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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!**

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2018



Sunday, June 3rd

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – All Saints Sunday – 1st Sunday after Pentecost -Tone 8
Readings: Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2; Matthew 10:32 – 33, 37 – 38; 19:27 – 30
Panahida: In memory of John Samilenko offered by Peter, Debbie & Joe Samilenko

Sunday, June 10th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Carpatho-Rusyn Saints - Tone 1
Readings: Romans 2:10 – 16; Matthew 4:18 – 23

Sunday, June 17th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 2
Readings: Romans 5:1 – 10; Matthew 6:22 – 33
Panahida: In Memory of all Deceased Fathers

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

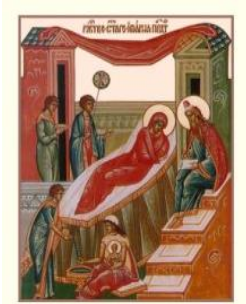
To all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, Uncles and Father-Figures in our Church Family, May God grant you Many Happy, Holy and Blessed Years in Health and Salvation!
MNOHAJA LITA!! MANY YEARS

Saturday, June 23rd

6:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Litiya for *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

Sunday, June 24th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 4th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 3- *Nativity of St. John the Baptist-Parish Patronal Feast Day*
Readings: Romans 6:18 – 23; Romans 13:11-14:4 (Feast); Matthew 8:5 – 13; Luke 1:5-25,57-68,76-80 (Feast)



Thursday, June 28th

7:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Litiya for the *Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul*



Friday, June 29th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – *Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul*

Sunday, July 1st

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4
Readings: Romans 10:1 – 10; Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

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Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org>
Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>
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FROM FATHER MICHAEL

CONTACTING FATHER

You may call me at either of the following numbers: 203-386-8888 or my cell phone at 203-218-1627. Contact me at any time and especially in the event of any emergencies, hospitalizations or problems that may arise.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Follow and “like” us on Facebook to keep up to date. Search “St. John’s Orthodox Church of Silver Lane” on your Facebook search engine to find our site or visit our church website at www.stjohnsilverlane.net where there is a link you can click to our Facebook site. Add these to your favorites and visit us frequently!

NICEAN CREED CHANTER SCHEDULE

The following groups and/or individuals are scheduled to chant the Nicene Creed on the following dates:

6/3 Chris G	6/17 Congregation
6/10 Peter S	6/24 Chris G

ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar servers are expected to be in the sanctuary at least five minutes before the beginning of any Liturgical service. Please try to arrive on time. The following altar servers are responsible for the altar on the following dates:

6/3 David P	6/24 David P
6/10 Stephen O	7/1 Stephen O
6/17 Magnus O	7/8 Magnus O



YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

Summer is almost here and thoughts of going on vacation are on your mind. Don't forget your church during these upcoming months, especially while you are away. Hopefully, we all have made a commitment to participate in our church stewardship offering for the year and to put aside at least our “dollar-a-day”, or whatever we are able to, in order to help support the work of our church. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you with health and happiness as you vacation, but remember to make your offerings before you leave!

CANDLE DONATIONS



June 10th

- Eternal Candle offered by Tom Laput in memory of Anna Laput, Elizabeth Halica & Ann Laput. Memory Eternal!

June 17th

- Altar Taper Candles offered by Tom & Gail Denisky in memory of Michael & Nina Andreynak! Memory Eternal!

