

BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 17-30, 2024

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

(Updated!)

*SUN	11/17/2024 9:00 AM	21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 4 Divine Liturgy <i>Rescheduled 40th Day Panachida for Fr. Tom Blaschak</i> <i>Perpetual Commemorations for November 17-23:</i> <i>POLANICHKA, Paňi Eleanor</i> <i>VOLSKO, Ann</i> <i>SOBOTA, Peter & Mary</i>
TUES	11/19/2024	NO SERVICE!
THURS	11/21/2024 9:00 AM	HOLYDAY: ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE Divine Liturgy <i>With Panachida for This Week's Perpetual Commemorations</i>
SAT	11/23/2024 6:00 PM	Vespers (Chapel)
*SUN	11/24/2024 9:00 AM	22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 5 Divine Liturgy <i>Perpetual Commemorations for November 24-30:</i> <i>PACINDA, Joseph, Mary, John, Joseph & George</i> <i>JAEGER, Joseph</i> <i>50th Chinese Auction!</i>
TUES	11/26/2024 9:00 AM	St. Alypius the Stylite & St. Stylianos, Protector of Children Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations</i>
WED	11/27/2024 6:00 PM	THANKSGIVING EVE Thanksgiving Service

***SUN 12/1/2024**
9:00 AM

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 6
Divine Liturgy
Annual Election of Officers Meeting After Liturgy

Perpetual Commemorations for December 1-7, 2024:

KUDELKO, Anne

LUKAC, Joseph

HNAT, Michael & Mitzi

POLANSKY, Anna & George, Paul & Ann AMICO



Prayers of Thanksgiving For Your Holiday Dinner

*Before sitting down for your Thanksgiving feast on November 28th,
do not neglect to thank God in **PRAYER!**
Feel free to use the following prayers:*

In the name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

We, Your thankful and unworthy servants, praise and glorify You, O Lord, for the many blessings we have received from You. We bless You, we thank You, we sing to You and we rejoice in Your great mercy. In humility and love, we praise You: O Benefactor and Savior, glory to You.

FALL 2024 PIROHI WRAP-UP

by Lorraine Amos

		GROSS	NET
October 4, 2024	225 1/2 Dozen	\$2057.00	\$1990.00
November 1, 2024	288 Dozen	\$2603.00	\$2603.00
TOTAL	513 1/2 Dozen	\$4660.00	\$4593.00 PROFIT

We want to express our sincerest GRATITUDE to all St. John's Members who gave of their time and talents to participate in our Fall Pirohi Sales. We had awesome turnouts for both sales and were FINISHED by 10:45 am!! There were several "newbies" amongst the workers who quickly became "experts" after an hour! We also THANK the "Pinchers" who kept all those fingers nimble for those 6162 Pirohi !!



We want to give a HUGE SHOUT-OUT to Tommy Ristvey of VEY'S Pub and Grill who generously donated the 25# of cheese and the 250# of potato used in the sales. We also want to thank Jerry Chupak and Steve Saluga who provided the delicious morning donuts, to Melinda Kroko for organizing the luncheon after, and to ALL the ladies who provide the foods. Our next sale will be in March 2025. COME, LAUGH and have FUN with us!!

*We thank Lorraine and Bob
for all their hard work!*



SHENANGO VALLEY'S **ORIGINAL** SINCE 1974

CHINESE AUCTION

Saint John's Orthodox Church Hall
3180 Morefield Road, Hermitage

Sunday, November 24, 2024

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

**Want to Get and Place
Your Tickets Early?**
Saturday, November 23, 2024
1:00-3:00 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

The Nativity Fast (Advent) Continues!

As we journey towards our celebration of the Nativity, let us all focus more deliberately on our spiritual preparation for Christmas:

- **Fast with a joyful heart.** Accept the challenge. Aside from observing the regular weekly fast days of Wednesday and Friday, strive to abstain from meat on additional days, as you are able. (*Christmas Eve is a strict fast day – no meat or dairy.*)
- **Pray every day.** Dust off your prayer book. Crack open your Bible. Make sure you are offering the “**Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge**” from Metropolitan Gregory every evening.
- **Attend additional services.** We have a number of weekday services scheduled.
- **Go to Confession.** Confession is available before all upcoming Sunday and weekday Liturgies and before evening services, ending 10 minutes before the service. Remember: if the door to the “confessional” room is open and the light is on DON’T SIT IN THE FRONT PEW AND WAIT – WALK RIGHT IN. If the door is SHUT, then sit in the front pew. Confessions end 10 minutes before service time. *“Let every heart prepare Him room!”*

Remember: there is no Christmas without CHRIST!

Join Us For Our Annual St. Nicholas Celebration!

December 6th is the holyday of St. Nicholas, a beloved saint known for his faith and generosity. “St. Nicholas” will be making his annual visit to our church on **Sunday, December 8th.**

We will have a potluck meal following Liturgy. All are welcome! (This is a community celebration—it’s not “*just for the kids.*”) A sign-up sheet for those bringing food will be available soon.

Parents, please let Pani Vikkie know by December 1st if your child will be in attendance, so St. Nicholas can prepare accordingly!

—OFFICIAL NOTICE—

The Annual Election of Officers Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 1 after Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing (having received Confession and Communion at least once within the past year and who support the church financially) are invited to participate.

This announcement will be made from the pulpit on Sundays November 17, November 24 and December 1.

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." - Mark 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news - it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" - John 18:36

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

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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.

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

Happy Birthday!

Francine Fabian	November 18
George Horodnic	November 18
Dorothy Wilson	November 19
Lauren Holmes	November 20
Tatiana Mastroberte	November 20
Mary Ann Tofani	November 20
Karen Bich	November 24

Emily Anderson	November 27
Robert Miller	November 27
Kevin Yasnowsky	November 28
Robert Miklos	November 29

Happy Anniversary!

Miklos, Irene & Robert	November 21
Lutz, Andy & Billie	November 27

■ Our Sponsors ■

Bulletin Sponsor for the Week of November 17, 2024

*In Memory of Pani Eleanor Polanichka on the 3rd Anniversary of Her Passing
by Valerie, Justine, Michael David, and Their Families*

Candelabrum on November 17, 2024

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Eternal Lamp for the Week of November 17, 2024

In Memory of Kyle Kupensky and William Taczak

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*In Honor of Dr. Emil & Christina Maurer's 30th Anniversary
by Alexandra, Emily and Elizabeth Maurer*

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Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

November 17

Jim Hynes
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart
Ken Maceyko

November 24

Emil Maurer
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller
John Moon

December 1

Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Thomas Ristvey