BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 15-28, 2023

*Sun 10/15/2023 19th Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 2

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for October 15-21:

BENYA, Michael Sr., Catherine, Michael Jr., Matthew, Mary, Kasha,

Steve, Betty, Peter, Catherine, John, Andrew, George,

Helen, Charles, Joseph

SOBEY, John Sr, Pauline, Anna, George, Andrew & John Jr.,

Julia, Charles, Pauline HANDO, John & Dorothy

Youth Lesson with Fr. David After Liturgy

WED 10/18/2023 Saint of the Day: Apostle Luke the Evangelist

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)

With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

*Sun 10/22/2023 20th Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 3

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for October 22-28:

SOBEY, Charles & Betsy

BOLDISH FAMILY, Luka, Sophia, Frank, John, Mary, Ann, William, Eleanora, Ronald, Rose, Michael, Irene, Marie

REPASKY, Stephen and Mildred and Family

MON 10/23/2023 Saint of the Day: Apostle James, Brother of the Lord

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint James the Apostle

WED 10/25/2023 Saint of the Day: St. Tabitha

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)

With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations

*Sun 10/29/2023 21st Sunday After Pentecost—Tone 4

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Reception into the Orthodox Church of Sabrina Nichols

Perpetual Commemorations for October 29-November 3:

WANCHISIN, Andrew, Anna, Stephen, Peter, Mary, Andrew, Anna, John,

Michael, George, Mary & Ellen, Frank, Mary & Charles

PACINDA, George

BERGKESSEL, Joseph & Helen; Robert. Arthur & Joann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Special Event: "Divine Liturgy of St. James" on October 23rd

Within our Eastern Orthodox Church, we have several Eucharistic liturgies. On most occasions, we use the "Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom". On the Sundays of Lent and certain other times, we use the "Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great." On Lenten weekdays, we offer the "Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts." However, to summarize 2,000 years of complex liturgical history, there were (and are) other forms of the Eucharistic liturgy.



The "Divine Liturgy of the Holy Apostle James" has its origins in the ancient liturgy of the Church of Jerusalem. It bears the name "of St. James" because he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. Over the centuries, it fell into disuse, but in the 19th century and throughout the 20th century, many attempts were made to revive it on special occasions.

With the blessing of Metropolitan Gregory, we will celebrate this Liturgy on the feast of St. James—Monday, October 23, 2023 at 9:00 AM. This is a unique liturgical experience—don't miss out! How appropriate that, as we pray for peace in the Holy Land, we will offer this ancient Liturgy that originated in Jerusalem!

Information Update Forms

In order to stay up-to-date with our computerized records and prepare for a future up-dated Parish Directory, we now have forms that you can fill out to either update or correct any personal information such as your address, phone number, e-mail; to include missing information; or when there is a birth in your family. The forms are available from Board Secretary Francine Fabian in the church office.

Perpetual Commemoration List Review

As we update records, Fr. David is also making sure that the Perpetual Commemoration list is current. A copy of the "master list" is in the hall. If you are responsible for any of these services, please take a moment to review. If you need to make updates, please talk to Fr. David.

■ 2024 ACRY "Lots o' Luck" Raffle Calendars

These are now available in the church office. Each calendar is \$25. Proceeds benefit the work of the National ACRY. Please support this worthwhile effort!

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

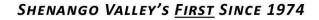
"Render therefore for to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what he gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Chinese Auction 2023

See the poster on the next page! Your help is needed with this event. Your monetary donations to help purchase our prizes are graciously accepted. In addition, we will be accepting gift cards (your choice) and/or major sponsors: Basket Raffle—\$300 and Main Raffle—\$500.

Thank you again for your support! This event could not happen without you! Please see Mary Ann and Renee if you would like to help, or for more information!



CHINESE AUCTION

Saint John's Orthodox Church Hall

3180 Morefield Road, Hermitage

Sunday, November 19, 2023

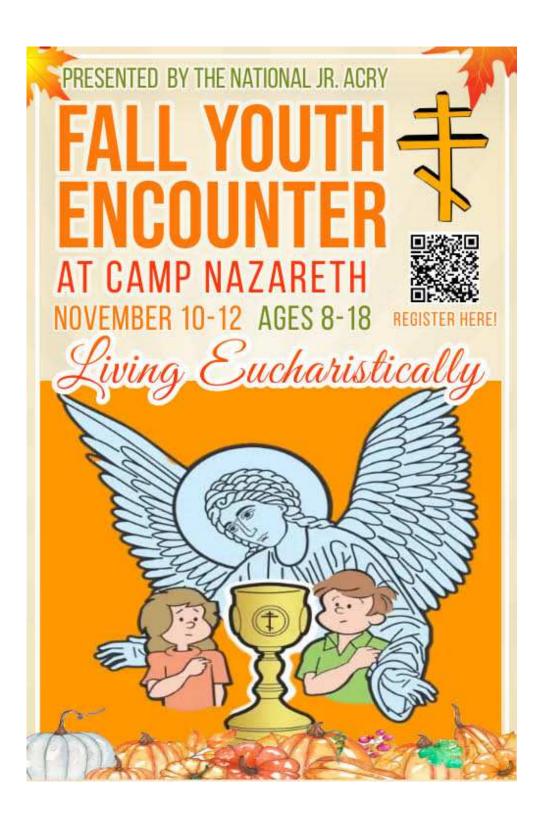
Doors Open at 1:00 PM **Drawing Begins** at 3:00 PM

Buy and Place Your Tickets Early!
Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Admission: \$5.00

Includes 1 Sheet of Tickets, Cake and Coffee Extra Sheets: \$3/Sheet or 4/\$10

For More Information: (724) 981-0571 stjohnacroc.org



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Honoring of Veterans:

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Nativity Fast (Advent) Begins:

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Chinese Auction:

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Election of Officers Meeting:

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Christmas Market:

Saturday, December 9, 2023

St. Nicholas Celebration:

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Christmas:

Monday, December 25, 2023

NOVEMBER 2023 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, November 1

11:00 AM Potato Prep

Thursday, November 2

6:00 PM Filling Prep

Friday, November 3

8:00 AM Pirohi Making and Sale



November 2023 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: Sunday, October 29, 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, November 3, 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. <u>The Church does not permit cremation.</u>

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