

# BULLETIN *for* OCTOBER 20 to NOVEMBER 2, 2024

- \*SUN 10/20/2024** 9:00 AM **17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8**  
Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for October 20-26, 2024:*  
SOBEY, Charles & Betsy  
BOLDISH FAMILY, Luka, Sophia, Frank, John, Mary, Ann, William, Eleanor, Ronald, Rose, Michael, Irene, Marie
- 4:30 PM “Fall Fun” Event
- TUES 10/22/2024** 9:00 AM *Saint of the Day: St. Abercius*  
Parastas/Memorial Service (Chapel)  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*
- WED 10/23/2024** 10:00 AM *Saint of the Day: Apostle James, Brother of the Lord*  
Divine Liturgy of St. James
- \*SUN 10/27/2024** 9:00 AM **18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 1**  
Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for October 20-26, 2024:*  
REPASKY, Stephen and Mildred and Family  
WANCHISIN, Andrew, Anna, Stephen, Peter, Mary, Andrew, Anna, John, Michael, George, Mary & Ellen, Frank, Mary & Charles  
PACINDA, George
- TUES 10/29/2024** 9:00 AM *Saints of the Day: Venerable Martyr Anastasia*  
Divine Liturgy (Chapel)  
*With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations*
- WED 10/30/2024** 11:00 AM Potato Prep
- THURS 10/31/2024** 6:00 PM Filling Prep
- FRI 11/1/2024** 8:00 AM Pirohi Making

\*SUN 11/3/2024  
9:00 AM

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 2  
Divine Liturgy

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

*BERGKESSEL, Joseph & Helen; Robert. Arthur & Joann Sposito*

*PAVLICK, John Sr & Katherine, John & Margaret, George & Hazel, Andrew,*

*Joseph & Katherine, Paul, Ruth, Paul Denny, Bob Pavlick*

*SOLOININKA, Michael & Martha*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS are now available for you to take home. These calendars are a wonderful resource to help guide living an Orthodox Christian life as they include daily Bible readings, the saint or holyday for each day, and a guide to fast days. We are again able to provide these calendars to everyone *free of charge* due to the generosity of our good friends at **JOSEPH A. TOMON, JR. FUNERAL HOME**. We are very grateful to Joe, Patty, and Jennifer for their continued support.



### **Divine Liturgy of St. James on October 23**

Last year, we celebrated the Liturgy of St. James on his holyday, October 23. This special type of service is a form of the ancient liturgy that was used in the city of Jerusalem for many centuries. It has become customary in many parts of the Orthodox world to offer this Liturgy on St. James' day as he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. Since this Liturgy was well-received by all those who attended last year, we will celebrate it again this year. Please join us on **Wednesday, October 23 at 10:00 AM** for this beautiful and unique Eucharistic celebration! (Note the later start time.) Please gather in the HALL before Liturgy.

# Chinese Auction 2024

**Our 50th Chinese Auction is one month away on Sunday, November 24! Admission price is still \$5. Doors open at 1:00 PM and the drawing begins at 3:00 PM. We are looking forward to a wonderful event!**

As always, we need your help. Anyone interested in helping in any way is encouraged to volunteer. Starting on November 11th, we need people to **arrange prizes and buckets on tables, number prizes to match buckets, record prizes noting business donations, and use laptop to create list of prizes.** Monetary donations to help purchase prizes and gift cards are also being accepted. Please mark your envelope number to receive credit on your yearly church offering statement. Donations of Gift Cards will be accepted until November 1, 2024. Monetary donations will be accepted until auction time. ***Thank You!***

## — IMPORTANT DATES —

- November 1: Pirohi Making
- November 10: Honoring of Veterans
- November 15: Nativity Fast (Advent) Begins
- November 24: 50th Chinese Auction
- November 28: Thanksgiving
- December 1: Election of Officers Meeting
- December 8: St. Nicholas Celebration
- December 14: Christmas Market

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All diocesan faithful and friends are cordially invited to become a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor* to further the apostolic works of our God-Saved Diocese.

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## Hurricane Relief Collection: THANK YOU!

On Sundays October 6 and 13, we collected **\$2,438** to benefit the International Orthodox Christian Charity (IOCC) Hurricane Helene Relief efforts. With a Matching Donation from our Tithe Account, we are sending **\$5000** to IOCC. Glory to God! May it be a blessing to many who are suffering and recovering. ***Thank you all for your contributions!***

### STEWARDSHIP

*From Dan Hromyak*

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mark 10:45*

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

*"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." - Mark 10:52*

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

# PIROHI SALE ON NOV. 1

*If you would like to volunteer to help,  
sign up in the church hall.*

*Remember, this will be the last sale  
before Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.  
so be sure to get your order in!*



## November 2024 Pirohi Schedule

**Wednesday, October 30**  
11:00 AM  
Potato Prep

**Thursday, October 31**  
6:00 PM  
Filling Prep

**Friday, November 1**  
8:00 AM  
Pirohi Making and Sale

*Tell your family, friends,  
neighbors, coworkers, etc.  
about our pirohi sale!*

## November 2024 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: Sunday, October 27, 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, November 1, 2024  
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.

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## ***Happy Birthday!***

Mary Blasko	October 20
Theano Joy	October 20
Kelly Figiel	October 23
Robert Andras	October 24
Larry Long	October 24
Kathy Piston	October 24
Lisa Holmes	October 27
Elizabeth Safin	October 27
David Beight	October 28
Debora Waryanka	October 28
Natasha Good	November 1

## ***Happy Anniversary!***

Gregory & Debbie Cross	October 22
Robert & Lorraine Amos	October 28
Kelly & Thomas Hellmann	October 29
Emil & Christine Maurer	October 29

***Altar Flowers on October 27, 2024***

*By Dr. Emil and Christina Maurer  
in Honor of Their 30th  
Wedding Anniversary*

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### ***Bulletin Sponsor***

*In Loving Memory of Husband/Brother-in-Law/Uncle George Pacinda  
By Dorothy Pacinda, Bob and Michael Andras*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of October 20, 2024***

*By Debbie & Greg Cross in Honor of Their 36th Wedding Anniversary  
And In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings!*

### ***Eternal Lamp for the Week of October 27, 2024***

*All God's Blessings to Bob and Lorraine Amos  
on Their 35th Anniversary!*

### ***Candelabrum on October 27, 2024***

*In Memory of Jim Kudelko on His Birthday by Bob and Lorraine Amos*

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

<b>October 20</b>
Robert Miller
John Moon
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey

<b>October 27</b>
Tom Ristvey
Thomas Ristvey
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani

<b>November 3</b>
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker