

**WHOEVER WANTS TO BE
MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY
THEMSELVES AND TAKE
UP THEIR CROSS AND
FOLLOW ME.**

JESUS (MARK 8:34)



Bulletin for September 17-30, 2023

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

*SUN 9/17/2023 SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for September 17-23:

*RISTVEY Family: Michael, Anna, John, Stephanie, Steve, Ann, Stevie,
Joseph, Nicholas, George, Mary, Susan, Ann, John, Susan
& KANISHAK Family: Andrew, Evelyn, Dorothy
REPASKY, Helen
GUZI, Frank
ROWLANDS, Charles & Mary*

TUES 9/19/2023 ***Post-Festive Day: Exaltation of the Cross***
9:00 AM ***Martyr Trophimus & Companions***
Divine Liturgy
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

WED 9/20/2023
6:00 PM Moleben (Prayer Service) in Honor of the Holy Cross
With Prayers of Special Intention for the Living

*SUN 9/24/2023 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 7
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for September 24-30:

HALL, Frank & Connie

TUES 9/26/2023 ***Apostle John the Theologian***
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

*SUN 10/1/2023 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8
9:00 AM PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)
Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for October 1-7:

*GIROSKI, John, Anna, John Roger
VOLSKO, George & Ann*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are an active parishioner of our parish and are NOT receiving “**The Church Messenger**” monthly in the mail from the Diocese, please let Fr. David know. *Thank you!*

Honor the Cross and Pray for Your Loved Ones

This Wednesday, September 20, as we continue to celebrate the holyday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we will offer a **Moleben (Prayer Service)** in Honor of the Cross at 6:00 PM. *(For those who are curious, this service is about 30 minutes in length.)*

We will include **prayers for the health and salvation of the LIVING** during this service. Fr. David still has the August Prayer Lists on hand – if you submitted one during August, these will still be used. If you would like to submit a new or updated list, please use the available sheets.

SOMETHING TO PONDER: *If you visit Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Johnstown, you will see the grave of the late Bishop John R. Martin. He served as the ruling hierarch of our American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese and fell asleep in the Lord in 1984. One of his best-known quotes is inscribed on his tombstone: “If you had been the only soul in the world to have committed a sin, Christ still would have died on the cross for you. He would have gone through the same agony, scourging, passion and death that He endured for the whole world. That is how important you are as a single individual soul.”*

We offer our sincerest condolences to all the family and friends of +HELEN KACHAYLO who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, September 8, 2023 at the age of 91. May God grant His newly-reposed servant +HELEN blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom! Eternal Memory! Vičnaja jej pamjat!



Sunday, October 8, 2023

Columbus Day Weekend

5:00 PM until 7:30ish

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 offer **Evening Prayers** outside (*around 7:00 PM*).

—**AND**—Fr. David is planning on making a big pot of Hungarian **Gulyás** over the fire!

ALL are Welcome!

There is no cost, but please sign up by October 1st for planning purposes.

Bring Your Own Chair/Blanket

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

Sign-Up for Sides!

You are welcome to bring a food or dessert item to share. Please list it on the sign-up sheet so we don't have duplicates.

- **If you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up, talk to Fr. David.**



2ND ANNUAL

FALL

FUN

NIGHT

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to the Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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THANK YOU for your continued support of the ministries of Saint John's Orthodox Church! We are able to witness to the Orthodox Christian Faith in this region because of the generosity of our members and friends. May God bless your stewardship!

OUR FALL PIROHI SALES ARE *ALMOST* HERE!

— Friday, October 13, 2023 —

*(Are you superstitious about “Friday the 13th”, especially in October?
Well, don’t be, because we are Christians!)*

— Friday, November 3, 2023 —

OCTOBER 2023 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, October 11
11:00 AM
Potato Prep

Thursday, October 12
6:00 PM
Filling Prep

Friday, October 13
8:00 AM
Pirohi Making and Sale

*Be sure to tell your
family, friends, neighbors,
coworkers, etc.
about our pirohi sale!*

October 2023 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: Sunday, October 8, 2023
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 13, 2023
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

(Doors Open at Noon)

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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

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