

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

## THE FORERUNNER

St John the Baptist Orthodox Church - 211 Cable Avenue - East Pittsburgh, PA 15112  
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| 4 Sunday  | 5 Monday | 6 Tuesday | 7 Wednesday                   | 8 Thursday | 9 Friday | 10 Saturday  |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|----------|--|
| 8:50 Memorial Service<br>9:00 Divine Liturgy<br>Group 2 |          |           | 7pm CCE CLASS<br><br>FAST DAY |            | FAST DAY | 10-4pm Spaghetti Sale<br>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, September 27, 2020 - Attendance 38 - Weekly Offering, \$1898 - Donation, \$200 - Building Fund, \$110 - Needy Fund, \$301 - Vigil Candles, \$165, Total \$2674 - Online Donations in September, \$313.28**

**WEDNESDAY-** our CCE class will continue its study of the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!! - with contribution last week, we have reached our \$20,000 goal for Phase III of our Icon Project!** However, donations continue to be made and that is fine! Please keep our iconographer, Michael Kapeluck in your prayers.

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

*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>**

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|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Monday    | Eph 4:25-32                   | Luke 3:19-22                 | Prophet Jonah                                    |
| Tuesday   | Eph 5:20-26<br>Gal 4:22-31    | Luke 3:23-4:1<br>Luke 1:5-25 | Conception of St John the Baptist                |
| Wednesday | Eph 5:25-6:9                  | Luke 4:1-22                  | Holy Martyr Thecla                               |
| Thursday  | Gal 5:22-6:2                  | Luke 6:17-23                 | Repose of St Sergius of Radonezh                 |
| Friday    | Heb. 7:26-8:2                 | John 10:9-16                 | Repose of St Tikhon Enlightener of North America |
| Saturday  | Eph 6:18-24<br>I Cor 15:39-45 | Luke 4:22-30<br>Luke 4:31-36 | Martyr Epicharis Rome                            |
| Sunday    | II Cor 6:16-7:1               | Matt 15:21-28                | All Saints of Spain & Portugal                   |

**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.

**OCTOBER 10, 11 and 18-**Spaghetti Dinners will be available for take-out. Take a couple home and let us do the cooking! Saturday, October 10 from 12-4 for the public and the 11 and 18<sup>th</sup> for parishioners to take home.. See Nancy for more details Many thanks to Nancy for getting signs made to post around the neighborhood.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS-** Fr. George L Livanos, priest of the Greek Orthodox Church of All Saints in Canonsburg. He is battling lung cancer and undergoing chemo. He is much loved by his flock and we should consider him in our prayers for health and salvation. Keep on fighting, Fr. George. You are not alone.

**ANNIE WEILAND-**will be released from hospital, possibly today. Her surgery has been postponed.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** –Michael Kapeluck, our Iconographer, Thomas Planiczki, Josephine Sofelkanik, Michael Sterchak, John Edward Stagon, Kathryn Rogulin, Cathy Pervuznik, Wally Perkins, Fr Lawrence Barriger, Gina Marie Gaspard, Dannette Wargo, Aubrey Welch, Marti and Cathilynn Baran, Metropolitan Theodosius, Annie Weiland, Fr Daniel Prez (Joe Monde’s brother), 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**- Cathy Pervuznik,10/1, Robbie Buck 10/1, Karen Perkins 10/3, Frank Locante 10/7, Danette Wargo 10/11, Evonne Vojnovich 10/12, Cheryl Hosken 10/12, Pani Helen Hutnyan 10/14, Irene Dixon 10/15, Christopher Bebin 10/19, David Stagon 10/22, Ruthanne Barclay 10/26

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**- Joe and Sharon Monde 10/2, Beth and Dan Kudravy 10/3, Paula and Frank Locante 10/11, 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, John Dragish, 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, Frank Lapato, 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 11 Nut-Roll and Cookie Sales (Take out only)**

**September 27- Candle Intentions**

**Health**

Bires, Alice – Scott & Sharon  
Bires, Alice – Benjamin  
Bires, Alice – Fr Will and Pani Ilena  
Bires, Alice –Helen, David, Joseph  
Bires, Alice –Wally  
Bires, Alice – Cathy Pervuznik, Happy Birthday  
Bires, Alice – John E Stagon  
Bires, Alice – Happy Anniversary, Gary & Janet  
Chuprinko, Marylyn-Bob& Cheryl Hosken  
Chuprinko, Marylyn- Sharon Monde  
Chuprinko, Marylyn – Paul, Sonya, Pierce, Shelby  
Chuprinko, Marylyn- Rebecca & Matthew  
Chuprinko, Marylyn – Neil, Barb, Bren  
Chuprinko, Marylyn-Daryl & Larry Anderson  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary – Benjamin  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary – Luke & Alexis

Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Irene & 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  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary – Blessed Anniversary  
Kiss, Marge – Lesa, Dorothy, Donna  
Kitsko Family- Mom-Stacy Kitsko  
Kitsko Family – Dad- George Sabeh  
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, John Jr. -John & Jessica  
Stagon, John Jr. – David, Linda, Johnny  
Stagon, John Jr. -David II, Christal, Weston

### Special Intentions

Alice Bires  
Nancy Sabeh

### Memory

Bires, Alice – Parents  
Bires, Alice- Brother-in-law  
Bires, Alice- Helen  
Bires, Alice-Margie  
Chuprinko, Marylyn - 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  
Kocan, Nicki – Mom, Dad, Brother  
Stagon, George & Barb – Parents, George,  
Beatrice, Nicholas  
Stagon, George & Barb- Grandmother Anna  
Stagon, John Jr. – Wife Anna  
Stagon, John Jr. – Mother, Father, Brother

### 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 and 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

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**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 4- Group 2  
October 11 – Group 1  
October 18 – Group 2  
October 25 – Group 1  
November 1- Group 2

**REPOSE OF ST. TIKHON**- In 1924, Patriarch Tikhon began to feel unwell. He checked into a hospital, but would leave it on Sundays and Feast Days in order to conduct services. On Sunday, April 5, 1925, he served his last Liturgy, and died two days later. On March 25/April 7, 1925 the Patriarch received Metropolitan Peter and had a long talk with him. In the evening, the Patriarch slept a little, then he woke up and asked what time it was. When he was told it was 11:45 P.M., he made the Sign of the Cross twice and said, “Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.” He did not have time to cross himself a third time. Almost a million people came to say farewell to the Patriarch. The large cathedral of the Donskoy Monastery in Moscow could not contain the crowd, which overflowed the monastery property into the square and adjacent streets. Saint Tikhon, the eleventh Patriarch of Moscow, was primate of the Russian Church for seven and a half years.

On September 26/October 9, 1989, the Council of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church glorified Patriarch Tikhon and numbered him among the saints. For nearly seventy years, Saint Tikhon's relics were believed lost, but in February 1992, they were discovered in a concealed place in the Donskoy Monastery. It would be difficult to imagine the Russian Orthodox Church without Patriarch Tikhon during those years. He did so much for the Church and for the strengthening of the Faith itself during those difficult years of trial. Perhaps the saint's own words can best sum up his life: “May God teach every one of us to strive for His truth, and for the good of the Holy Church, rather than something for our own sake.”

**SEE TODAY'S EDUCATION HANDOUTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. TIKHON.**