Michelle Firster
May 21: OPEN! Sign Up!

The Jaeger Families would like to extend sincere thanks to Paula Kuselko, choir director for the handmade cross displayed in the choir loft in memory of our beloved husband, dad, and grandpa, Joseph V. Jaeger. Special thanks to Fr. David for getting the beautiful icon from the Ukraine which adorns the cross and the special blessing prayers.

Your act of kindness signifying the 50 years that Professor Joseph Jaeger served as St John's choir director and cantor will always be appreciated by his families and those who enjoyed his singing.

May God Bless you!



Your thoughtfulness
meant so much to ^{us} me,
and ^{we} I just want
you to know
^{we} I truly appreciate it.

With love and respect,
The Jaeger
Families

Our Anniversary Celebration—A Success!

Last Sunday's joint 85th Anniversary and 10th Anniversary celebration was such a fantastic and memorable day in the life of our parish.

We started the day with a beautiful Paschal Hierarchical Liturgy with our Metropolitan Gregory. We followed that with a bountiful banquet, and ample time for fellowship. We enjoyed spending time with one another in our beautiful church and elegant hall as we reminisced about the past and thought about our church's future.

Metropolitan Gregory thoroughly enjoyed praying with our community and having the opportunity to visit with his flock here in Hermitage.

Overall, this Anniversary Celebration was a great representation of the best of Saint John's Orthodox Church. ***Thank you all for your participation and help!***

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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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