

## BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 18-MARCH 2, 2024

**\*SUN 2/18/2024**      **ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY – TONE 4**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

*Perpetual Commemorations for February 18-24, 2024:*

*STROKE, Frederick & Julia*

*HOLLIDAY, Mike & Mary*

*GULA, Metro, Paraska, Peter & Steve*

**WED 2/21/2024**      *Saint of the Day: St. Timothy of Symbola*  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy (Chapel)  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**\*SUN 2/25/2024**      **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE – TRIODION BEGINS**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

*Perpetual Commemorations for February 25-March 2, 2024:*

*POLANSKY, George & Anna*

*ANDRAS, John Sr. & Helen*

*SENAY, John & Mary, Anna & Kermit, Michael, Betty & Dennis*

*FREJIK, Mike & Ruth, Mary Hajduk*

**THURS 2/29/2024**      *Saint of the Day: St. John Cassian*  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy (Chapel)  
*With Prayers for the Special Intention of His All-Holiness*  
*Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on His Birthday*  
*And with Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**\*SUN 3/3/2024**      **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
9:00 AM      Divine Liturgy

*Perpetual Commemorations for March 3-9, 2024:*

*FREJIK, Mike & Ruth; Mary Hajduk*

*CHUBA Tom, George, Susan, Michael, John, Mary, Anna, George,  
Sue, Anne, Andy, Ann, Heather, Steve, Helen*

*REPASKY, Stephen, Mildred, John & Helen*

*HOLMES, Charles*

# Feast Before the Fast

## Pre-Lenten Breakfast

Join us for a time of celebration before we start Great Lent together as a community!

**Sunday,  
March 17, 2024**  
After Liturgy

Please sign up in the Hall by March 10.

VESPERS for the Start of Great Lent will begin after breakfast and clean-up.



## ***FAST-FREE WEEK: FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 2, 2024***

*As we approach the season of Great Lent, the Church gives us an opportunity to celebrate and relax the weekly discipline of fasting. There is no fasting during the week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Meat products may be eaten every day, including Wednesday and Friday. The Pharisee in the parable boasted of fasting twice a week, so that week, we do the opposite!*

***Great Lent Begins on March 18, 2024 – Pascha is May 5, 2024***

## ■ ANNOUNCEMENTS ■

The **First Soul Saturday** is on March 9. Divine Liturgy and Panachida with the Reading of Names will be at 9:00 AM. *Hramoty* envelopes are available on the information table in the hall. Please use them to list the names of your departed to be remembered on the Soul Saturdays this year.

### **Special Birthday Prayers for Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**

*Fun Fact: His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew only gets a birthday every four years. Yes, he was born on “Leap Day” – February 29! This year, we will offer a weekday Divine Liturgy on Thursday, February 29 at 9:00 AM. In addition to celebrating St. John Cassian (the saint remembered on February 29) and offering prayers for the repose of our weekly Perpetual Commemorations, we will also offer prayers for the special intention of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew on his birthday. Eis polla eti, Despota!*

### **New Cemetery Flag**

We thank Gary Yonchak, assisted by Jerry Chupak, for installing the new U.S. Flag on display in the Cemetery. It is always a beautiful thing to see the “Stars and Stripes” proudly flying high over our church grounds. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

*Our deepest condolences are extended to Pauline Koval and to all family and friends at the passing of **Dr. +HELEN KEE**, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 12, 2024. May God grant Helen blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom. Eternal Memory – Vičnaja Jej Pamjat'!*

*Our sympathies are extended to all family and friends at the passing of **+JOHN KRAYNAK**, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 15, 2024. May God grant John blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom. Eternal Memory – Vičnaja Jemu Pamjat'!*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH INVITES YOU TO THE



## St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

305 Struthers-Liberty Rd. | Campbell, OH 44405

### Saturday, March 9

Lunch & Program at 12:30 PM  
Pan-Orthodox Vespers at 2:30 PM

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**  
**FREE WILL OFFERING ENCOURAGED**

*(Proceeds will benefit OCMC ministries around the world.)*

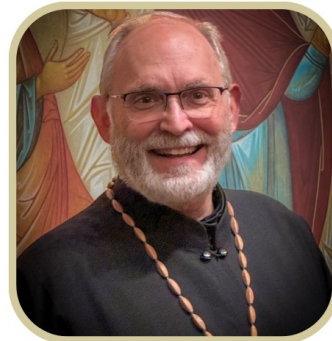
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**For questions, please contact:**

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or OCMC Event Coordinator Elaine Drikakis at [elained@ocmc.org](mailto:elained@ocmc.org)

Donations can be mailed (payable to OCMC with a note) to: 220 Mason Manatee Way | St. Augustine, FL 32086



In-Person OCMC Presentation by:

**Fr. Chris Rowe**

*OCMC Assistant Director of Development*

*With a special Zoom  
presentation by an OCMC  
Missionary serving in the field.*

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DONATE  
TODAY!**



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## THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP By Dan Hromyak

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

"Here I am!" he answered." - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## A Note of Thanks...

From the family of Stephen J. Barcko  
who passed away four days before  
his Christmas Birthday:

To all who paid their respect,  
whether by card or in person I would  
like to personally thank you. All

I know our brother is "truly"  
at home, and resting peacefully.

From his sisters Dorothy B. Wilson  
and  
Helen Mirkovich



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*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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## Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

### February 18, 2024

Jason Baker  
Dave Beight  
Dennis Burprich  
Jerry Chupak  
Tom Doyle

### February 25, 2024

Ed Fabian  
Matt Fabian  
Chad Fette  
Dave Firster  
Jim Hynes

### March 3, 2024

Bob Kapusta  
Steven Lukac  
Steve Lukac  
John Lenhart  
Ken Maceyko

## MARCH 2024 Pirohi Schedule

**Wednesday, March 6**

11:00 AM  
Potato Prep

**Thursday, March 7**

6:00 PM  
Filling Prep

**Friday, March 8**

8:00 AM  
Pirohi Making and Sale



***April Pirohi Sale:  
Friday, April 12, 2024***

## March 2023 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: March 3, 2024  
724-981-0571*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Potato-Cheese Pirohi @ **\$9.00**/dozen

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Butter and Onions

**Total Amount Due:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Pick-Up on Friday, March 8, 2024  
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM

*(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)*



### ***Happy Birthday!***

Dn. John Anderson	February 19
Len Lenhart	February 22
Ronald Figiel	February 23
Janet Kretchek	February 26
Dolores Christy	February 27

*"God Grant You  
Many, Blessed  
Years!"*

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

Ken & Renee Maceyko February 20



## ■ Our Sponsors

### ***Bulletin Sponsor***

*In Memory of +Frederick & +Julia Stroke,  
by daughter Kathy Piston*

### ***Candelabrum on February 18, 2024***

*In Memory of the Repasky Family: Mildred, Steve, Mary, John & Helen,  
by Katie Hartley and Family*

### ***Candelabrum on February 25, 2024***

*In Memory of +Mary Chupak  
by Jerry, Patti & Ryan Chupak*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of February 18, 2024***

*For husband Gregory Cross on His Birthday,  
by Debbie Cross*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of February 25, 2024***

*In Memory of +Mary Chupak on Her Birthday,  
by Jerry, Patti & Ryan Chupak*

