

— BULLETIN FOR MARCH 2-15, 2025 —

- SUN 3/2/2025** **CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 2-8, 2025*
FREJIK, Mike & Ruth; Mary Hajduk
CHUBA Tom, George, Susan, Michael, John, Mary, Anna, George & Sue,
Anne, Andrew, Ann, Heather, Steven, Helen
REPASKY, Stephen, Mildred, John, Helen, Mary Jane
HOLMES, Charles
- ~11:30 AM Vespers for Beginning of the Great Fast
- MON 3/3/2025** **FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST (LENT) — STRICT FAST DAY**
6:00 PM Canon of Repentance of St. Andrew of Crete
- WED 3/5/2025**
11:00 AM Potato Prep for Pirohi
5:45 PM Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- FRI 3/7/2025**
6:00 PM Lenten Service: Akathist Hymn to the Passion of Christ
- *SUN 3/9/2025** **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Procession with Icons at the End of Liturgy
Church School Lesson
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 9-15, 2025*
TRESCILLA, Susan & Michael
PALAHUNIK, Vasil & Kathryn, Mary & Perl, Kathryn,
Frances, Steve, Ted, George
- MON 3/10/2025**
6:00 PM March Board Meeting
- TUES 3/11/2025**
9:00 AM Parastas +*Henry VanZanten 1 Year Memorial, by the Family* (Chapel)
- WED 3/12/2025**
5:45 PM Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner

FRI 3/14/2025
9:00 AM Lenten Service: Paraklis to the Mother of God
Note Time! *With Prayers for the Living*

SAT 3/15/2025 **SOUL SATURDAY**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
Panachida and Reading of Names of Departed (Hramoty)

***SUN 3/16/2025** **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Panachida: +Joseph Jaeger, by Renee Koces

Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 16-22, 2025

JAÉGER, Joseph

SPONDIKE, John & Mary

KARAS, Andrew & Agnes

HERCHA, Vasil & Melania

– Announcements –

ALL youth are invited to participate in the **Procession of Icons** at the conclusion of Liturgy on **Sunday, March 9th** – the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Icons will be provided, or they can bring an icon from home. This procession celebrates the “Triumph of Orthodoxy” and the restoration of icons after iconoclasm in the 9th century.

Our 2025 Lenten “Self-Denial” Offerings will benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). All donations will be matched by our Tithe Account. Your Lenten sacrifices will help the propagation of the Orthodox Christian Faith around the world. Please be generous!

Read the Entire Book of Psalms This Lent: Make sure to take a copy of the 2025 Psalm Reading Guide from our Lenten Resource Table. It gives a portion of the Book of Psalms for each weekday of the Great Fast. This is a great (and very manageable) way to incorporate more Scripture in your Lenten efforts.

The first Lenten **Soul Saturday** will be marked with Liturgy on Saturday, March 15 at 9:00 AM. Envelopes to submit names (*hramoty*) are still available.

CONFESSION is available at the following times during Lent:

- **Before Sunday Liturgy from 8:15-8:45 AM**
- **Before Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy from 5:10-5:40 PM**
- **Before Fridays Evening Services from 5:20-5:50 PM**

You do not need to make an appointment or call ahead for these times. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession at a time other than those listed above, please call/text/e-mail Fr. David (724-813-3172, father.david@stjohnnacroc.org).

Remember: Confessions are heard in the left side room (sacristy). If the door to the "confessional" side room is open and the light is on, please WALK IN!

Reminder About the Eucharistic Fast: Those receiving Communion at an evening Liturgy are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. (*Ideally, we should not eat after lunch.*) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy. (Remember: only services titled "Liturgy" have the distribution of Communion. Other services offered during Lent—Vespers, Canons, Molebens, Akathists, Paraklis, Parastas—do *not*.)

Lenten Pot-Luck Dinners: Following most Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgies (*except March 5th and April 2nd*), we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring a Lenten dish, baked good, or a beverage to share with those assembled. This is a great opportunity to gather mid-week and cheer one another on as we go through our Lenten journey as a community!

Easter Candy: We are grateful for all donations of candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Pascha Sunday, April 20. Please leave candy in the hall. (We have plenty of plastic eggs as everyone was very generous last year, so we do not need any more plastic eggs.)

