



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church *O.C.A.*

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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever and ever!

Service Schedule

February 6

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

February 13

Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM followed by Vespers
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
Annual Parish Meeting

February 20

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

February 27

Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Pot Luck Fellowship Hour following Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

Hours

2/6 D. Edward Batchko
 2/13 Jan Brennish
 2/20 Drew Conkey
 2/27 Mike Conkey

Epistle

Chris Conkey
 George Sura
 Larry Ammerman
 Doug Donovan

Feast Days

2/2 The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple
 2/06 Zaccheus Sunday
 2/14 Publican & Pharisee
 2/21 Prodigal Son
 2/27 Meatfare Sunday/ Last Judgement



Remember in your prayers: Father Adam, Father Ted, Jennifer Ammerman and Lilian, Mary Ann Ammerman, 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, Harry Socie, Alexandra Stine, Eleanor Sura, Holly Thompson, Andrew 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.”

The Hanging Vigil above the Royal Doors of the iconostasis is supported by Maragaret Stefanko in the memory of her sister Helen Bokach, her mother, brothers and sister.

The Vigils on the Tetrapod are supported by Irene Pollock in Loving Memory of all departed members of the Bokach family, Bernard Pollock, and Andrew Strizak.

Birthdays

Dorian Batchko	February 1
Mary Ann Conkey	February 2
George Sura	February 2
Emily Demchak	February 4
Julia Batchko	February 15

Anniversaries

none

Our beloved brother, George Tocimak, fell asleep in the Lord on January 7, 2100. May his memory be eternal.

Theodore Demchak fell asleep in the Lord on January 28, 2011. He was 85. Funeral services will be in Medina, OH. Memory Eternal

Icon of St. Helen has been donated by Doug and Shirley Donovan in memory of Helen Bokach. The icon hangs on the column beside the choir. May her memory be eternal.

Assessments for 2011 remain at \$140 per member (\$28 to the Archdiocese, \$105 to the central Church with the remaining \$7 staying at St. John's). The number of members for a calendar year is determined in September of the previous year. That count is fixed and is not adjusted for new members, members leaving or becoming inactive, or deceased members. St. John's must pay our assessments each month. If you have not completed your obligation for 2010, please reimburse St. John's as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding your assessments, stop at the candle desk.

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

Interfax - Religion

Meteorologists have failed to explain the descending of a cloud on the supposed place of the Lord's Transfiguration. Science cannot explain a mystery of the cloud that every year descends on Mount Tabor where, according to the Bible, the Transfiguration of the Lord took place. This summer Sergey Mirov, a participant in the research by the working group on Miraculous signs at the Synodal Theological Commission, organized the investigation. The Komsomolskaya Pravda daily writes that the search was conducted by Russian and Israeli meteorologists. According to him, and summing up the results, the experts concluded that fog cannot be generated in such dry air and temperature.

Mirov stressed that "descending of the blessed cloud" takes place only in a territory of the Orthodox monastery, He said that during a festival service (miraculous phenomenon happens on the Feast of Transfiguration) a glaring sphere rushes over believers, then the cloud appears above the cross of the Transfiguration Church, it grows in dimensions and descends on believers, covering them and pouring life-giving moisture over them.

In his turn Pavel Florensky, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences academician and head of the working group on miraculous signs, said that his team examined appearance of the Holy Fire at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem on Easter eve with the help of modern highly accurate equipment. The conclusion is simple: the appearance of fire is accompanied with powerful piezoelectric Phenomenon in the church and adjacent territories similar to those that take during Thunderstorms, but there was no thunderstorm... Thus, it means that this event can be considered miraculous," he believes.

Who is a member?

The By-Laws of the church state that a member is a person who takes confession and communion at least once a year and pays his/her assessment. That is the minimum. The Church has an obligation to bury the dead, however the by-laws must be followed. The Priest has the final say for funerals, because he may be taking care of a person who may not come to church, but is receiving communion and confession. There are many things that the Priest must consider when he gives the permission to bury from the church. The priest will bury people that have not fulfilled their obligation from the funeral home. If you have questions about this, please see Fr. John.