



**THE FORERUNNER**  
*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
**Orthodox Church O.C.A.**  
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**October 2010**  
*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever and ever!*

**Service Schedule**

**October 3**

General Confession & Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Special Collection for Seminarian  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy  
 Council Meeting

**October 10**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

**October 17**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

**October 24**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

**October 31**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Pot luck luncheon following Liturgy

**Reader's Schedule**

**Hours**

10/3 Drew Conkey  
 10/10 Chris Conkey  
 10/17 Mike Conkey  
 10/24 Veronica Pirow  
 10/31 Jan Brennish

**Epistle**

Mark Ammerman  
 Jan Brennish  
 George Sura  
 John Conkey  
 Doug Donovan

**Feast Days**

10/1 Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos  
 10/18 Apostle/Evangelist Luke  
 10/26 Great Martyr Demetrius



For private confession, call Father to make arrangements.

**Remember in your prayers:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Father Adam, Father Ted, Jennifer & Lilian Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Helen Bokach, Chris Conkey, Helen Czar, Christine Demchak, Joe Demchak, Jeffrey Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Yvonne Fetcenko, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Helen Mae Harvey, Julia Luzier, Anna Pennington, Karen Saupp, Harry Socie, Chuck Stine, Dustin Thompson, Holly Thompson, Andrew Tocimak, George Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Elizabeth Edwards, Joe Edwards, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, and William Cornman

“O Master, the all-sustainer, and Holy King, Who punishes, but reduces not to death, Who strengthens the failing, and raises the outcast, Who remedies the bodily sorrows of men, we pray unto Thee, O Our Lord, visit Thine infirm servants with Thy mercy; forgive them every transgression, voluntary and involuntary. Verily O Lord, send down from Heaven Thy healing power, touch the body, extinguish the fever, lessen the suffering and every infirmity of Thy servants, raise them decumbent, from sickness, and from the bed of evilness, make them whole and all-restored, return them to Thy Church well-pleasing and fulfilling Thy will. For it is of Thine own, to be merciful and to save us, O Lord, and unto Thee we send glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

**Birthdays**

10/7 Stan Demchak  
 10/10 Rhonda Demchak  
 10/11 Sarah Mason  
 10/15 Mary Foster  
 10/23 George Tocimak  
 10/30 Linda Nolder  
 10/31 Helen Czar

**Anniversaries**

Sarah and Chuck Mason 10/6/2002  
 Mark & Jen Ammerman 10/6/2007  
 Julia & Mark Blazosky 10/15/2005  
 Mary Ann & Larry Ammerman 10/17/1965

## *Father's Corner*

### OCTOBER 1ST ---FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS

The Feast commemorates an event that happened in Constantinople in the 10th Century. In the year 911, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, a large army of Saracens was preparing to attack the city and conquer it. The pious people of Constantinople reacted to the threat by turning to prayer. They thronged to the Church of Blachernae (where was preserved the Robe and Veil of the Mother of God) and there raised their voices to Christ the Lord, and to His Mother, the All-Holy Theotokos pleading for mercy and help against the foe.

As the soldiers raised their arms in battle, the church was filled with hymns and prayers. Among the believers was St. Andrew, a Fool-for-Christ, and his disciple, St. Epiphanius. Suddenly they saw a vision of the Virgin Mary surrounded by a choir of angels, prophets and apostles. "Do you see, brother, the Queen of all praying for the peace of the world" asked Andrew? "Indeed I see, father," answered the disciple. "I see and I fear."

The inhabitants of the city heard of this vision of the two men, and were filled with joy and hope that this was a sign of deliverance. They thanked God and sang hymns to the One who interceded for them. All night they prayed in the church, while outside, the Christian army fought against the invaders. The tide of battle against the enemy and the defenders of Constantinople emerged with a decisive victory. Saints Andrew and Epiphanius told everyone of their vision in the church, seeing the Holy Virgin with outstretched arms, holding a veil over the city as a sign of protection, and imploring God's mercy upon the people.

Since that time the Feast of the Protection has come to be celebrated by the Church. In the Feast of the Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos, we entreat of the Queen of Heaven to protect and help: "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady, Virgin Theotokos, that we not perish for the increase of our sins; protect us from all evil and cruel misfortune. For we put our hope on you, and honoring the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you!"

#### The Sign of the Cross

##### The Meaning of the Sign of the Cross

The position of our fingers as we make the Sign of the Cross has a definite meaning. We join together the thumb, index finger of our right hand. This means the God is three in Person: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yet one in Essence. With the other two fingers of our right hand we touch the palm. This means that Christ is both God and Man. By touching first our forehead, then our breast, then our right shoulder, and lastly our left shoulder, we pray that our mind, body, and heart be made pleasing to God.

#### REMEMBER:

Next Sunday and every First Sunday of the month we will have a special collection to help our Seminarian with his needs in school and travel. Please be kind and help.

Please keep remembering those who are sick in homes and hospitals. May God bless you all.

## **Bible verses on healing**

(Psalms 107:20) <sup>20</sup> He sends his word, and heals them, and delivers them from their graves.

(Isaiah 53:4-5) <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our sickness, and carried our suffering; yet we considered him plagued, struck by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed.

(Matthew 4:23) <sup>23</sup> Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

(Matthew 9:2) <sup>2</sup> Behold, they brought to him a man who was paralyzed, lying on a bed. Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, "'Son, cheer up! Your sins are forgiven you.'"

(Matthew 9:6) <sup>6</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." (then he said to the paralytic), "'Get up, and take up your mat, and go up to your house.'"

(James 5:14-15) <sup>14</sup> Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, <sup>15</sup> and the prayer of faith will heal him who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.