



THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church o.c.a.

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Very Rev. John Horosky - Priest

John Conkey - Council President

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Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

June 1 *Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council*

General Confession @ 9:30 AM
 Hours @ 9:45 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

June 8 *Pentecost*

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

June 15 *All Saints/Fathers' Day*

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

June 22 *Regional All Saints*

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

June 29 *Holy Apostles Peter & Paul*

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

In hospital:

John Conkey @ Hershey

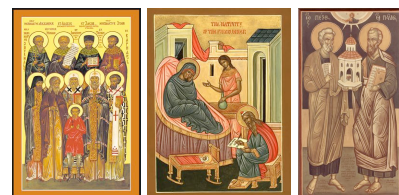
Jack Foster @ Mount Nittany Medical Center

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
6/1	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
6/8	John Conkey	George Sura
6/15	Jan Brennish	Mark Ammerman
6/22	John Conkey	John Conkey
6/29	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan

Feasts & Saints

6/1	Holy Fathers First Ecumenical Council
6/4	Martha and Mary
6/8	Pentecost
6/9	Holy Spirit Day
6/14	Elisha
6/15	All Saints
6/22	Regional All Saints
6/24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
6/29	Holy Apostles Peter & Paul



Remember in your prayers: Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, Father John, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Matushka Judy Horosky, Matushka Ksenia Batchko, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Jen Ammerman with child, 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, Eugene Minarich, Evan Morgan, Richard Nakles, Mary Sura Saupp, Harry Socie, Eleanor Sura, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Walter Varagea, Delores Varagea, Patricia Wood

“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.”

Birthdays

Karen Blackburn	6/02
Vincent Ammerman	6/08

Anniversaries

Mary and Jack Foster	June 18, 1949
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From the Desk of Father John Horosky

The Chicken BBQ is past, but it has to be said again to all the people who worked for the successful barbeque that occurred on May 17th. They did a great job!. They do deserve all the gratitude from us all. God grant them "Many Years".

Fr. Deacon Edward graduated from St. Tikhon's Seminary on May 24th and will be assigned to a church in Wisconsin. May God grant him a peaceful and progressive life as a priest. God grant you many years!

Father John

Implications of Holy Communion

**"The precious and most holy Body of our Lord and God and Savior
Jesus Christ is give unto me, the unworthy priest (N) for the
remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting."
(Prayer during Divine Liturgy)**

“Note the passive voice (is given to N) deacon, laity and to himself, because all comes from the Lord Jesus Christ, as in some of the back walls of churches where it is Christ Himself communing the apostles. This format is expressed in all sacraments. For example, in the prayers of forgiveness and absolution of holy Confession, it is not the priest but Christ through the hands and voice of the priest who forgives sins.

Of Your Mystical Supper... Mystical, meaning the mystery of how transcending time and space we are transported not so much the original Last Supper (many western Christians feel it to be only in memory of the Meal) but forward and into the Kingdom of heaven. Christ spent so much of His effort on earth announcing the Kingdom, expressing what it is and the requirements for entry, the conditions and obligations incumbent upon all who are called, so that might be elected.

From the Cherubic hymn where we "lay aside all earthly care" to the command to "Lift up your hearts," to the fellowship of love for one another the way the Three Persons of Trinity love-all that is understood by Holy Communion. Yes, indeed with Christ in His Body and Blood-but in Him and through Him all who share His Being, those in heaven and those on earth. Far from a one-on-one relationship. Sobornost is the common expression the explains and defines what the meaning of Eucharist is.“

Fr. V. Berzonsky

<http://oca.org/reflections/berzonsky/implications-of-holy-communion>

*Father Deacon Edward Batchko graduated from St. Tikhon's Seminary on May 24.
God Grant you and your family many years!*



*Father Edward Batchko was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on Ascension on May 29th,
the Ascension of our Lord and Savior.
God Grant you and your family many years!*



Congratulations to our graduate Emily Demchak.

Emily will graduate from Philipsburg Osceola Area High School on June 6 and will attend the Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University.

God Grant You Many Years!



Ordination, or Holy Orders of the Priesthood

Ordination, or Holy Orders of the Priesthood, is the fifth Sacrament. In this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit gives the special grace of Orders to the priest to qualify him for ministering the Sacraments and services of the Church. This grace is given by God through the act of laying on of the hands of the Apostles and their successors, The Bishops, upon the heads of those who have been instructed, examined and found worthy.

In Old Testament times, certain men were designated for church services and delegated to offer sacrifices. After Jesus had offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, the new order of priesthood originated. Christ Himself carefully chose and trained the first Christian priests and Bishops – His Twelve Disciples.

As Christianity spread, more priests were needed and these the Apostles appointed by laying their hands on the heads of those chosen, thus handing down to them the power of the Holy Spirit. The present day Bishops and priests of Eastern Orthodox churches are part of the unbroken chain that began with Christ and the Twelve Disciples. Only Bishops can ordain priests.

In the priest's performance of the Sacraments, the human counts for practically nothing but the Grace of God, the Holy Spirit, is all-important. The priest, through Ordination, becomes a servant of God and the agent through whom the real performer of the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit, works.

There are three orders of Priesthood – Bishops, Priests and Deacons. The duties of those who have received the Sacrament of Ordination include:

- Giving religious instruction in the Eastern Orthodox faith
- Performing Baptism and Chrismation and burial of the dead. (Thus the priest is present at the beginning and end of life.) Performing marriages and unction.
- Celebration of the Divine Liturgy and giving of Communion.
- Giving advice, help and comfort to the parishioners they serve.
- Giving blessings to people and things. (such as homes)
- Living in such a way as to be a good example to all people.
- "Take heed therefore unto yourselves...to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with his own Blood."
Acts 20:28

From Faith of our Fathers

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.