



# THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church O.C.A.

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## January 2016 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

### Service Schedule

*Note: The following schedule assumes that Father Basil is available to serve @ St. John's that day. If not, we will have a Reader's Service, and notify everyone via the Phone Tree.*

#### January 2

Vespers @6:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
Coffee Hour following Liturgy

#### January 3 Sunday before Theophany

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

#### January 10 Sunday after Theophany

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

#### January 16

Vespers @6:00 pm

#### January 17

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

#### January 24

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

#### January 31

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

### Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
1/3	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
1/10	Garret & Lilia McGraw	Garret McGraw
1/17	Mike Conkey	John Conkey
1/24	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
1/31	Julia Biberdorf	Mark Ammerman

### Feast & Saints

1/1	Feast of Circumcision
1/6	Holy Theophany
1/7	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
1/17	St. Anthony the Great
1/30	Three Hierarchs



### Reminders:

- 1/3/16 (Sun.): Council Meeting - following Liturgy

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Mitch Tocimak	1/13	Thomas and Rhonda Demchak	1/19/2002
Steve Demchak	1/20	Michael and Louise Demchak	1/20/1957
Sonya Bragonier	1/30		

**Coffee Hour Sign up for December:**

January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Svetlana Blake and Lilia McGraw
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Donovan and Dea Biberdorf
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Foster and Mary Ann Conkey
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Fetcenko and Karen Stine
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Shirley Donovan and Mary Foster

*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 the Tocimak family.*

**Special thank you** to those that made the Holy Supper a wonderful success. A few weekends were spent preparing the food, church, and hall. A lot of laughter was had preparing the feast! **God Grant You Many Blessed Years!**

**Thank you Father John Horosky** for assisting Father Basil on December 20<sup>th</sup>. **God Grant You Many Blessed Years!**

*December 20, 2015 – Holy Supper*



**Remember in your prayers:** Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, Father John, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Father Andrew, Father John, Matushka Judy Horosky, Matushka Ksenia Batchko, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Jen Ammerman and Victor, Alexis Blackburn, Karen Blackburn, Matthew Boroughf, Chris 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, Gloria Rice, John Saupp, Mary Sura Saupp, Harry Socie, Alexandra Stine, Karen Stine, 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*

*God has a purpose for your pain,  
A reason for your struggles,  
And a reward for your faithfulness.  
Don't give up!*

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*Happy New Year!!*

*To Start a New Year – Anonymous*

“A new year is unfolding – like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.”

*A New Year's Prayer*

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you,  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.