



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever and ever!

Service Schedule

June 3 – Pentecost

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

June 10 – All Saints

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

June 17 – Regional All Saints

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

June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist Bishop MELCHISEDEK

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

Reader's Schedule

Hours

6/3 Mark Ammerman
6/10 Veronica Pirow
6/17 Larry Ammerman
6/24 Doug Donovan

Epistle

Doug Donovan
Jan Brennish
Tom Demchak
Doug Donovan

Feast Days

6/3 Pentecost
6/4 Holy Spirit Day
6/17 Regional All Saints
6/24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
6/29 Apostles Peter & Paul



Note:

Please contact Father for confession.

Thank you! To those helping to make the Chicken BBQ a success. *God grant you many years!*

Our sister in Christ, Christine Demchak fell asleep in the Lord on May 22. Memory Eternal!

His Grace **Bishop MELCHISEDEK** will be visiting St. John's on June 24 to serve the Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to be with us and share this special day with His Grace. We will have a luncheon following Liturgy.

Birthdays

(none)

Anniversaries

June 18, 1949 Jack & Mary Foster

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, 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.”

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

Forty Days after Pascha we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. This is the time when we change from Paschal celebration to prepare for the descent of the Holy Spirit. Known as Pentecost, the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit is known to some as Green Sunday.

At the time of Ascension, Jesus was talking to his disciples on the Mount of Olives about the descent of the Holy Spirit. As they were looking on, He was lifted up and a cloud took Him out of their sight. While they were gazing into the heavens as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Jesus had said to the disciples, “It is to your advantage that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. (John 16:7) I will pray to the Father, and He will give 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.”

Ten days after Ascension the Holy Spirit was sent by the Father to the disciples. As they were gathered in the Upper Room, the Spirit came upon the disciples and they began to speak in different tongues. People around them thought they were drunk with new wine, however Peter told them that the Holy Spirit had come upon them. “And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Acts 2:14-21) Peter further told the crowd that Jesus was the One, Son of God, and He will give life, if we believe.

Troparion of the Feast (tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast revealed the
Fishermen 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. He called all to unity. Therefore,
With one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

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.