

— BULLETIN FOR MARCH 30-APRIL 12, 2025 —

- *SUN 3/30/2025** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of March 30-April 5, 2025*
BURPRICH, JoAnn & Eric
PAVLICK, Joseph & Katherine
- 3:00 PM Deanery “Afternoon of Reflection and Fellowship” at Camp Nazareth
- WED 4/2/2025**
11:00 AM Potato Prep for Pirohi
5:45 PM Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
(No Pot-Luck Dinner)
- THURS 4/3/2025**
6:00 PM Filling Prep for Pirohi
- FRI 4/4/2025**
8:00 AM Pirohi Making and Sale
6:00 PM Lenten Service: Akathist Service to the Mother of God
- SAT 4/5/2025**
1:00-3:00 PM Confessions
- *SUN 4/6/2025** **FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST — ST. MARY OF EGYPT**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for April 6-12, 2025*
BALZIC, Joseph & Sophie, George
REPASKY, Stephen
PENICK, Michael
BENIC, Anna & John, John Jr. & Carole
KARAS, John Sr., Martha, Andrew & Agnes, George & Ann,
Wesley, John & Mary
YARABINEC, Steve
- WED 4/9/2025**
5:45 PM Panachida for Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner (Last One!)

FRI	4/11/2025 9:00 AM	6TH FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: FINAL DAY OF THE 40 DAYS OF LENT Lenten Service: Matins
SAT	4/12/2025 9:00 AM	LAZARUS SATURDAY Divine Liturgy <i>Refreshments</i> <i>Palm and Willow Preparation & Easter Egg Filling</i>
	4:00 PM	Great Vespers for Palm Sunday
*SUN	4/13/2025 9:00 AM	PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY: ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing and Distribution of Palms and Willows</i>



Kids: We Need YOUR Help on Palm Sunday!

Just like last year, our youth are asked to participate in a special way during the Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday. **All children are invited to carry and wave palms during the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy** (*when the Gospel is carried in procession*).

PARENTS, all you need to do is **a)** make sure your children arrive at the **beginning** of Liturgy and **b)** have them sit in the front pew on the **LEFT** side of the church. *Palms will be provided!*

—Lenten Announcements—

Stay strong! Let us all continue our Lenten spiritual preparation for Holy Week and Pascha: fast, pray, attend additional services, give charitably, and go to Confession. Use this time to grow closer to Our Lord.

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

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.

The Final Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner will be after the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 9. 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!

—Palm Sunday—

Preparation of Palms and Willows and Filling of Plastic Easter Eggs for our Egg Hunt will take place on Lazarus Saturday, April 12, after Divine Liturgy. We will have some light refreshments available before we get to work. All are welcome to assist!

Remember, 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.



–Holy Week & Pascha– *Preliminary Announcements*

An UPDATED Holy Week and Pascha Schedule and the April Calendar are included with this bulletin. You will see that there are ample opportunities for prayer and worship throughout this sacred time. There will be more detailed information about Holy Week in the Palm Sunday bulletin.

Holy Week is the high point of the Christian year. We liturgically celebrate in a *chronological* manner the saving events of Our Lord's Suffering, Death and Resurrection. Our church becomes the Upper Room of the Last Supper, Calvary and the Tomb. We walk step-by-step with Christ. All those things done by Our Savior are *re-presented*—made present again. We receive this experience primarily from the services occurring in church. Begin to consider your participation in Holy Week and Pascha services.

Blessing of Baskets

More information about this wonderful tradition will be in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Easter Food Baskets will be blessed twice: after Resurrection Matins on Saturday, April 19 and a second time after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 20.

Special Pan-Orthodox Unction on Holy Wednesday, April 16

His Grace, BISHOP ANDREI OF CLEVELAND will be celebrating the Sacrament of Unction with local Orthodox clergy at Holy Cross Orthodox Church (950 Maple Drive, Hermitage) on Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM. All Orthodox Christians of our area are invited to this special occasion!

We will not have a service on Holy Wednesday evening at Saint John's. Please note this correction to the previously-distributed schedule.



PATRIARCHAL PENCE
 envelopes are included with
 this bulletin. This is our an-
 nual contribution to the work
 and ministry of the Ecumeni-
 cal Patriarchate of Constanti-
 nople. Please return your do-
 nation by **Palm Sunday,**
April 13, so that we can send
 them to the Diocese in a time-
 ly manner.



Confession Times for the Rest of Lent and Holy Week 2025

Wednesday, April 2	5:10-5:40 PM	<i>Before 5:45 PM Panachida & Presanctified</i>
Friday, April 4	5:20-5:50 PM	<i>Before 6:00 PM Akathist Service</i>
Saturday, April 5	1:00-3:00 PM	<i>Just Confessions—No Service</i>
Sunday, April 6	8:15-8:45 AM	<i>Before 9:00 AM Sunday Liturgy</i>
Wednesday, April 9	5:10-5:40 PM	<i>Before 5:45 PM Panachida & Presanctified</i>
Lazarus Saturday, April 12	8:15-8:45 AM	<i>Before 9:00 AM Liturgy</i>
Palm Sunday, April 13	8:15-8:45 AM	<i>Before 9:00 AM Liturgy for Palm Sunday</i>
Holy Monday, April 14	5:50-6:20 PM	<i>Before 6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</i>
Holy Tuesday, April 15	5:50-6:20 PM	<i>Before 6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</i> <i>Last Scheduled Time Before Pascha!</i>

(Confessions will not be heard on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday or Pascha!)

***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.)



STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruit of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." - Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talents in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our passions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

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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

Happy Birthday!

Irene Miklos March 31
Brandon Moon March 31
Mark Burns April 1
Sawyer Fabian April 10
Mary Ann Stigliano April 12

*God grant you
many, blessed
years!*

■ Our Sponsors ■

March 30, 2025

Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of +Anne Kudelko
on Her Birthday,
By Bob and Lorraine Amos*

Coffee Hour

*"Thank You!" to Dr. Aaron VanZanten
for Sponsoring Coffee Hour
on Sunday, March 30!*

April 6, 2025

Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of father +Joseph Pavlick
on the 33rd Anniversary of His Repose,
by Debbie & Greg Cross*



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

March 30
John Moon
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey

April 6
Thomas Ristvey
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani
Donald Yasnowsky

April 13
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos
Jason Baker
Dave Beight