



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

August 2011
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

August 7

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

August 14

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

August 21

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

August 28

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

Reader's Schedule

Hours

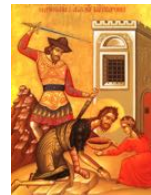
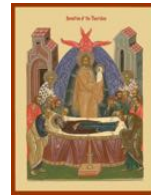
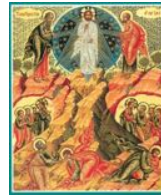
8/7 Chris Conkey
 8/14 Edward Batchko
 8/21 Veronica Pirow
 8/28 Larry Ammerman

Epistle

Doug Donovan
 Mike Conkey
 Jan Brennish
 George Sura

Feast Days

8/6 Holy Transfiguration
 8/15 Dormition of Theotokos
 8/29 Beheading of Prophet and Baptist John



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, 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.”

Our sister, Julia Luzier, fell asleep in the Lord on July 24. On July 26, following the funeral, she was laid to rest at the Nativity of St. John's cemetery in Chester Hill. May her memory be eternal.

Birthdays

Karen Stine
Julia Blazosky

8/15
8/27

Anniversaries

Krista & D. Edward Batchko

August 13, 1999

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

August 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;

The feast day is when Jesus went to a high mountain to pray and a cloud came down on Him where Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus and they saw and heard a voice come from the cloud “This is My Son, My beloved; listen to him. When voice had spoken he was found alone and the Disciples that were with Him said not a word and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. On this day it is a custom to bless fruit because as the Lord Transfigured so the seed is transfigured into the fruit of the earth.

August 15 The Dormition of the Most—Holy Theotokos.

The Dormition or the Falling Asleep is the feast of the Theotokos is the time the Virgin Mary fell asleep and was buried by the Disciples. But as not all Disciples were there at the time of Falling Asleep, after the burial they asked to see the body of the Theotokos. However when they opened the grave the Theotokos was not there but taken by her Son to heaven. It is a custom in the Church to bless flowers on this day.

August 18, 2011 Three Hierarchs Eastern Orthodox School will hold a retreat at the school at 1819 Ellsworth Ave. in Heidelberg, Pa. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is for Orthodox youth ages 6-17 years old. See Fr. John for more details.

August 21, 2011 Archdiocesan Family Day, from 3:30 till dark, with food and games for children and adults. The afternoon will begin with a Thanksgiving Service with Bishop Melchisedek. Win a Kindle or cash. Chinese Auction provides an interesting selection of gifts for adults and young people. Dance, sing, play, and chat to your heart’s content.

The Hanging Vigil above the Royal Doors of the iconostasis is supported by Margaret Stefanko in the memory of her sister Helen Bokach; her husband, 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.