

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

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

22 Sunday	23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday	26 Thursday	27 Friday	28 Saturday
9:00 Divine Liturgy Group 1	ACROD CLERGY CONVOCATION 5pm-8pm	ACROD CLERGY CONVOCATION 5pm-8pm	FAST DAY		FAST DAY	Start of the Christmas Fast

**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 15, 2020 - Attendance 23 - Weekly Offering, \$931 - Building Fund, \$85 - Vigil Candles, \$123 - Nut Roll Sales, \$655 - Needy Fund, \$10- Total \$1804.**

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

**AS OF THURSDAY-** Allegheny County has issued a voluntary STAY AT HOME order. People are asked to not gather in groups, wear masks and limit their travel only to essential trips. With the large spike in cases and the inevitable family gatherings during the holidays in the county in conjunction with the parish council, I am making the following adjustments to our worship schedule until the end of December.

1. There will be no on Saturdays until January.
2. I am cancelling the Thanksgiving Service for this coming Wednesday.
3. CCE classes are suspended until January. We may have Zoom classes.
4. We will suspend Fellowship Hour until January.

5. We will suspend Church School until January. Lessons will be sent to families with children.
  6. We will still have our December 12 Food Sale but strict mask wearing, gloves and social distancing will be in effect for workers. All orders will be take-out and guests will be asked to wait in their cars after placing their orders and orders will be put in the car trunks. We should expect that potential sales will be down because of the Stay At Home order, but, we will do our best, safely.
  7. Worship Groups 1 and 2 are still in effect during this period. As in the past, we are grateful to God for your continued financial support to St. John's. Feel free to mail your offerings to the church address.
  8. Parish Council members should expect the December meeting to be via ZOOM. We will keep a close eye on the situation and if conditions do improve in December, we can adjust accordingly
- Please refer to the revised December bulletin online at [www.sjbeastpitt.org](http://www.sjbeastpitt.org)

The Allegheny County voluntary STAY AT HOME may become mandatory if cases of the virus continue to spike and although the Order does not apply to churches, the spirit of the Order should be understood in that church members do gather for worship. If the Order becomes mandatory, we may need to go back to limiting attendance at Sunday Liturgy to altar servers and Cantor only. I sure hope we don't have to do that.

I am taking these actions for everyone's safety. I do not want to lose any of you to this Virus. So far, we have done well but the most serious outbreak and spread of the Virus is upon us right now. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

With love in Christ,  
 Fr Joseph

*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	2 Thess 1:1-10	Luke 11:27-32, 22-31	St Nonnus, Bishop of Heliopolis
Tuesday	2 Thess 1:10-2:2	Luke 12:42-48	St Victor of Spain
Wednesday	2 Thess 2:1-3:5	Luke 12:48-13:9	St John the Merciful
Thursday	Heb 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16	St John Chrysostom
Friday	2 Thess 3:6-18	Luke 13:31-35	Holy Apostle Philip
Saturday	Gal 1:3-10	Luke 9:37-43	Start of the Nativity Fast
Sunday	Eph 4:1-6	Luke 10:25-37	Holy Apostle Matthew

**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**

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

**November Memorials – Newly Departed**, Patriarch Ireiji, 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 SISTER PARISH**-Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church is hosting a Christmas Retreat on December 5 from 10am-12pm featuring Fr Martie Johnson of The Neighborhood Resilience Project.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0435P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0435P) A order form will be part of Sunday’s bulletin also.

**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 - George  
Bires, Alice - John E Stagon  
Carlise, Bob - Sandy-  
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 - Bob Perevuznik,  
Jr. Thank You for your service  
Harms, Denny - Adrienne  
Kocan, Nicki - Happy Anniversary,  
Ashley and Jabob Yeagers  
Sabeh, Nancy- Family  
Sabeh, Nancy - George  
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

Stagon, George & Barb- Parents, George,  
Beatrice, Nicholas

**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 - Metropolitan  
Maximos  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mr George  
Stagon  
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims