

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

---ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 8TH---

THE FORERUNNER

St John the Baptist Orthodox Church - 211 Cable Avenue – East Pittsburgh, PA 15112
 HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN GREGORY OF NYSSA
 American Carpatho-Russian Diocese-Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople
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 Robert Pervuznik, Jr., Parish Council President

SUNDAY SERVICES STREAMED LIVE ON [FB https://www.facebook.com/stjohneastpitt](https://www.facebook.com/stjohneastpitt)

18 Sunday	19 Monday	20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday	23 Friday	24 Saturday
9:00 Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Group 2		7pm Parish Council	7pm CCE CLASS FAST DAY		FAST DAY	5pm Great Vespers/Confessions

WE SAY- to all who are with us today at St. John’s for the first time, ***you are welcome here!*** We pray that you will consider making St. John’s your spiritual home. Please join us after Liturgy downstairs for fellowship.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD- Sometimes we miss a Sunday and the opportunity to offer our financial gift to the Lord. If we do, please catch up with your gifts. Whether we are here or not, our parish bills continue. Thanks, and God bless!

Sunday, October 11, 2020 – Attendance 22 – Weekly Offering, \$700 – Building Fund, \$80 – Needy Fund, \$35 – Vigil Candles, \$165 – Spaghetti Dinner, \$530 – Return of Spaghetti Dinner Seed Money, \$65 – Total \$1575

MANY THANKS-to everyone keeping up with their weekly support of St. John’s God bless you.

TUESDAY-at 7pm, the Parish Council will hold its October meeting. This will be a budget meeting in preparation for our annual meeting in November 8. On the 8th both Groups 1 and 2 will be permitted to worship at Liturgy.

WE ARE TAKING PRE-ORDERS NOW-for Nut, Apricot, and Poppyseed Rolls. A Pre-Order Sign Up Sheet is available in the church hall or just let Nancy know. Tell your family and friends. **PRE-ORDER NOW!** *It’s like early voting, but tastier!!!!*

WEDNESDAY-at 7pm, our CCE class will continue its study of the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS - <http://holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/index.htm>

Monday	1 Cor 4:9-16	John 20:19-31	Holy & Glorious Apostle Thomas
Tuesday	Phil 2:12-23	Luke 6:24-45	Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus
Wednesday	Phil 2:24-3:8	Luke 6:46-7:30	Ven. Pelagia the Penitent
Thursday	1 Cor 4:9-16	Luke 10:16-21	Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus
Friday	Phil 3:8-19	Luke 7:31-35	Ven. Ambrose of Optina
Saturday	Acts 8:26-39	Luke 10:1-21	Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy
Sunday	Heb 13:7-16	John 17:1-13	Fathers of the 7 th Ecumenical Council
	Gal 1:11-19	Luke 7:11-16	For the 20 th Sunday

WITH THE RETURN-of the choir singing, when the choir is singing, **ONLY choir members will be permitted to be in the choir loft.** If you not a choir member, please find a pew in the nave of the church. Thank you for your consideration.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25--an ACROD online diocesan event for our Youth will be offered in two sections for ages 5-12 and 13-18. Check out the flyer for more details and how to register attached to today’s bulletin.

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS –Michael Kapeluck, our Iconographer, Thomas Planiczki, Josephine Sofelkanik, Michael Sterchak, John Edward Stagon, Kathryn Rogulin, Cathy Pervuznik, Wally Perkins, Gina Marie Gaspard, Dannette Wargo, Aubrey Welch, Marti and Cathilynn Baran, Annie Weiland, Metropolitan Theodosius, , Fr Daniel Prez (Joe Monde’s brother), Fr. George Livanos, Fr. Patrick Carpenter, Fr Michael Hatrak, all healthcare and frontline workers and for all sick with COVID-19 virus, especially Rebecca and Emily Pervuznik. Please keep Father Joseph informed on changes to anyone’s health status so he can minister to them.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS- Christopher Bebin 10/19, David Stagon 10/22, Ruthanne Barclay 10/26

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES- Cathy and Tom Skidmore 10/26

OCTOBER DEPARTED – One Year, Donald Pollock- 10/13/19

Perpetual-Vera Kobasa, Anna Stagon, Rdr Douglas Laney, Anna Uram, Nicholas Kocan, John Kranik, Fr. John Hutnyan, Anne Rosco, John Dragish, Charles Grysiak, Frank Lapato, Mary Hospodor, Mary Sabol Sivack, George W. Stagon

John Fekete, Mary Povanda, Alex Marchak, Michael Uram, Michael Kasenchak, Andrew Jacobs, John Zvizdak, Gimitro Plevka, Julia Chernega, Charles Totin, Eva Slaby, Julia Tabak, Matthew Molchan, Katherine Kasenchak, George Odoxta, Frank Gregor, Margaret Popovich, Audrey J Sapicla, Andrew Kasenchak, Paul Jacobs, Mariann Case, Marian Babich

IF ANY OF YOU-have family members or even yourselves, who because of the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown, are in need of some financial assistance, please let Fr. Joseph know, privately. We have a parish Needy Fund and we can help!