Pussy Willows: This year, we will be sourcing our pussy willows for Palm Sunday from the florist, to ensure that we will have enough for everyone. Because of this, we will not need any clippings from parishioners.

Camp Nazareth Summer Camp Registration is OPEN!

Parents, our parish covers 100% of the costs for our youth to attend. You will need a special registration code to get this discount – contact Fr. David and he will give it to you. (Our Deanery Camping Week is August 3-9.)

Deanery “Afternoon of Reflection and Fellowship”

*Sunday, March 30, 2025
3-6 PM at Camp Nazareth*

The poster is found on the back of the March calendar. Please let Fr. David know by March 23 if you can attend!

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - Luke 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Diocesan Lenten Retreats



For All Orthodox Christians, Family & Friends

CENTRAL REGION

Saint Nicholas Church
903 Ann Street
Homestead PA 15120

Saturday, April 05, 2025

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Topic

Presenter

Adults/Teens

*Suffering and Healing in the Orthodox Tradition
& From Healing to Evangelism*

Fr. Matthew Conjelko

Ages 6-12

Healing through the Eucharist

Fr. David Urban

Akathist Hymn to the Mother will be served with fellowship meal being offered during the retreat

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 3/22/25

EASTERN REGION

Saints Peter & Paul Church
66 Beach Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Saturday, March 29, 2025

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Topic

Presenter

Adults/Teens

"Let Us Prepare Ourselves For Salvation - The Sacrament of Confession"

Metropolitan Gregory

Ages 5-12

Navigating Great Lent and our Lives!

Fr. Nathaniel Choma

Morning prayers, Sixth Hour, and Great Vespers being served with a Luncheon being offered at the retreat (see flyer)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 3/22/25

WESTERN REGION

Saint Michael Church
7313 Waukegan Road
Niles, IL 60714

Saturday, April 05, 2025

2:00 pm CST

Topic

Presenter

Adults/Teens

"Modern Heresies"
CrossRoad Institute Presentation

Fr. Richard Demetrius Andrews
Victoria Karavitis

Confessions and a fellowship meal following

Come for a day of renewal and illumination
The Retreats are sponsored by The National A.C.R.Y

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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 to receive Confession and Communion. 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, but other days are possible as well. 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

KOLBASI SALE ON MARCH 23



The Chupak Family will be making **fresh homemade kolbasi** at our church hall on Saturday, March 22nd. It will be sold to parishioners after services on **Sunday, March 23rd** on a “first come, first serve” basis—no pre-orders will be taken. All proceeds benefit the church! Anyone who would like to help out with the processing on Saturday is more than welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided. See Jerry Chupak if you have any questions.

APRIL 2025 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, April 2
11:00 AM
Potato Prep

Thursday, April 3
6:00 PM
Filling Prep

Friday, April 4
8:00 AM
Pirohi Making and Sale

*We are grateful to all those
who are able to help
prepare these delicious
dumplings!*

APRIL 2025 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: March 30, 2025
724-981-0571

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$_____

Pick-Up on Friday, April 4, 2025
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM

(Doors Open at 12:00 NOON)

Happy Birthday!

Reader Gregory Cross	February 22
Brenda Polanichka	March 2
Janice Bobanick	March 6
Blaise Mastroberte	March 6
Steven Lukac	March 7
Joseph Tatusko	March 8
Robert Kapusta	March 9
Patti Chupak	March 12
Kathleen Chuba	March 13
Michael Ristvey	March 15

*God grant you
many, blessed*

■ Our Sponsors ■

March 2, 2025

Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of mother Catherine Paolick
On Her Birthday
By Debbie and Greg Cross*



March 9, 2025

Bulletin Sponsor

*In Memory of +Henry VanZanten,
By the VanZanten Family*

Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of +Henry VanZanten,
By the VanZanten Family*

Candelabrum

*In Memory of +Henry VanZanten,
By the VanZanten Family*

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

March 2
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker

March 9
Dave Beight
Dennis Burprich
Jerry Chupak
Ed Fabian
Matt Fabian

March 16
Chad Fette
Jim Hynes
Steven Lukac
Steve Lukac
John Lenhart