



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church O.C.A.

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May 2012

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever and ever!

Service Schedule

May 6 – Paralytic

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

May 13 – Samaritan Woman

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

May 20 – Blindman

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

May 27 – Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council

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

Reader's Schedule

Hours

5/6 Doug Donovan
5/13 Jan Brennish
5/20 Tom Demchak
5/27 John Conkey

Epistle

Doug Donovan
Jan Brennish
John Conkey
George Sura

Feast Days

5/6 Paralytic
5/8 Apostle & Evangelist John the Theologian
5/11 Sts. Cyril & Methodius
5/13 Samaritan Woman
5/20 Blindman
5/21 Sts. Constantine & Helen
5/24 Ascension
5/27 Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council

Note:

Please contact Father for confession.

Plan ahead:

BBQ on Saturday 5/19.
Help will be needed on the following days in preparation:
Mon – wash tubs
Tue – wash potatoes
Wed – make cookies
Thu – wrap cookies and clean chickens
Fri – wrap potatoes, bag rolls, fill containers with applesauce, make sauce
Times to be determined. See Jack or Mary Foster.



Thank you! To those donating towards flowers for our services. **God grant you many years!**

Jan Brennish for Veneration of the Cross
Rose Marie Fetcenko for Palms and Pussy Willows
Mary Ann Ammerman, Elaine Cardinal, Christine Demchak, Suzanne Demchak, Jack & Mary Foster,
Eleanor & George Sura, Mitch Tocimak, Joanne Whitehead for Pascha

	Birthdays			Anniversaries	
Mary Ann Ammerman	05/06	Krista Batchko	05/20	May 8, 1987	Stan and Jody Demchak
D. Edward Batchko	05/09	Elijah Mason	05/22	May 16, 1970	Elaine and Jim Cardinal
Dustin Thompson	05/15	Eleanor Sura	05/30	May 22, 1993	Joanne and William Whitehead

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, Steve 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.”

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 Tetrapod 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.

Church Program by JJ Powell, Inc. All churches and their members are eligible to participate, the only requirement is the members must be on their **EASYPay** plan or Prebuy program. For every gallon of heating fuel that is purchased by the church members or by the church, JJ Powell gives 3 cents per gallon to the church. The church does NOT have to use heating fuel (but we do) to be eligible to participate. The **EASYPay** plan is still open if you currently are not enrolled. Please see Jack Foster or George Sura if you are a JJ Powell customer so your account can be associated with the church account in order to receive the give back.

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

Concerning God’s Essence and the Creation of the World

The Fathers of the Church included in the Creed the most important truths of the faith taught in the Gospels.

Here, in the first and second verses of the Creed, they stated the dogmatic truths about God’s Essence and the Creation of the world. Through Divine Revelation, the Holy Church teaches us to believe in the One God (Deut 6:4; 1Tim. 1:17) in Three Persons, Who in the Holy Scriptures are called God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). God the Father is ungenerated and does not proceed from another Person. God the Son is pre-eternally generated by the Father. God the Holy Spirit pre-eternally proceeds from the Father. Nonetheless, all Three Persons of the Trinity are equal in Divinity. The Triune God is The One Who Is (Ex. 3:14). He is Pre-eternal (Is.41:4 Ps.89:2), Infinite (Luke 1:33; Ps 102:27) Everywhere-present (Omnipresent) (Jer. 23:24), All-Wise (Rom. 11:33), All-Knowing (OMNISCIENT) (1 John 3:20). All-Good (Ps. 145:9), All-Righteous (Ps. 145:17), All-Holy (1 Sam. 2:2) and Almighty (Ps. 115:3)

By His Omnipotent Word He brought into being from non-being both the invisible and the visible world (Gen. 1:1). In the first place He created the Kingdom of His eternal glory, giving life to the most pure spirits, the angels (Job 38:6,7). At first all the angels were holy. Some of them, firmly established in holiness, love and striving after goodness, glorify God continuously (Ps. 103:20; Is. 6:3), and carry out God’s commandments. Each Christian believer is given a Guardian Angel at Baptism. Other angels, who did not stand firm in goodness, sinned before God (Jude 1:6) and, remaining in evil, strive to subjugate men, too, to sin (2Thess. 2:9), in order to drag them down to the same fate which themselves suffer (Matt. 25:41) The leader of the fallen angels is called the Devil or Satan (The Adversary) (John 8: 44)

After He had created the incorporeal beings, the Triune God with His Words “Let there be”... created the whole visible world out of nothing (ex-nihilo) in six days—that is, all the host of heaven, the earth on which we live and all that surrounds the earth—and finished His work of creation by creating man (Gen. 1:3-28), from whom proceeded the whole human race (Acts 17:26). The first man, created sinless by God’s grace (Eccles.7:29), was not only like unto angels of God, but he was also made in the Image and Likeness of God (Gen. 1:26) from the moment of his creation—that is to say, he possessed pure wisdom (Gen. 2:20,23), his will was directed towards doing good (Eph. 4:24) and his heart in the righteousness and holiness of truth burned with pure love for the One God, while his conscience was untroubled and at peace. When our first parents were like this, all the creatures which surrounded them were submissive and served them (Gen. 1:26) and the very place their habitation was called Paradise (Gen. 2:8). The first man kept God’s commandment and lived in constant joy and blessedness.

Things to Remember:

Our annual chicken barbecue is scheduled for May 19 and help is needed.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed he is Risen!

How old is the Orthodox Church?

If you are Lutheran, your religion was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church, in the year 1517.

If you belong to the Church of England, your religion was founded by King Henry the VIII in the year 1534 because the Pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to re-marry.

If you are a Presbyterian, your religion was your religion was founded by John Knox in Scotland in the year 1560.

If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your religion was an offshoot of the Church of England, founded by Samuel Senbury in the American colonies in the 17th century.

If you are a Congregationalist, your religion was originated by Robert Brown in Holland in 1582.

If you are Roman Catholic, your church shared the same rich apostolic and doctrinal heritage as the Orthodox Church for the first thousand years of its history, since during the first millennium they were one and the same Church. Lamentably, in 1054, the Pope of Rome broke away from the other four Apostolic Patriarchates (Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem) by changing the Original Creed of the Church, and considering himself to be infallible. Thus your church is over 950 years old.

If you are Methodist, your religion was founded by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1774.

If you are Unitarian, Theophilus Lindley founded your church in London in 1774.

If you are Mormon (Latter Day Saints), Joseph Smith started your religion in Palmyra, New York in 1829.

If you are Baptist, you owe the tenets of your religion to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1606.

If you are of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognized Michelis Jones as founder because he originated your religion in New York in 1628.

If you worship with the Salvation Army, your sect began with William Booth in London in 1865.

If you are a Christian Scientist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your religion was born and to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy as its founder.

If you belong to one of the religious organizations known as “Church of the Nazarene, Pentecostal Gospel”, “Holiness Church”, or “Jehovah’s Witnesses”, your religion is one of the hundreds of new sects founded by men within the past hundred years.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, your religion was founded in the year 33 by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It has not changed since that time. Our Church is now almost 1,980 years old.

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