

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

---ANNUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>---

## 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)

25 Sunday	26 Monday	27 Tuesday	28 Wednesday	29 Thursday	30 Friday	31 Saturday
9:00 Divine Liturgy Fellowship Hour Group		7pm Parish Council	7pm CCE CLASS FAST DAY		FAST DAY	9am November Memorial Liturgy 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 18, 2020 – Attendance 29 – Weekly Offering, \$102 – Building Fund, \$195 – Vigil Candles, \$165 – Spaghetti Dinner, \$81 – Total \$1464**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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	Phil 4:10-23	Luke 7:36-50	St Cogman, abbot of Lochalsh
Tuesday	Col 1:1-2,7-11	Luke 8:1-3	Ven Parasceva
Wednesday	Col 1:18-23	Luke 8:22-25	Ven Euthymius of New Thessalonica
Thursday	Col 1:24-29	Luke 9:7-11	Ven. Longinus the Centurion
Friday	Col 2:1-7	Luke 9:12-18	Prophet Hosea
Saturday	Col 4:5-9,14,18	Luke 10:16-21	Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Sunday	Gal 2:16-20	Luke 8:5-15	Prophet Joel

**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.

**TODAY--**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.

**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 Cathilynn 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 Iilena & 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  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Irene, Blessed  
Birthday Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Basil  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Deborah  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Burkett Family  
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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  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Emily & Rebecca  
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  
Stagon, George & Barb- Parents, George,  
Beatrice, Nicholas  
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 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 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

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 -**

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**

**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.

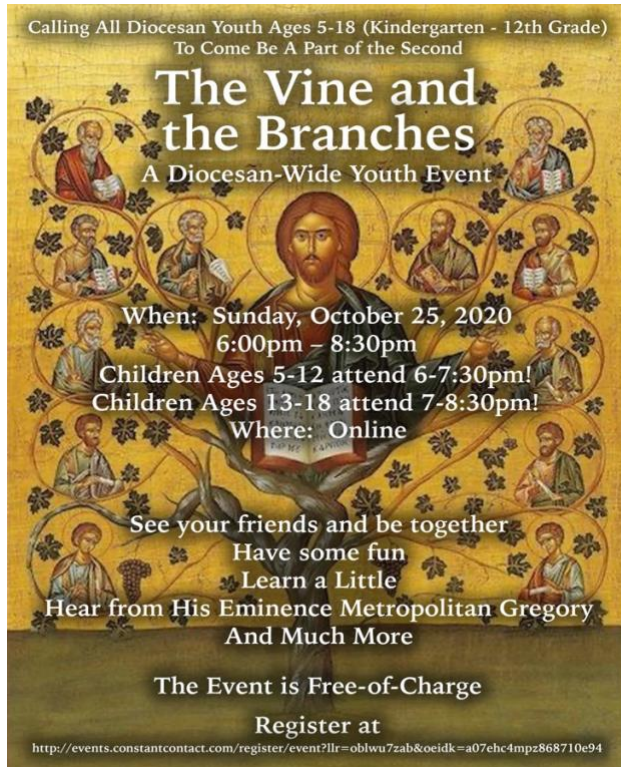
**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETS**- on Tuesday at 7pm This is our annual budget planning meeting.

**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 wore 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?