June 24th

- Eternal Candle offered by Tom Laput in memory of Anna Laput, Elizabeth Halica & Ann Laput. Memory Eternal!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people listed below who are in need of our special prayers: Ann Balasa, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. Larry Barriger, Judy Berard, Fr. Thomas Blaschak, Andrea Bower, Dean Bradford (Mer. Marine), Penny Briganti, Andre Briganti, Melissa Brock, Rosemary Brown, Kimberly Calhoun, Shirley Canaan, Jean & Joseph Candela, Michael Capuano, Joyce Cayer, the child Haley and her parents Tara & Mark Chudy, Protopresbyter David Cochran, Burton Cornell, MaryAnn Damato, Ray Davidson, Jeff Delvecchio, Laura DeMayo, Karen Dobosz, Joan Dumas, Fr. John & Pani Patricia Duranko, Noreen Ehnnot, Marie Eichler, Fr. John & Pani Anna Jane Fencik, Carol & Bob Ferik, Bill Forth, Fr. John Gido, Chris, Eileen, Sarah, Nicholas & Annie Gombos, Ryan Gombos, Ken & Marie Hegyi, Tom Hetherington, Bruce Hultgren, Gus Jarosko, Maya Joyner, Jessica Keane, Peter Kepchar, Bettie Kerpchar, Barbara Kolaric, Sarah Kotos, Michele Krochta, Subdeacon Joseph Laput, Marcia Laput, Gregory Laput, Thomas Laput, Mark Lawruszko, Irene Lombard, Elsi Lotufo, John Lovell, Fr. Robert Lucas, Arthur Macura, Fr. Daniel Mahler, Irene Maty, Don Maxton, Peter McGinnis, Frank Meyernick, Lillian Mierzejewski, Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Megan Morrissey, Fr. Ted Mozes, Philip Murphy, Merle Palmer, John Papa, Raymond Peterson, Verna & Michael Pistey, Roseann & John Plavnicky, Adriana Pleban, Sandy Pleban, Betty Pollman, Pani Eleanor Pribish, Ostap Pryjdun, Fr. Michael Psenechnuk, Judy Restieri, Linda Rosinsky, Peter Samilenko, Pani Helen Shutack, Cheryl Schultz, Josephine Sinatro, Pani Anna Slovesko, Pani Donna Smoley, Barbara Susi, Susanne Talley, Sarah Tartaglio, Pani Peggy Teklinsky, Daniel & Sebastian Tomy, Gary Wolff, Karen Ann Yuschak, Fr. John Zboyovski, Michael, Paula, Daniel, Holly, Tiffany, Lynn, Susan, Betty, Ann, Carol, Greg, Jackie, Savannah, Rekha & Our US Military Personnel

Follow the Call of Sts. Peter & Paul



Who do you say that I am (Matthew 16:15)?

Have you ever wondered what other people thought of you? What they say about you to others? For most of us it is a central activity of our life. Some of us probably need to worry less about what others think and say about us. Perhaps some of us need to ponder this

Fourth, being called by God is no guarantee of perfection. Peter, the rock of the Church, denied Christ three times. Yet, Christ gave him another chance and forgave him and restored Peter. Both Peter and Paul disputed with each other about to lead the early Christian Church but eventually reconciled as evidence by their loving embrace in certain icons of them. Even after our baptism and realization of our calling we will stumble and fall. However, the opportunity to repent, to pick ourselves up and walk again, is ever-present for us through the pure love of forgiveness in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fifth, we are called to care for the Church. Whether we are called to be apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healers, helpers, administrators (1Cor.12:28) or some other ministry in Church, we are called to support all the ministries through generous and sacrificial monetary stewardship. Some of us will ignore the call to ministry and stewardship or both. No worry, not for the ignorant, but no worry for the Church because Christ said, "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Mt.16:18). Even during times of fierce persecution, the Church is somehow strengthened through purification.

This leads to the sixth and final point. We are called to martyrdom. Being baptized and become a follower of Christ and a member of the Church is no guarantee of safety and comfort. In fact, usually the opposite is true. The more we draw closer to God, the farther we are drawn away from the world. In this process, the more the world will hate us and thus persecute us through the efforts of Satan and his demons. Peter and Paul, the greatest of the Apostles, were rewarded for the efforts by crucifixion and beheading respectively. I am not saying that will happen to anyone of us. But I will say that we will suffer, in some form or another, as we grow closer to Christ. Nevertheless, Christ says, "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven" (Mt.5:12).

So, now we come back to the beginning. Christ is asking each one of us today, and every day, "Who do you say that I am?" What is our answer? Is it "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And if this is our answer, are we willing to serve and follow this Christ, with a new, different and holy identity, ready to repent, forgive and be forgiven as we care for His Church, ready to give even our earthly life for Her as an example of faith in God to all.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st: Mercury P
4th: Sarah G
6th: Stephen O

7th: Ann B
19th: Subdeacon Joel P

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

24th: Mark & Michelle T

DON'T FORGET

- **If you would like to request a panahida service** on a Sunday, please add it to the panahida listing on the back table in church.
- **Please refrain from texting and phone calls during church.** There's a time and place for that ... and it's not during church services. If you must take a call, we ask that you step downstairs so as not to disturb everyone else.
- **If you or a family member goes into the hospital,** please have someone contact Father Michael immediately. Hospitals no longer give out patient information when priests call to ask if a parishioner is a patient.
- **If you would like to have Altar Candles, Eternal Light, or side Iconostas Candles lit in honor of or in memory of family or friends,** please register on our signup sheet in the back of the church. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated.
- Annual Dues is \$170.00 per person 18 years of age or older who is not attending college as a full time undergraduate student.

OFFICERS MEETING

The monthly meeting of our church officers will take place on Sunday, June 1st after Fellowship Hour in the church hall. All officers are asked to attend.

