

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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 Ron Kitsko, Parish Council President

SUNDAY SERVICES STREAMED LIVE ON FB <https://www.facebook.com/stjohneastpitt>

15 Sunday	16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday
8:15 Ch School 9:00 Divine Liturgy Installation of PC Fellowship Hour Group 2			7pm CCE CLASS FAST DAY		6pm Great Vespers with Litiya FAST DAY	Archangel Michael and Angels 9am Divine 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, November 8, 2020 - Attendance 41 - Weekly Offering, \$1412 - Building Fund, \$110 - Vigil Candles, \$216 - Nut Roll Sales, \$1290 - Needy Fund, \$77- Church School Donation, \$20- Total \$3125.

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

TODAY -at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will install our new Parish Council for 2020-2021.

MANY THANKS- to everyone who participated in yesterday's Annual Meeting, both in person and via Zoom. All of the necessary items were discharged in a peaceful and with some good laughs. The parish approved our transition from a "dues system" to a "pledge system" of parish support. In practical terms, we will no longer collect parish dues. Diocesan dues will continue to be collected. Between now and the end of the year, parishioners may fill out a pledge card. Starting next year, every September will be Pledge Month at St. John's. During that month, parishioners will be asked to fill out a pledge card showing their commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure so that during the month of October, the parish council can better plan our income side of the budget based on our projected expenses. Then, in November, when we meet at the next Annual meeting, we will have a more realistic idea of how we can go forward into 2022. If you have any questions, please talk to Fr. Joseph.

CONGRATULATIONS-to our new parish council members, auditors and trustees. Our new Parish Council President is Ron Kitsko, Vice President Denny Harms, Recording Secretary, Sean Walker, Treasurer, Beth Kudravy and Financial Secretary, George Paul Stagon. In addition, our Auditors are, Cindy Sterchak, Michael O'Brien and Bob Perevuznik, Jr. Finally our Trustees are Bob Carlise, Gary Grysiak, Cathy Skidmore, Bill Brancho, Sean Nelis and Bob Hosken. This coming Sunday, we will swear in our new Council. Axios!

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 Thess 2:20-3:8	Luke 11:29-33	St Winifred of Wales
Tuesday	1 Thess 3:9-13	Luke 11:11:34-41	St Birnstan, bishop of Winchester
Wednesday	1 Thess 4:1-12	Luke 11::42-46	St Cybi, abbot of Cornwall and Wales
Thursday	1 Thess 5:1-8	Luke 11:47-12:1	St Conwey abbot of Moville
Friday	1 Thess 5:9-13,24-28	Luke 12:2-12	St Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht
Saturday	Heb 2:2-10	Luke 10:16-21	Synaxis of the Archangel Michael
Sunday	Eph 2:14-22	Luke 8:41-56	St Nectarius of Pentapolis

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.

November Birthdays

Mary Caryl Planiczki 11/15, Jeffrey Durmis 11/23 Ron Kitsko 11/28 Michelle White 11/28 Andrew Vasko 11/28, Larissa Allen 11/29, Sonya Kitsko 11/30

Anniversary- Sean & Kalina Walker 11/14 Charles & Barbara Vasko 11/19

November Memorials – Newly Departed, Metropolitan Theodosius, Metropolitan Maximos Perpetual: George Kalita, Mary Sentipal, Michael Sabol, Mary Kalita, William (Bill) Babich, Katherine Barovian, Michael, Pauline, George, Peter, Mary and George Perevuznik, Harry Babich Dorothy and George Magursky, Martha Stepanic, Anna Danchik, Helen Porado, Olga Harrison, Ann Stripay, Michael Begey, Joseph Plichta, Mary Harrison, Daniel Ziatyk, Walter Marchak, George Harajda, Nicholas Ruzanic, Bill Plichta, Elizabeth Floder, Julia Sahene, Ruth Popovich, Charles Lucrow, Joseph Ptaczek, Charles Taroles, Ann Odoxta, Harry Tucker, Otto Weiss,

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS-are spearheading a charitable outreach to collect warm winter clothing for the homeless and needy. What a wonderful expression of love and I know that all of us will support this effort. We will also accept cash donations so warm clothing can be purchased. What types of clothing? Coats, Sweaters, Socks, Mufflers, Knit Hats. Bins for your clothing donations will be set up in the Church Hall. All collected clothes will be donated to Light of Life Mission. For information about this organization, here is the link: <https://give.lightoflife.org/for/lol/full>. If you have any questions, please talk to Juliana Kitsko.

THIS FRIDAY-we will celebrate Great Vespers with Litiya on the eve of the Feast of the Archangel Michael and the Bodiless Hosts (Angels). Then on Saturday, at 9am we will offer the Divine Liturgy for the Feast.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE-instead of a Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, we will celebrate a Moliben and Akathist of Thanksgiving at 6pm on Wednesday, November 25.

IF YOU ORDERED NUT ROLLS-etc, please pick them up today. They are in the church fridge.

THIS WEDNESDAY-our CCE Class will continue. We are having a mini-series on the service of Vespers. We are also going to discuss why some bibles have the Psalms numbered one way and other bibles have them numbered another way! These are very interesting the thrilling topics. Everyone is welcome to participate.