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN’S

1. Only the Sycamore Street door will be used for entry and exit. Please park on Sycamore Street for your convenience.
2. All entrants be given a touchless temperature test. The CDC maximum safe human temperature is 100.4. If your temperature is above 100.4, you will be asked to return home. Please let us know if you have taken any fever reducing medication, like Tylenol in the morning before coming to church.
3. All entrants must wear a mask upon entering and during the church service. (The cantor is not required to wear a mask when singing.) There will be cloth masks available to those who do not have one. We encourage you to bring your own mask.
4. All entrants before entering the church will be asked to use the provided hand sanitizer after their temperature is taken.
5. Other than families that live together, please make every effort to be 6ft apart in the pews.

PLANNING AHEAD

October 10, 11 and 18 TAKE HOME SPAGETTI DINNERS (October 10) – 12-4

November 7 Nut-Roll Baking

December 12 Nut-Roll and Cookie Sales (Take out only- Pre-Order NOW!)

Reminder! The DDD Campaign for 2020 is on! Here is a note from Fr. Frank Miloro, Chancellor:

Covid has turned much of our life upside down, including our Distinguished Diocesan Donors Program! The 2020 Fund Drive is still under way and will continue through the end of November. We want to note that there will be no Fall DDD Dinners, so all proceeds will go to benefit the Camp, etc. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to participate. Gifts of \$100 or more are asked. Proceeds from the DDD benefit Camp Nazareth, and because Covid has caused all events and programs to be cancelled, DDD is basically our only source of Camp income. Checks are payable to: “Distinguished Diocesan Donors.” Donations can be sent directly to the Diocesan Chancery, 312 Garfield Street, Johnstown, PA 15906. May the Lord bless you and yours during these stressful times. Sincerely in Christ, Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro, Chancellor.

Candle Intentions

Health

Bires, Alice - Scott & Sharon
Bires, Alice - Benjamin
Bires, Alice - Fr Will, Pani Iilena & Children
Bires, Alice -Helen, David, Joseph
Bires, Alice -Wally
Bires, Alice - Happy Birthday, Cheryl Hosken
Bires, Alice - Happy Birthday, Pani Helen
Bires, Alice - John E Stagon
Bires, Alice - Happy Anniversary Fr Nick & Pani Stacey
Chuprinko, Marilyn- Paul, Sonja, Pierce, Shelby
Chuprinko, Marilyn-Rebecca & Matthew
Chuprinko, Marilyn-Neil, Barb, Bren
Chuprinko, Marilyn-Bob Hosken
Chuprinko, Marilyn- Ann Weiland
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Benjamin
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Luke & Alexis
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Irene, Blessed Birthday
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Basil
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Deborah
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Burkett Family -
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Josie
Sofelkanik
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Bob & Miryam Knutson
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Wally Perkins
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - John E. Stagon
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Anthony Macchiaroli
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Kiss, Marge - Jim, Donna, Lesa, Dorothy, Samantha, Greg
Kitsko Family - Alexis & Juliana
Kitsko Family - Stacy Kitsko
Kitsko Family - Florence Caiazza
Kitsko Family - Family and Friends
Sabeh, Nancy - Family
Stagon, George & Barbara - Fr. Matthew, Pani Eleni, Seraphim, Luka, Harikila, Xenia
Stagon, George & Barbara - Jeffery, Nicole, Jillina Payton
Stagon, George & Barbara - Connie and Tyler
Stagon Jr., John -John & Jessica
Stagon, Jr. John-David II, Christal, Weston
Stagon, Jr. John David, Linda, Johnny

Special Intentions

Alice Bires
Kitsko Family

Memory

Bires, Alice - Parents
Bires, Alice- Brother-in-law
Bires, Alice- Helen

Bires, Alice-Margie
Chuprinko, Marilyn- Ed
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Helen
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Charles
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Irene Barney
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Edward Barney
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Metropolitan Nicholas
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Sabeh, Nancy - Parents
Stagon, George & Barb - Parents, George, Beatrice, Nicholas
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Stagon, George & Barb- Our Grandparents
Stagon, Jr. John - Wife Ann
Stagon, Jr. John - Father, Mother, Brothers