WEDNESDAY BINGO

Come down to our weekly Wednesday Night BINGO in the Church Hall. BINGO begins at 6:45 p.m. with a "Winner Take All" game at 6:30 p.m. for early arrivals! We have free coffee and soda available during BINGO along with snacks. Hot dogs are available for a donation from 5:00 pm to the start of BINGO.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Stay in touch with our church family by sending a card or note, calling or visiting them. Let them know they are being prayed for and that they are missed and thought of often!

- Pani Helen Shutack, 229 Walnut Street, Apt 1, Royersford, PA 19468

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH and CHINESE AUCTION

Join us on Father's Day for Divine Liturgy followed by a brunch for all the men in our church (prepared and served by the women)! In addition to the brunch, we will have a Chinese Auction. If you would like to donate any new items for the Chinese Auction please bring them down to church before by June 13th so we can have the table set up prior to church services that Sunday.

1st ANNUAL CAMP NAZARETH CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Michael's in Binghamton, NY along with the Camp Nazareth Classic Committee announce the 1st Annual Camp Nazareth Class Golf Tournament to be held in Johnson City, NY, on Sunday, June 10th. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Science and Nature Camp Program at Camp Nazareth which takes place after our diocesan camping weeks.



SUMMERTIME FOOD AND BOOK SALE

Our annual Summertime Food and Book Sale will be held on the church grounds on Saturday, June 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We need your help to make this successful ... please consider:

- Helping cook and sell our delicious stuffed cabbage, halushki and roast beef sandwiches
- Making baked goods to sell
- Help selling religious items
- Donating gently used books to sell

- Assisting in advertising the event and passing the word around to neighbors and friends to attend

This can be a success with your help. As we enter the summer months, church income sees a decline and this event really helps us pay some of our summer bills. Volunteer to work in a time slot – we have morning (set up, cooking, packaging and selling) & afternoon slots (selling and cleaning) – please join us in whichever works out better for you! See Carole Krochta if you want to help out in one or more of the above areas – or if you think of something else that can help us!

WELCOME SUMMERTIME DINNER AND BINGO

Are you ready for summer? Join us for a roast beef dinner celebrating the start of the summer months on Sunday, July 1st at 4:00 pm in our air-conditioned church hall! After dinner, you might want to stay and play some bingo with us as well. Contact Carole for reservations to eat in or take out and to volunteer to help serve/cleanup.

HELPING OUR FRIENDS ON JOHN STREET

We are looking for some help to provide assistance to our friends who live on the streets of Bridgeport by providing a nourishing lunch (grinders, bottled water, snack bags, fruit) and some personal items (socks, t-shirts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc.). Could you reach into your heart and help by donating the personal items or snack bags, fruit, bottled water, etc. or make a monetary donation so someone could shop for these items? Could you be one of 13 volunteers to go down to John Street on July 22nd after church to distribute these items? See Debbie S before July 1st to sign up!

THANK YOU TO

- ❖ All who worked at and attended our Red, White and Blue Dinner and Bingo
- ❖ The men who prepared and served a delicious Mother's Day Brunch
- ❖ Those who helped make halushki cabbage and stuffed cabbage
- ❖ **Our Stewards, God's Gardeners, snow removers, grounds and church cleaners!**

CHURCH SHOPPING WISH LIST

Donations of the following new items would be greatly appreciated for church:

- Paper Towels
- 2 liter Bottled Soda
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Large Bags of Pretzels, Chips, & Cookies
- White Luncheon Napkins



Thank you to everyone who donated items this past month!

OCMC COLLECTION

The OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) will be supporting several youth and teaching mission teams to Kenya later in the year. The children of our Orthodox brothers and sisters need our help and we have an opportunity to do so. This is a time when many clothing and department stores are offering significant clearing sales on their winter clothing. The children of the Orthodox schools and orphanages are in desperate need of suitable clothing and Subdeacon Joel is asking you to consider purchasing a new pair of pants or new shirt to be brought over to these children by a mission team next time you are clothes shopping. For a \$5 or \$10 purchase at the store, you can make a significant difference in the well-being of one of our fellow Orthodox brethren. Having personally walked with these children through the mud wearing ragged clothing and no shoes, Subdeacon Joel witnessed their need first hand and implores you to consider sharing our good fortune with those innocent yet devoted children. Please contact Subdeacon Joel Pleban with any questions.

ST JOHN'S SUMMER BBQ DINNER AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Our friends at St. John's, Broadbridge Avenue, have invited us to attend their BBQ Dinner and Trivia Night on Saturday, June 9th:

SUMMER BARBECUE DINNER



AND TRIVIA NIGHT!