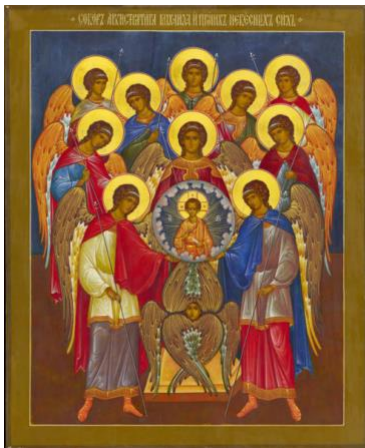
THERE IS A SIGNUP-sheet for us to indicate our baking of Christmas Cookies for the December 12 Food Sale. We are asking that you bake four dozen cookies, either all the same or an assortment of four dozen total. May God bless our new parish council and may the Holy Spirit guide their work!

THE 2021 WALL CALENDARS-have arrived. Pick up your copy in the church hall today.

WREATHS across AMERICA-is a nationwide program that purchases fresh wreaths for a veteran's grave in the North Huntington Cemetery. All wreaths will be placed during a ceremony on Saturday, December 19, 2020. You can order a wreath online at www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/PA0435P A order form will be part of Sunday's bulletin also.

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 you are feeling well, then come to church and worship in a safe way.

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.



The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feast day was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities. The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers are called angels, although each has its own name and position by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest ranks of the angels, and they in turn inform the others.

Over all the Nine Ranks, the Lord appointed the Holy Archangel Michael (his name in Hebrew means “who is like unto God”), the faithful servitor of God, as Chief Commander. He cast down from Heaven the arrogantly proud Lucifer and the other fallen spirits when they rebelled against God. Michael summoned the ranks of angels and cried out, “Let us attend! Let us stand aright before our Creator and do not consider doing what is displeasing unto God!”

We invoke Saint Michael for protection from invasion by enemies and from civil war, and for the defeat of adversaries on the field of battle. He conquers all spiritual enemies.

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15).

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds.

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36).

On icons the Archangels are depicted in according to the character of their service:

Michael tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner on which is outlined a scarlet cross, or sometimes a fiery sword.

Gabriel with a branch from Paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.

Raphael holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying a fish for healing (Tobit 5-8).

Uriel in his raised right hand holds a naked sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand “a fiery flame.”

Selaphiel in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded on the chest.

Jehudiel holds a golden crown in his right hand, in his left, a whip of three red (or black) thongs.

Barachiel is shown with a white rose on his breast.

Jeremiel holds balance-scales in his hand. Each person has a guardian angel, and every nation also receives its own guardian angel from God (Dan. 10:13). When a church is consecrated, it also receives a guardian angel (Palladius, Dial. Ch. 10).

<p>Worship Groups During Pandemic GREEN Stage</p> <p>GROUP 1</p> <p>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 Theresa, John Finke (and Teagan) Gina Marie Gaspard Deborah 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</p>	<p>GROUP 2</p> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>Worship Groups ONLY APPLY to Sunday Liturgy. For Saturday Vespers, Weekday Feastday Vespers Please remember to have a mask, use the Sycamore Street door, have your temperature taken and use the hand sanitizer</p> <p>Worship Groups Calendar - November 22 - Group 1 November 29 - Group 2</p>
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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 - George
Bires, Alice - Ann Weiland
Bires, Alice - John E Stagon
Carlise, Bob & Sandy-Caitlin Carlise-Happy Birthday
Chuprinko, Marilyn -Neil, Barb, Bren
Chuprinko, Marilyn - Paul, Sonja, Pierce & Shelby
Chuprinko, Marilyn - Rebecca & Matthew
Chuprinko, Marilyn - Fr Richard
Wesolaski
Chuprinko, Marilyn-Daryl & Larry
Anderson
Chuprinko, Marilyn - Dear Friend Ned
Chuprinko, Marilyn- Joan Caban
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 - President-elect
Joe Biden
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Our Nation
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-Mom
Perevuznik Jr, Bob- Kelly, Lauren, Michael
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-Emily, Rebecca, Tanner, Tyler
Perevuznik Jr, Bob -Perevuznik, Skimore, Durmis, Poach Families
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-John E Stagon
Perevuznik Jr, Bob- Marti Baran
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-Annie Weiland
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-Happy Anniversary
Dave & Elyse
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-All Parish Council
Officers Past & Present
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-Fr Jonathan & Pani
Marsha
Perevuznik Jr, Bob- Fr Joseph & Pani
Kathy
Sabeh, Nancy- Family
Sabeh, Nancy - George
Skidmore, Cathy-Don McDonnell
Skidmore, Cathy-Tina McDonnell
Skidmore, Cathy-Gloria & Wayne Poach

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
Chuprinko, Marilyn- Ed
Churprinko, Marilyn- Virginia Malley
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 - Metropolitan
Theodosius
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mr George
Stagon
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Perevuznik Jr, Bob - Dad
Perevuznik Jr, Bob-George Matey
Perevuznik, Cathy - Husband, Bob
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