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**THE FORERUNNER**
St John the Baptist Orthodox Church • 211 Cable Avenue – East Pittsburgh, PA 15112  
HIS EMINENCE, METROPOLITAN GREGORY OF NYSSA  
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SUNDAY SERVICES - 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 are a choir member, please find a pew in the nave of the church. Thank you for your consideration.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS** - [http://holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/index.htm](http://holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/index.htm)

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**DINNER** 102 will be permitted to worship at Liturgy.

**ANNUAL MEETING** – NOVEMBER 8**TH**–

**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!

**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.**

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**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.

**NEXT SATURDAY**-at 9am we will celebrate the November Memorial Liturgy.
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS – Michael Kapeluck, our Iconographer, Thomas Planiczki, Josephine Sofelkanik, Michael Sterchak, John Edward Stagon, Kathryn Rogulin, Cathy Perevuznik, Wally Perkins, Gina Marie Gaspard, Dannette Wargo, Aubrey Welch, Marti and Cathlynn Baran, Annie Weiland, 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. Please keep Father Joseph informed on changes to anyone’s health status so he can minister to them.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS- Ruthanne Barclay 10/26

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES- Cathy and Tom Skidmore 10/26

OCTOBER DEPARTED – Newly Departed – Metropolitan Theodosius, 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 Polevka, 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
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 Illena & Children
Bires, Alice - Helen, David, Joseph
Bires, Alice - Wally
Bires, Alice - Cathy
Bires, Alice - Ann Weiland
Bires, Alice - John E Stagon
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Benjamin
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Luke & Alexis
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 - Michael Black Perevuznik
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Kiss, Marge - Safe trip, Greg, Donna, Samantha
Locante, Paula - Happy Birthday, Pani Helen Hutnyan
Locante, Paula - Marlene Davrora
Locante, Paula - Julia, James, George
Locante, Paula - Mallory 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

Memory
Bires, Alice - Parents
Bires, Alice - Brother-in-law
Bires, Alice - Helen
Bires, Alice-Margie
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
Kocan, Nicki-Dad
Kudravy, Beth - Dad, George Stagon
Locante, Paula - Parents, Mike & Kay
Locante, Paula - Donald Pollack
Locante, Paula - Grandparents Sabeh, Nancy - Grandpap Charles Totin
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
Sterchak, Cindy - Dorothy Edwards

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 Branco
Eileen Buck
Bob and Sandy Carlisle
Marilyn Chuprinko
Jeffery and Nicole Durmis
Theressa, John Finke (and Teagan)
Gina Marie Gaspar
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 Wells
Richard and Linda Novak
Michael O’Brien
Dina and Michael Panchura
Cathy Perevuznik
Bob Perevuznik, 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
CONGRATULATIONS – to Joshua and Brittany Vasko on the birth of their son, Noah Michael on Wednesday. Noah tipped the scales at 10 lbs. 3 oz and 21 ½ inches long. Yes, 10 pounds!!!!

THIS SUNDAY-at the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have a Memorial Service for the soul of George W. Stagon (55 years of repose) and the newly-departed and Ever-memorable Metropolitan Theodosius who ordained Father Joseph to the Holy Priesthood in 1981. May their memory be eternal!

FATHER JOSEPH- has been asked to officiate at the Funeral of Francis Lisak on Tuesday at 11:30am at the Turtle Creek Lanigan’s Funeral Home. Burial will be at Churchill Cemetery. Francis’ husband, John, reposed in the Lord in 2013. Visitation will be on Monday from 2-8pm at Turtle Creek. May her memory be eternal.

STARTING NOVEMBER 8- Church School will resume starting at 8:15. Classes will meet every other Sunday in conjunction with Group 1 regular worship group schedule.

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING- will be on Sunday, November 8. Both worship groups are invited to be in Church on the 8th.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7- we will be making Nut, Apricot and Poppy Seed Rolls starting at 9am. We are grateful for all those who signed up to help. Now let’s show up and make those beauties.

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETS- on Tuesday at 7pm This is our annual budget planning meeting.

PLEASE KEEP-Anne Weiland in your prayers. She took a tumble last Sunday while out with your daughter and bruised herself up. Nothing broken but she is sore. Love you Anne. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 217 Brown Avenue, Turtle Creek, PA 15145-2002

THE PANDEMIC-is still with us and the number of new infections in our county are going up. We must be vigilant in protecting ourselves and others. Mask, temperatures taken, hand sanitizers and the use of two
communion spoons will continue. Masks must be worn in the Church hall and we encourage everyone to practice social distancing. If you are not feeling well, it is best to stay home but if your are feeling well, then come to church and worship in a safe way.

TONIGHT STARTING AT 6PM

WHY WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED - Just as we love and respect our living brethren, so do we love and respect those of our brethren who have departed this life. We express our love for our departed friends and relatives through prayer. Just as we pray for the living that the Grace of God may be upon them, so do we pray for the dead that they may become worthy of the vision of God. At death no man leaves the world to appear before God free of sin, perfect, holy, so that he does not need the mercy and Grace of God. The Holy Church is composed not only of the living, earthly members but also of the faithful departed. All of us, living and dead, are members of one Church and are bound together by one Faith, by common love, and are unworthy sons of the merciful God. It is therefore our duty to ask God, each of us separately, and all together are one Church, to be merciful toward the sinful soul of our departed brother.

Death and burial cannot sever the Christian love which united the living with those once living and now deceased. We continue to love our parents even after death. We continue to express this Love for Them and it becomes real when we commemorate them in our prayers. We can communicate with the living members of the Church in both a visible, physical manner and a spiritual manner, i.e., we can talk to them and do things for them materially and spiritually. We can communicate with the faithful departed in a spiritual manner only-through prayer, in which we ask for the forgiveness of their sins and for their establishment in God's Heavenly mansions. We pray for them in the spirit of love, knowing that no one will be saved otherwise than by the prayer of all the Church in which Christ lives, knowing and trusting that so long as the end of time has not arrived, all the members of the Church, both living and departed, are being continually perfected by mutual prayer.

How can we but not pray for our deceased parents who brought us into this world, who cared for us in our childhood and looked after our upbringing, who fed us and clothed us? How can we not remember in our prayers our brothers and sisters and our friends, the companions of our life who have departed into eternity? How can our hearts not be possessed with the insatiable desire to pray for them as our
expression of thanks, devotion and love. How else, if not by prayer, we express our feelings of unity and fellowship with our brethren in the Faith who have gone to their rest before us?