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 2018

5:30 PM

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH HALL
1240 BROADBRIDGE AVENUE, STRATFORD, CT.**

FEATURING BARBECUE CHICKEN, PULLED PORK, AND MUCH MORE!

ADULTS: \$15.00 CHILDREN Ages 5-13: \$5.00 4 & Under: Free

COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN - TESTING YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF A BROAD VARIETY OF TRIVIA! PRIZES AWARDED TO WINNING TEAM!

Reservations must be made to Fr. Peter Paproski by June 5, 2018 priest@sjoc.org or 203-375-2564

YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER 2018

**5TH ANNUAL
YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER 2018**
SUNDAY JULY 1ST TO WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese is so happy to be hosting the 5th Annual Young Women's Encounter! This engaging experience includes spiritual discussions and special events. The YWE is an opportunity for our young women, ages 12 to 18, to have fellowship with their Orthodox sisters in Christ while learning to love God and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. We hope you will join us!

Let's have fun, pray together, cultivate our gifts, and grow in the Faith!

Location: Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Windber, PA	For registration check www.acrod.org Space is limited!	Questions? Contact Pani Eleni Stagon acrodywe@gmail.com
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ALTARBOY RETREAT 2018

DIOCESAN ALTAR BOY RETREAT

JULY 1-4, 2018



ABR 2018

The Diocese is pleased to announce the dates for this year's Altar Boy Retreat to be held once again at Christ the Savior Seminary, Johnstown, PA. This is an opportunity to come together and be with other Altar Servers from around the Diocese. It is also an opportunity to come and spend time with clergy from around the Diocese as you learn to sing and serve in the Church!

Online Registration will be open soon. Ask your parish Priest for more information to register!

We hope to see you at ABR 2018!!!!

Learn about your faith!

Come pray together!

Come sing together!

Come play together!

Registration Cost is \$100

ABR 2018

Christ the Savior Seminary

Johnstown, PA

Rev. Fr. David Cochran

pauldeochran@gmail.com



CAMP NAZARETH

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2018

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2018!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1 -- July 15 - 21, 2018

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 22 - July 28, 2018

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 3 -- July 29 - August 4, 2018

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2018

Register at – campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2018 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2018 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!

(one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2018!!!!

Online Registration **MUST** be complete **AND** payment must be submitted by **May 15** in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

- When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.
- Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137*.

SAVE THE DATE

July 2018

1st: Welcome Summertime Dinner and Bingo

1st-4th: Diocesan Altarboy Retreat

1st-4th: Diocesan Young Womens Retreat

15th-21st: New England Deanery week at Camp Nazareth

22nd: John Street

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Envelope (Curators):

06/03: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Roger)

06/10: Dues & Weekly Offering (Wendy)

06/17: Air Conditioning & Weekly Offering (Sharon)

06/24: Weekly Offering (Melanie)

07/01: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Mercury)

Note: There is only one collection basket after the sermon. All envelopes for the day can go in that basket.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

06/10: Carole K

07/01: Wendy G

07/15: Sandy P

07/29: Michelle T

06/24: Sharon L

07/08: Elle H

07/22: Melanie O

Bingo Workers:

06/06: Carole, Sharon

06/13: Carole, Debbie

06/20: Carole, Sharon

06/27: Wendy, Carole, Debbie

07/04: NO BINGO

GODS GARDENER PROJECTS

Please support these projects that parishioners sponsor for the benefit of our parish operating fund:

Monthly Breakfast (Oct-Jun):

Join us for breakfast buffet after Divine Liturgy in the church hall on the first Sunday this month! \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, free for under 5.

Recycle Used Printer Cartridges:

Drop off unwanted ink jet cartridges in the labeled boxes in our church hall instead of having it pollute our landfills. Staples will give us a credit for each cartridge that will be used to defray the cost of printing our bulletin!

Pampered Chef:

Stock up on favorite must have kitchen items & seasonings from Pampered Chef. 15% of the sales price goes to St. John's. Free shipping for purchases through God's Gardener. Free Pampered Chef product for any order over \$75.00. Earn even more for St. John's and yourself if you collect \$200 in orders from your friends and family. See or call Mercury @ 203.449.0115 for the new catalog with fabulous new Pampered Chef products!

Recycle Clothes, Lines, Shoes and More

Bring your useable clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillow cases, blankets, curtains, towels, & stuffed animals to our St. Pauly Textile Drop-Off Shed to help our church. St. Pauly send it to people who need it here in the United States & all over the world.