



**BULLETIN FOR  
JUNE 23-JULY 13, 2024**

As a parish community, we offer prayers for the repose of **+DOROTHY PACINDA**, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Dorothy was incredibly dedicated to the life and ministry of our church, especially in her role as treasurer for so many decades. She did this crucial task with great care and professionalism. Her presence in this role and many other activities in the parish will be missed. We offer condolences to brother Bob, nephew Michael, and to all relatives and friends who mourn her passing. **May God grant her blessed repose in His heavenly kingdom!**



*Eternal  
Memory!*

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## CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	6/24/2024	PENTECOST MONDAY – HOLY SPIRIT DAY NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (OUR CHURCH’S HOLYDAY)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Procession
TUES	6/25/2024	
	10 AM-Noon	Visitation ( <i>in Church</i> )
	12:00 Noon	Funeral Service for +Dorothy Pacinda
WED	6/26/2024	PENTECOST WEDNESDAY <i>Saint of the Day: Venerable David of Thessalonica</i>
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
SAT	6/29/2024	LEAVE-TAKING OF PENTECOST HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

**\*SUN 6/30/2024**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — ALL SAINTS  
GRADUATE SUNDAY**

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

***Perpetual Commemorations for June 30-July 6, 2024:***

*VAN ZANTEN Family, Cornelius & Elizabeth; Jacob, Paul, Lena, Jeanette;  
Henry & Evelyn (Ledney); Henry  
VIROSTICK, Peter & Lucille  
DRAGAN, John*

**TUES 7/2/2024**

***Saint of the Day: Translation of the Robe of the Theotokos***

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*

**THURS 7/4/2024**

***HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! GOD BLESS AMERICA!***

**\*SUN 7/7/2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUS**

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

*Served by Fr. Ken Bachofsky*

***Perpetual Commemorations for July 7-13, 2024:***

*SEKERAK, Nicholas & Mary, Carmella, John & MaryLou, Helen, Mary,  
George & Martha KLEIN  
ANDRAS, Helen & John Sr.  
DOBROVOLSKI, Josephine & Andrew*

**\*SUN 7/14/2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

***Perpetual Commemorations for July 14-20, 2024:***

*HARTLEY, Richard  
TRESCILLA, Michael & Susan & Helen ROTH  
LITWILER, Mary & Perl  
BICH, Ronald  
DORUS, Joseph & Anna; David Dorus; Robert Sorokach*



**Natalee Ristvey**  
*Hickory High School*

**Anna Loposky**  
*Reynolds Junior/Senior High School*  
*Annie is going to George Washington University for Bio-Medical Engineering*

***Graduates: May God grant you many, blessed years!***

***We pray that you will have much success in all your future endeavors,  
as you continue to grow in your commitment to your Orthodox Christian Faith!***

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saint John's Pierogi 5K: Saturday, July 27, 2024**

**Golf Scramble: Saturday, August 17, 2024**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

– **This is a Three-Week Bulletin.** The next bulletin will be printed on July 14.

– **Celebrate Our Patron Saint on Monday, June 24th**

June 24th is the day when the Orthodox Church remembers the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. This year, it is also Pentecost Monday—the day of the Holy Spirit. Plan to join us for **Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 24th** at 9:00 AM. Following Liturgy, we will hold the traditional Festal Procession with Gospel readings around the church (*outdoors, weather permitting*). *Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John, pray to God for us!*

– **Fr. David will be away July 4-10, 2024.** If you need the services of a priest for an emergency sick call, hospital visit, etc. during that time, please call Fr. Timothy Paproski of St. Nicholas in Warren at 203-804-2030, or any nearby Orthodox priest. If a funeral needs to be scheduled, please call Fr. David's cell phone at 724-813-3172.

– **Welcome, Fr. Ken!** We thank Fr. Ken Bachofsky for offering Divine Liturgy at our church on Sunday, July 7th. Fr. Ken and Pani Mary are not strangers to our community, so please welcome them back and make them feel at home while at Saint John's!

## *A Word of Thanks*

*Dear Board Members and Parishioners,*

*Over the past few weeks, I have been incredibly moved by the show of support and the congratulations extended to me at earning a Master of Theology (ThM) degree from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. I am especially grateful to the Church Board for the cake and the exceedingly generous gift that I received last Sunday. May God bless you for your kindness! I hope that, by furthering my education in this way, I will continue to grow in my service to the people of Saint John's as we all seek Our Lord and His will in our lives.*

*With gratitude,*

*Fr. David*

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## **Thoughts on Stewardship**

*by Dan Hromyak*

*"Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not have faith?'" - Mark 4:40*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him every day. Move your discipleship from head knowledge to heart knowledge.

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 Corinthians 8:14*

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Orthodox faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

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*Rev. Deacon John Anderson*

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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.

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## ***Happy Birthday!***

Kathy Meiss	June 23
Fr. Thomas Blaschak	June 25
Sue Preston	June 30
Linda Sayers	July 5
Josey Dinsmore	July 6
Courteney Riddle	July 8
John Moon	July 9
Elizabeth Figiel	July 13

## ***Happy Anniversary!***

Kraynok, Edward & Sandra	June 24
Fette, Chad & Laura	July 1
Lukac, Steven & Natalie	July 4

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

## ■ **Our Sponsors** ■

### ***Altar Flowers on Sunday, June 23, 2024***

*In Memory of Vivian Miller on the 6th Anniversary of Her Repose, by the Family*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of June 23, 2024***

*God's Blessings On All 2024 Graduates and Their Families*

### ***Bulletin Sponsor for the Week of June 30, 2024***

*In Loving Memory of Mother/Grandmother Helen Andras on Her Birthday  
By Dorothy Pacinda, Bob and Michael Andras*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of June 30, 2024***

*In Honor of Cousin Sue Preston's Birthday, by Debbie & Greg Cross*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of July 7, 2024***

*In Memory of George Varsho, by Katherine & Gary Yonchak*

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

#### **June 23, 2024**

Matt Ristvey  
Tom Ristvey  
Pete Roman  
Steve Saluga  
Milan Shumkaroff

#### **June 30, 2024**

Gino Tofani  
Donald Yasnowsky  
Kevin Yasnowsky  
Gary Yonchak  
Bob Amos

#### **July 7, 2024**

Jason Baker  
Dave Beight  
Dennis Burprich  
Jerry Chupak  
Ed Fabian