Worship Groups During Pandemic GREEN Stage

GROUP 1

Marianne Allen and Bill Welch
Rebecca Barclay
Gloria Blake
Chris, Lisa and DJ Bebin
Diane Betz
Alice Bires
Karen and Wally Perkins
Bill and Eric Brancho
Eileen Buck
Bob and Sandy Carlisle
Marilyn Chuprinko
Jeffery and Nicole Durmis
Theresa, John Finke (and Teagan)
Gina Marie Gaspard
Debbie Grysiak
Janet, Irene, Basil Dixon and Benjamin Grysiak
Shirley Hart
Bob and Cheryl Hosken
David, Elyse, Roman, Mitchell, Zechariah & Alexis Kalaluhi
Kathy Bechler
Ruthanne Barclay
Ernie Karlar
Connie Kimmel
Ron, Sonya, Alexis, & Julianna Kitsko
Nancy Sabeh

GROUP 2

Nicki Kocan
Beth Kudravy
Paula Locante
Alexandra Maskaly
Rosemarie Micholov
Joe and Sharon Monde
Sean Nelis
Richard and Linda Novak
Michael O'Brien
Dina and Michael Panchura
Cathy Pervuznik
Bob Pervuznik, Jr.
Dolores Popovich and Ann Weiland
Sizemore Family
Cheryl Stagon
David Stagon
George Stagon
Mr. Stagon
Jeffery Stagon, Nicole, Jillina and Payton
Cindy Sterchak
Charles and Barbara Vasko
Joshua and Brittany Vasko and family

Sean, Kalina, Mila, and Malachi Walker
Mark Volk
Evonne Vojnovich and Thomas Cunningham
Ashley Yearger and Family

Worship Groups **ONLY APPLY** to Sunday Liturgy. For Saturday Vespers, Weekday Feastday Vespers and Weekday Feastal Liturgy, everyone is welcome to attend. Please remember to have a mask, use the Sycamore Street door, have your temperature taken and use the hand sanitizer

Worship Groups Calendar -

October 18 - Group 2
October 25 - Group 1
November 1 - Group 2
November 8 - Groups 1 and 2 (Annual Meeting)
November 15 - Group 2
November 22 - Group 1
November 29 - Group 2

CHECK THIS OUT!!!

**ORTHODOX
YOUNG ADULT**

FALL RETREAT

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14TH**

**"IN YOUR PRESENCE,
THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY"**

Are you finding peace & joy in the midst of this storm? How do the block the noise? How do you find stillness, peace and even, joy?

METROPOLITAN GREGORY OF NYSSA,
VERY REV FR STEPHEN LOPOSKY,
FR GREGORY JENSEN, FR ANASTASIOS ATHANASIOU

**9:30 AM-12:00 NOON
AND 6:30-8:30 PM**

VIA ZOOM

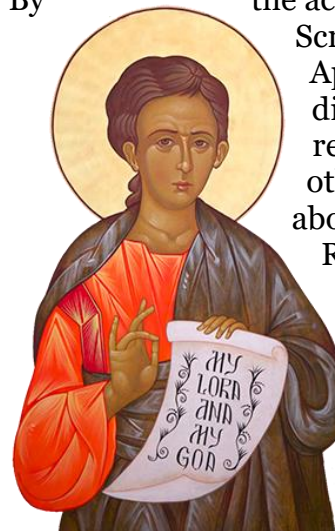
SIGN-UP FREE:

TINYURL.COM/2020YAFALLRETREAT

**The Holy Apostle Thomas
Commemorated on October 19**

The Holy Apostle Thomas was born in the Galileian city of Pansada and plied the trade of fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles, the 12 closest disciples of the Saviour.

By



the account of Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the

Resurrection of Jesus Christ:

"Unless I see in His hand the wound of the nail, and place my finger into the wound of the nail, and

place my hand in His side, I shalt not believe" (Jn. 20: 25). On the eighth day after the Resurrection the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and shew His wounds. "My Lord and my God" – cried out the holy apostle (Jn. 20: 28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles, – says Saint John Chrysostom, – toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, such that he went preaching almost over nearly all the earth, not fearing to announce the Word of God to savage nations".

According to Church Tradition, the holy apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned the apostle a martyr's death. For having converted the wife

and son of the governor of the Indian city of Meliapur (Melipur), the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, having been pierced with five spears, he expired to the Lord.

Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

Calling All Diocesan Youth Ages 5-18 (Kids)
To Come Be A Part of the

The Vine and the Branches

A Diocesan-Wide Youth Event

When: Sunday, October 1st, 2017
6:00pm – 8:30pm
Children Ages 5-12 attend 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Children Ages 13-18 attend 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Where: Online

See your friends and be seen
Have some fun
Learn a Little About the Bible
Hear from His Eminence Metropolitan John
And Much More!

The Event is Free-of-Charge

Register at
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=oblwu7>