



“Spirit of Truth... Come and Dwell Within Us!”

*— We Celebrate the Great Feast of **Pentecost** on Sunday, June 4 —*

BULLETIN FOR MAY 28-JUNE 17, 2023



***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.

TUES 5/30/2023
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

FRI 6/2/20223 **EVE OF SOUL SATURDAY**
6:00 PM Parastas (*Memorial Service*) and Reading of Names of Departed

SAT 6/3/2023 **EVE OF PENTECOST**
4:00 PM Vespers for Pentecost



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| *SUN | 6/4/2023 | PENTECOST – THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers |
| MON | 6/5/2023 | PENTECOST MONDAY |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy and Procession |
| *SUN | 6/11/2023 | SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS |
| | | FAMILY DAY AT CAMP NAZARETH |
| | 8:00 AM | “Pro-Liturgy” (Obidnitsa) Service Our Church |
| | 10:00 AM | Divine Liturgy at Camp Nazareth’s Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church |
| MON | 6/12/2023 | APOSTLES’ FAST BEGINS TODAY |
| | 6:00 PM | June Board Meeting |
| WED | 6/14/2023 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Moleben to Jesus Christ |
| | | <i>With Prayers for the Special Intention of the Living</i> |
| *SUN | 6/18/2023 | ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUS & ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA |
| | | FATHER’S DAY |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| | | <i>Prayers for All Fathers, Living and Departed</i> |

Perpetual Commemorations for June 18-24:

FELTOVICH, John Sr., Mary and Jack, George, Steven, Carol

PACINDA, Joseph

RAITI, Frank

VARGA, Louie & Margie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wear GREEN on Pentecost Sunday, June 4! On the 50th day after Pascha, we celebrate the holyday of the Descent of the Holy Spirit—Pentecost. This is the second most important holyday in the Church's calendar, after the Resurrection. Since the Holy Spirit is called the "Giver of Life", it is a very old Slavic custom to decorate the church for Pentecost with greenery, and for the vestments and altar covers to be green as well. **YOU are welcome to join in, too!** Consider wearing something green to church on Sunday, June 4th. This is a great way to get into the spirit of our church's celebration!

Family Day at Camp Nazareth is Sunday, June 11th. The informational poster for this event is later in the bulletin. This is a **GREAT** event for **ALL** ages! Enjoy the surroundings and amenities of Camp Nazareth, which is "our slice of Paradise" as Metropolitan Gregory likes to call it. **Divine Liturgy at Camp Nazareth will begin at 10:00 AM.**

As in past years, an early "Pro-Liturgy" Service (without Holy Communion) will be offered at our church at 8:00 AM on June 11th, for the benefit of those unable to attend Liturgy at Camp Nazareth.

Prayer Service with Prayers for the Living/Sick will be offered on Wednesday, June 14 at 6:00 PM. We will have a Moleben to Our Lord Jesus Christ. You are invited to submit a list of names of the LIVING for this service. Please use the provided forms.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Graduate Sunday: Sunday, June 25, 2023

July Pirohi Making: Friday, July 14, 2023—*More info in the next bulletin!*

3rd Annual St. John's Pierogi Walk/Run: Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM.

- ***Sign-up sheet for volunteers, and sponsorship forms available in the hall!***

St. John's Golf Scramble: Saturday, August 19, 2023

- ***Entry forms and sponsorship forms available in the hall!***

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." - 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

"I am praying for them..." - John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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!**



**CAMP NAZARETH
ANNUAL FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023**

FELLOWSHIP & FUN ALL DAY

**GREAT FOOD, MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, SWIMMING,
CRAFT ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND MORE!**

10AM -- DIVINE LITURGY

LUNCH/PICNIC FOLLOWING LITURGY

MENU:

**PRIME RIB SANDWICH
BALSAMIC LEMON CHICKEN
ROASTED POTATOES
HOMEMADE MAC & CHEESE
TOSSED SALAD
WATERMELON
CHIPS/DIP
HOMEMADE DESSERTS
DRINKS**

VEGETARIAN OPTION: VEGETABLE PRIMAVERA

ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 13 : \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

**FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (INCLUDES 2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN UNDER
AGE 13)**

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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