



# 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

**March 6 – Forgiveness Sunday/Cheesefare**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Special Collection for Seminarian  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

**March 9 - Wednesday**

Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Canon of St. Andrew @ 6:00 PM

**March 13 – Sunday of Orthodoxy**

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

**March 18 - Friday**

Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Presanctified Liturgy @ 6:00 PM

**March 20 - St. Gregory Palamas**

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

**March 26 – Memorial Saturday**

Confession – call Father for appt.  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

**March 27 - Veneration of the Cross**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy  
 Mission Service St. John's @ 4:00 PM

**Note:** No confessions Sunday mornings prior to Liturgy

### Reader's Schedule

**Hours**

3/6 George Sura  
 3/13 Mark Ammerman  
 3/20 John Conkey  
 3/27 Veronica Pirow

**Epistle**

D. Edward Batchko  
 Jan Brennish  
 Andrew Tocimak  
 Doug Donovan

### Feast Days

3/6 Forgiveness Sunday/Cheesefare  
 3/13 Sunday of Orthodoxy  
 3/20 St. Gregory Palamas  
 3/25 Annunciation of the Theotokos  
 3/27 Veneration of the Cross



Plan ahead:

Friday April 1 Presanctified Liturgy @ 6:00 PM  
 Friday April 8 Presanctified Liturgy @ 6:00 PM  
 Saturday April 16 Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Sunday April 17 Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Thursday, April 21 Great & Holy Thursday Matins & Reading of 12 Gospels @ 6:00 PM  
 Friday, April 22 Great & Holy Friday Service @ 4:00 PM  
 Saturday, April 23 Great & Holy Saturday  
 Vespers/Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Matins/Compline @ 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, April 24 Resurrection Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

**Remember in your prayers:** Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Michael, Father Paul, 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.

*The votives* in front of the iconostasis, on the candlestands and in front of the icons in the nave are supported by Andrew & Louise Tocimak in loving memory of George Tocimak.

**Martha Tocimak, wife of Mitch Tocimak fell asleep in the Lord on Feb. 3, 2011. May her memory be eternal.**

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Julia Luzier	3/1	Karen and Chuck Stine	March 9, 1980
Richard Nakles	3/3		
Lilian Ammerman	3/4		
Silvia Marko	3/10		
Joe Demchak	3/16		
Holly Thompson	3/21		
Tom Demchak	3/23		
Carl Mandel	3/23		

### *From the Desk of Father John Horosky*

Sunday Feb. 27 is known as Meatfare Sunday for from this day till Pascha meat is not eaten. The following Sunday is known as Cheesefare Sunday which cheese and dairy products from this day till Pascha are not eaten. The fasting practiced in the Church is very strict and should be followed by all parishioners. But there are people who are unable to strict fast, because of health, or any other circumstances which prohibit a strict fast. Children should be excused from fasting because they cannot fast as the adults do. Fasting rules are to be followed however God knows those that cannot.

Sunday Mar. 6 following the Divine Liturgy we will have the Forgiveness Sunday Vespers which we ask God to forgive us of all our sins and of great importance we ask forgiveness from one another.

On Wednesday of the same week we will have the Canon of St. Andrew the Crete which he recalls of all his sins and if we listen carefully will remind us of our own transgressions.

During Great Lent we also have Souls Liturgy which we remember all the family and parishioners that have gone before us. If you have any names to be added to the list, please write them down and give it to Fr. John.

Private confession will be the norm during Great Lent. Fr. John will be in church at 5 P.M. on days we have the Presanctified Gifts. Saturday Divine Liturgy, please call Fr. John and we will be here in time to hear confessions.

Please, please, ***do not schedule confessions for Sunday Morning.***

A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

St. Basil

Do not measure your loss by itself; if you do, it will seem intolerable; but if you will take all human affairs into account you will find that some comfort is to be derived from them.

St. Basil

Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away hunger.

St. Basil

Not the power to remember, but its very opposite, the power to forget, is a necessary condition for our existence.

St. Basil