



THE FORERUNNER
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Orthodox Church O.C.A.
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August 2012
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

- Aug 5**
 General Confession & Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Special collection for Seminarian
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
 Council Meeting
- Aug 12**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- Aug 19**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- Aug 26**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Pot luck luncheon following Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
8/5	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
8/12	Jan Brennish	Jan Brennish
8/19	D. Edward Batchko	D. Edward Batchko
8/26	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan

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: Bishop MELCHISEDEK, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Jennifer and Vincent, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, A Jeffery Blackburn, Karen Blackburn, Chris Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, Joe Demchak, Mike Demchak, Steve Demchak, Eileen Donovan, Joe Edwards, Bonnie Fetcenko, Jeffrey Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Yvonne Fetcenko, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, 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, 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.”

D. Edward Batchko will be resuming his studies at St. Tikhon's at the end of August. To support him, we will be taking a special collection on the first Sunday of every month to help with his travel expenses. Edward will be able to be with us in worship on Sundays. His Grace Bishop MELCHISEDEK plans to ordain Edward to the Diaconate sometime this fall. Please keep Edward and his family in your prayers.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Karen Stine	8/15	Krista & D. Edward Batchko	August 13, 1999
Julia Blazosky	8/27		

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

“If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love I am nothing, If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love hears all things, believes all things, hopes all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I reasoned like a child; when became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.” Cor. 13:1-13

Life is the atmosphere of God’s love. He is the air your spirit breathes; He is the sunshine that warms your heart; He is the oil that shines upon your face. He is the life within you and there is no better life to know to live, and to enjoy. “For with You is the fountain of life.” Psalm 36:9

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 “People are always wondering how they can make a difference in the world. What can one person do? The answer is, be peace, show compassion, and live love. If each of us stands in our integrity and honesty, we make a difference in the world. The world reflects us. So make your inner world peaceful and your peace will reflect to family, friends, and community. Remember, whenever we feel most alone we are surrounded by the Angels and God.”

**Just for today, do not worry
 Jut for today, do not anger
 Honor your parents, teachers, and elders.
 Earn your living honestly.
 Show gratitude to everything.**

Prayer of Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love
 Where there is injury, pardon,
 Where there is doubt, faith,
 Where there is despair, hope,
 Where there is darkness, light,
 And where there is sadness, joy.
 O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled, as to console;
 To be understood, as to understand;
 To be loved, as to love;
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. St Francis of Assisi

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.