



THE FORERUNNER
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
 Orthodox Church O.C.A.
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Very Rev. John Horosky - Priest
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September 2012
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

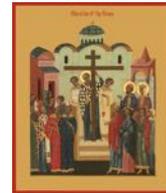
- Sep 2**
 General Confession & Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Special collection for Seminarian
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- Sep 9**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- Sep 16**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Semi-Annual Parish Meeting
- Sep 23**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy
- Sep 30**
 Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Pot luck luncheon following Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
9/2	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
9/9	John Conkey	John Conkey
9/16	Larry Ammerman	George Sura
9/23	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
9/30	Jan Brennish	Jan Brennish

Feast Days

9/8	Birth of Holy Theotokos
9/14	Elevation of Holy Cross



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, 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, Evan Morgan, 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.”

His Grace Bishop MELCHISEDEK plans to award Father John the Jeweled Cross, tentatively scheduled for September 30. In the OCA, the Jeweled Cross is awarded at the discretion of the Bishop for 25 years of good and faithful service.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Hunter Batchko	9/19	Shirley & Doug Donovan	September 1, 1973
Mark Ammerman	9/23	Linda & Tom Nolder	September 10, 1983
Elena Batchko	9/27		

Memory Eternal to Alan Jeffrey Blackburn, husband of Karen Foster Blackburn, son in law of Jack & Mary Foster, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 17.

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

September is the beginning of the Church year. This brings us the first of Lord's teaching to those of his friends and the apostles and then to surrounding area. We must likewise teach the Word of the Lord to anyone who will listen to you. Let the new year bless your works and words and fill our church with many witnesses for the Lord.

September will be a great month for St. John's for as we know that the Bishop will be here to grant me the right to wear the jeweled cross. Hopefully he will ordain Edward to the Deaconate at the same time. (my own wishes) Let us pray that he does.

Many times I forget to thank the people that do so much around the Church, who keep the Church in the beautiful condition that we see. Many do things that are seen and unseen but they do it for the love of the church. Each person should be thanked separately but as being human we forget, so we thank everyone. May God grant them "Many Years".

What I want to say is that it is a blessing to serve the Lord with people like you and have a quiet & peaceful council where there are no problems or disagreements. I thank the Lord every day that I am at the church of The Nativity of St. John. God bless us all.

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.

Did You Know.....About the St. Ann's Guild?

Did you know that the St. Ann's Guild has been an active part of St. John's for well over 70 years? It was primarily a ladies guild to do works within the church and provide fellowship for our women parishioners. In the last ten years St. Ann's has welcomed men to become involved in the activities of the guild. Men from St. John's help with the many projects the guild undertakes. Some of the projects they sponsor include pirohi sales, nut and poppyseed roll sales, preparing the sides for the Chicken BBQ, and providing the repasts when requested. Although the guild is small, they produce quality products that are enjoyed by many in the parish and in the community. Working with the guild is a time for fellowship, as well as the actual work on the projects. At this time, there is no president as the leadership is shared. Mary Ann Ammerman has graciously taken care of the treasury for many years and prepares budget reports for the semi annual and annual meetings. Each time the guild uses the hall, they donate part of the proceeds to the church to pay for the utilities.

The St. Ann's Guild welcomes anyone who wants to join in the fellowship and help with the projects. There are many jobs to do and you can find a place from rolling dough to washing dishes and anything in between.

God grant many years to those who find joy in serving the Lord within the St. Ann's Guild.