

# 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

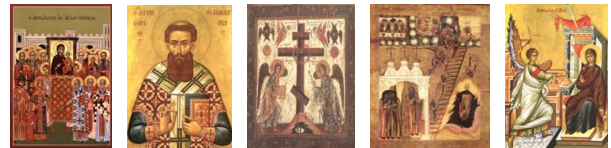
- February 29 - Wednesday**  
 Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Canon of St. Andrew @ 6:00 PM
- March 4 – Sunday of Orthodoxy**  
 Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- March 10 – Soul Saturday Memorial Liturgy**  
 Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
- March 11 – St. Gregory Palamas Sunday**  
 Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy  
 Council Meeting
- March 14 - Wednesday**  
 Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6:00 PM
- March 18 - Veneration of the Cross Sunday**  
 Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- March 21 - Wednesday**  
 Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6:00 PM
- March 25 – St. John Climacus Sunday**  
**Annunciation of the Theotokos**  
 Hours @ 9:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- March 28 - Wednesday**  
 Confession @ 5:00 PM  
 Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts @ 6:00 PM

### Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
3/4	John Conkey	John Conkey
3/11	Larry Ammerman	George Sura
3/18	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
3/25	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman

### Feast Days

3/4	Sunday of Orthodoxy
3/11	St. Gregory Palamas
3/18	Veneration of the Cross
3/25	St. John Climacus
3/25	Annunciation of the Theotokos



### Plan ahead:

- Sunday April 1 *St. Mary of Egypt* - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Saturday April 7 *Lazarus Saturday* - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Sunday April 8 *Palm Sunday* - Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Wednesday April 11 *Holy Unction* @ 6:00 PM  
 Thursday, April 12 *Great & Holy Thursday* -  
 Matins & Reading of 12 Gospels @ 6:00 PM  
 Friday, April 13 *Great & Holy Friday* - Service @ 4:00 PM  
 Saturday, April 14 *Great & Holy Saturday* -  
 Vespers/Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
 Matins/Compline @ 6:00 PM  
 Sunday, April 14 *Holy Pascha* – Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

**Note:** No confessions Sunday mornings prior to Liturgy  
 Please contact Father for confessions at other times.

### Birthdays

Richard Nakles	3/3	Holly Thompson	3/21
Lilian Ammerman	3/4	Tom Demchak	3/23
Silvia Marko	3/10	Carl Mandel	3/23
Joe Demchak	3/16		

### Anniversaries

(none)

The Church School children will be learning to make prosopora, and preparing the loaves for the Divine Liturgies during Lent.

**Remember in your prayers:** Bishop MELCHESEDEK, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Jennifer with child, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Karen Blackburn, Chris Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, Christine Demchak, Joe Demchak, Mike Demchak, Eileen Donovan, Joe Edwards, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, Jeffrey Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Yvonne Fetcenko, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Helen Mae Harvey, Harry Horosky, Carl Mandel, Richard Nakles, Anna Pennington, Karen Saupp, Harry Socie, Alexandria Stine, Karen Stine, Eleanor Sura, Holly Thompson, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Michael Tocimak, Walter Varagea, Delores Varagea.

“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.”

## *From the Desk of Father John Horosky*

### **The Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion)** *Continued from Last Month*

Only by belonging to the Church, or in other words, being in communion with the very essence of Christ through the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist, can one attain salvation unto eternal life, thus we can answer the question, “Who can be regarded as a member of the Church of Christ?” by saying, “All those who have properly baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the true Son of God come in the flesh (1John 4:2-3), and are united by the grace of the Sacrament Of the Holy Eucharist administered by the Priesthood of Apostolic Succession.”

The unity of Christian believers in the Holy Eucharist is strongly stressed by the Fathers of the Church. St. Ignatius of Antioch, in his *Letter to the Ephesians* reminds them that “all of you to the last, without exception, through God’s grace are united in common faith and in Jesus Christ, so obey the Bishop and the Presbyters in complete harmony, breaking one bread, this remedy for immortality.” Moreover, the Eucharist in not only a testament to the internal and external unity of the Church, but is also the means for strengthening this unity. Therefore St. Ignatius stresses more frequent Communion: “Try to gather more often for the Eucharist and glorification of God. For if you gather together often, the forces of Satan are overthrown, and his destructive deeds are wrecked by your single-hearted faith.”

The union of believers with Christ in the Eucharist is also stressed by St. Cyprian of Carthage who, speaking of the mixing of water and wine in the cup, gives an extended meaning to this mixture: “The people are designated by water, the blood of Christ by wine. Mixing water and wine in the cup shows the people’s union with Christ, the believers’ union With Him in Whom they believe. Water and wine after mixing in the Lord’s Cup are so inseparably and closely united that they cannot be separate from Christ the Church, that is, The people that make up the Church, firmly and unshakeable abiding in faith and joined by Eternal, indivisible love”

This is reaffirmed in the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great when, after the blessing of the Holy Gifts, we pray that the Heavenly Father “unite us all, as many as are partakers in the one Bread and one cup, one with another in communion with the One Holy Spirit.” Thus we can say that whereas entrance into the Church begins with Holy Baptism, its fulfillment lies in the Holy Eucharist.

### **Mission Vespers Schedule**

Sunday March 4	04:00 pm	Mission Vespers @ St. Nicholas Serbian Church Johnstown
Sunday March 11	04:00 pm	Mission Vespers @ Holy Trinity Church - State College <i>St. Vladimir’s Choir will sing responses</i>
Sunday March 18	05:00 pm	Mission Vespers @ St. Alexander Nevsky Church - Allison Park
Sunday March 18	04:00 pm	Mission Vespers @ St. Michael’s Church - Portage
Sunday April 1	04:00 pm	Mission Vespers @ St. Nicholas Church – Dubois

**The Hanging Vigil** above the Royal Doors of the iconostasis is supported by Irene Pollock in loving memory of her sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Robert Stefanko.

**The Vigils on the Tetrakod** are supported by Irene Pollock in loving memory of her parents, sisters, brothers, husband, nephew and stepfather.

**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.