



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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November 2013

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

November 3 – Set Clocks Back

General Confession @ 9:30 AM
Hours @ 9:50 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Special collection for Seminarian
Coffee Hour following Liturgy
Council Meeting

November 10

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

November 17

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

November 24

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

Reader's Schedule

Hours

11/3 Tom Demchak
11/10 Mark Ammerman
11/17 Doug Donovan
11/24 Larry Ammerman

Epistle

Tom Demchak
Mark Ammerman
Doug Donovan
George Sura

Feasts & Saints

11/1 Cosmas and Damian
11/8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael, Gabriel & All Heavenly Hosts
11/11 St. Menas
11/11 St. Mercurius
11/13 St. John Chrysostom
11/16 Evangelist Matthew
11/21 Entry Into the Temple of the Most-Holy Theotokos
11/23 St. Alexander Nevsky
11/24 Great Martyr Catherine
11/30 Apostle Andrew



Birthdays

Svetlana Blake	11/04
Doug Donovan	11/27
Mike Conkey	11/28
Bonnie Fetcenko	11/30

Anniversaries

none

Update on recent ill.

Mike Demchak will have surgery late October. Keep Mike in your prayers.

John Conkey continues to heal and regain his strength. Thank you all for your prayers.

Remember in your prayers: Bishop MELCHISEDEK, Father John, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Matushka Judy Horosky, Matushka Ksenia Batchko, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Karen Blackburn, Matthew Boroughf, Chris Conkey, Drew Conkey, John Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, Eugene Demchak, Joe Demchak, Mike Demchak, Steve Demchak, Kari Donovan, Matthew Donovan, Michael Evans, Bonnie Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Harry Horosky, Alexandra Mamrak, Evan Morgan, Richard Nakles, Harry Socie, Eleanor Sura, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, John Tocimak Jr., Walter Varagea, Delores Varagea, Marjorie (Andrew Tocimak's daughter)

"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."

God Grant You Many Years! - Magdalena Leonor Radovic-Moreno was joined in Holy Matrimony to Kurt Michael Smay of Chambersburg on Saturday, October 26, 2013 in the Nativity of St. John the Baptist Church in Philipsburg, Pa.

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

During the month of November we have a few feast days, however the important date is November 15, which is the beginning of the fasting period before the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. When we hear of fasting immediately think what can we eat or drink during this period. Fasting from foods is one aspect of Lent, however there are many ways we can fast, such as being kind to your friends and family, saying more prayers, reading God's Word and coming to services more often. "Do not worry what we will eat and drink, for God knows what we need and will provide us in due time our needs. Fasting should be a happy time, for we anticipate the coming of Our Lord.

Without humility, it is impossible for a person to attain spiritual 'perfection.' We learn by trials, and without them, no one can acquire true humility. That acquisition necessarily involves a 'broken heart' and ardent prayer. Such humility allows those who love us to draw near to us and to manifest that love. However great the trials and temptations, they can always become, by the grace of God, the means by which we attain genuine humility and thus gain the Kingdom of Heaven. Those trials may involve our inner life: assault by corrupting thoughts, or surges of pride (which is so often a manifestation of our shame and woundedness). They may also involve attacks against our body: illness, old age neglect on our part or the part of other people. Sometimes they come, too, from overt attacks by others: by abuse or abandonment. In any case, such trials are needed in order to lead us into a state of true humility. It is in that state of humble acceptance of our trials -- constantly remitting them into the loving hands of God -- that the Prayer of Jesus can become true Prayer of the Heart.

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 candle stands and in front of the icons in the nave are supported by Andrew & Louise Tocimak in loving memory of George Tocimak.