

# BULLETIN FOR OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 11, 2023

**\*SUNDAY, 10/29/2023**

**21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 4**

9:00 AM            Divine Liturgy  
                         Reception into the Orthodox  
                         Church of Sabrina Nichols

**Perpetual Commemorations 10/29-11/4:**

WANCHISIN, Andrew, Anna, Stephen, Peter,  
Mary, Andrew, Anna, John, Michael, George,  
Mary & Ellen, Frank, Mary & Charles  
PACINDA, George  
BERGKESSEL, Joseph & Helen; Robert. Arthur &  
Joann

**TUESDAY, 10/31/2023**

**Saint of the Day: Apostle Stachys of the 70**

9:00 AM            Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)  
                         With Weekly Perpetual  
                         Commemorations

**WEDNESDAY, 11/1/2023**

11:00 AM           Potato Prep

**THURSDAY, 11/2/2023**

6:00 PM            Filling Prep

**FRIDAY, 11/3/2023**

8:00 AM            Pirohi Making and Sale

**\*SUNDAY, 11/5/2023**

**22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 5**

9:00 AM            Divine Liturgy

**Panachida:** +Marcia Lenhart 40th Day, by the Family

**Perpetual Commemorations 11/5-11/11:**

PAVLICK, John Sr & Katherine, John & Margaret,  
George & Hazel, Andrew, Joseph & Katherine,  
Paul, Ruth, Paul Denny, Bob Pavlick  
SOLOININKA, Michael & Martha  
POLOCHAK, John & Katherine  
ADAMS, Estelle (Ledney)

**WEDNESDAY, 11/8/2023**

**ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND THE HOLY ANGELS**

9:00 AM            Divine Liturgy  
                         With Panachida for  
                         Weekly Perpetual  
                         Commemorations

**THURSDAY, 11/9/2023**

**SAINT NEKTARIOS THE WONDER-WORKER**

6:00 PM            Moleben to St. Nektarios  
                         With Prayers of Special  
                         Intention for the Living/Sick

⇒ **St. Nektarios is a patron saint for those suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses. You are welcome to submit names of the living for this prayer service.**

**SATURDAY, 11/11/2023**

Nichols-Lukac Wedding

**\*SUNDAY, 11/12/2023**

**23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 6**

9:00 AM            Divine Liturgy  
                         Honoring of Veterans

**Perpetual Commemorations**

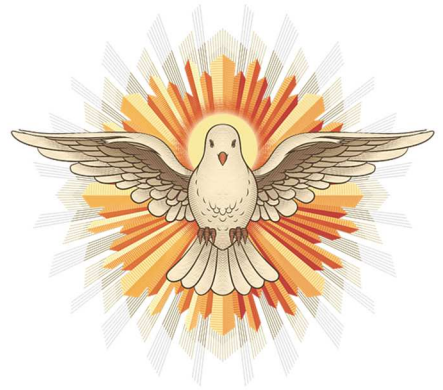
**for November 12-18:**

VALENT, George & Anna, Harold Bouslough  
O'SHANIC, Joseph & Margaret



Saint  
Nektarios

*Congratulations to **SABRINA GRACE NICHOLS** who was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through Chrismation on Sunday, October 29, 2023. May God grant her many, blessed years!*



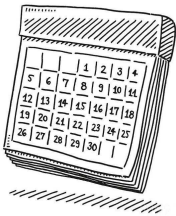
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We will honor our parish veterans** this year on the Sunday after Veterans Day—Sunday, November 12. *All those who served in the armed forces are invited to participate!*

**Cemetery Reminder:** As October is coming to a close, now is the time to remove summer flowers from graves. Our cemetery sign says this should be done by October 30, so please do this as soon as possible. Let your relatives know, too. *Thank you for your assistance!*

**Youth Lesson with Fr. David on Sunday, November 12** after services. Parents, all youth are encouraged to attend—no need to sign up!



**2024 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS** have again been provided to our parish through the generosity of our good friends at **TOMON FUNERAL SERVICES**. We thank them for this annual gift, and ask God to bless them for many years! Please consider utilizing their excellent services.

The Three **Banns of Marriage** for **STEVEN JOSEPH LUKAC** and **SABRINA GRACE NICHOLS** are announced on Sundays October 22, October 29, and November 5. They are scheduled to be crowned in the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, November 11. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this joyous day!

# STEWARDSHIP

*From Dan Hromyak*

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37*

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are, is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23-12*

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is a relationship. A relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

## 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!***

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# 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](http://stjohnacroc.org)

# ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS MEETING NOTICE

**Our Annual Election of Officers Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** following Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing who are current on their spiritual and material commitments to the parish (*including the reception of Holy Communion and Holy Confession*) are asked to attend. If you are interested in serving on the 2024 Church Board, please speak with Jim Hynes.

In addition to the election of the 2024 board members, we will be voting on the following two **amendments to the church by-laws**: one to update the location of our church from Sharon to Hermitage, and the other to set parameters around the use of online bill payments. Please familiarize yourself with these by-laws revisions as listed below:

***“ARTICLE 1, SECTION 1.- is stricken in part while the remainder of said paragraph shall remain in full force and effect and the following substitution made:***

***The name of this corporation shall be Saint John Orthodox Church of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, and all references in the present-day By-Laws referring to Sharon, Pennsylvania are hereby deleted and reinstated as 3180 Morefield Road, Hermitage, Pennsylvania 16148.***

***ARTICLE V, SECTION 3 d.- is stricken in part while the remainder of said paragraph shall remain in full force and effect and the following substitute made:***

***“All bills shall be paid by checks, signed by the President, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer” is hereby amended to “The Church Board, on a case-by-case basis, can direct and authorize the Treasurer to make arrangements with utility companies or any other monthly financial obligations, to use the new banking process of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), which voids the necessity to sign physical checks to a utility or any other approved monthly bill each month.”***

***In all other respects and aspects, BY-LAWS OF SAINT JOHN ORTHODOX CHURCH shall remain in full force and effect.”***

# 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)*

# SAINT JOHN'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Clergy:*  
*Rev. Father David Mastroberte*  
*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

*A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese – Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople*

## 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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<b>Our Church’s Website:</b>	<a href="http://stjohnacroc.org">stjohnacroc.org</a>
<b>Our YouTube Live Stream:</b>	<a href="https://youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon">youtube.com/user/saintjohnsharon</a>
<b>Our Facebook Page:</b>	<a href="https://facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA">facebook.com/SaintJohnHermitagePA</a>
<b>Our Diocesan Website:</b>	<a href="http://acrod.org">acrod.org</a>

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