



**THE FORERUNNER**  
*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
 Orthodox Church O.C.A.  
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Very Rev. John Horosky - Priest  
 Mark Ammerman - Council President

June 2011  
 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

**Service Schedule**

**June 5**

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

**June 12 Pentecost**

Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 The Right Reverend MELCHISEDEK  
 Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania  
 Celebration luncheon following Liturgy

**June 19**

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

**June 26 All Saints of North America**

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

**Reader's Schedule**

**Hours**

6/5 Douglas Donovan  
 6/12 John Conkey  
 6/19 Jan Brennish  
 6/26 Larry Ammerman

**Epistle**

George Sura  
 Edward Batchko  
 Mike Conkey  
 Mark Ammerman

**Feast Days**

6/2 Ascension  
 6/12 Pentecost  
 6/14 Prophet Elisha  
 6/24 The Nativity of John the Baptist  
 6/26 All-Saints of North America  
 6/29 Holy Apostles Peter & Paul



For private confession, call Father to make arrangements.

**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, Carl Mandel, Anna Pennington, Harry Socie, Alexandra Stine, Eleanor Sura, Holly Thompson, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Michael 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**

**Anniversaries**

Mary and Jack Foster

June 18, 1949

**Congratulations** to Sarah Demchak who graduated on May 14 from the Pennsylvania College of Technology.

**Congratulations** to Chris Conkey who will graduate from State College Area High School on June 11.

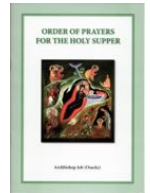
**Thank you** to all who helped with chicken BBQ. It was very successful. God bless you for your work.

**Thank you** to all who helped with making pirhoi. It was very successful day. God bless you for your work.



**For Sale!** Please check the church store. We have note cards and pictures for sale of the watercolor of the church. The artist has given us permission to replicate her work as a fund raiser. Proceeds will benefit St. John's. Items for sale: Package of 10 note cards with envelopes (\$10), 4x6 picture (\$3) 8x10 picture (\$5).

We also have a booklet for the Order of Prayers for the Holy Supper – Archbishop Job (Osacky) (\$5), which includes prayers, foods to be served and traditions for this meal.



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

During the month of June we have several feast days of which two are very important;

*FIRST:* 40 days after the Feast of Feast (Pascha) we celebrate the ascension of our Lord to His Heavenly Father. Before his ascension he had given the disciples instructions that He will send the Holy Spirit to them and they will gain the knowledge Jesus was teaching them while He was on earth. This is the end of the Paschal season. The Lord ascended in Heaven not to sadden us with His departure, but in order to do what was best for us. It is to your advantage that I go away, He had told His disciples. For I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. I will pray the Father, and He will give to you another Comforter, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of Truth the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things.

*SECOND:* The Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is known as the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples. When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like a rush of a mighty wind, and It filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as a fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the fisherman as  
Most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them thou  
Didst draw the world into Thy net.  
O lover of Man, Glory to Thee!

Kontakion of the Feast (Tone 8)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,  
He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire,  
He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

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**Remember:**

June 12 is the Day of Pentecost and on that day Our Bishop will be here to celebrate the day. We will have a dinner following Liturgy and all are invited.

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

*The Vigils on the Tetrpod 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.*