



# THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
 Orthodox Church O.C.A.  
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## August 2016 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

### Service Schedule

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

#### August 6

Vespers @ 6:00 pm

#### August 7

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Blake's and McGraw's - FAST

#### August 14

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Donovan's and Everley's - FAST

#### August 20

Vespers @ 6:00 pm

#### August 21

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Foster's and Conkey's

#### August 28

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Biberdorf's and Demchak's

### Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
8/7	Julia Biberdorf	George Sura
8/14	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
8/21	John Conkey	John Conkey
8/28	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak

### Feasts & Saints

8/6	Holy Transfiguration
8/9	Glorification of the Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America
8/11	Holy Martyr Susanna
8/15	Dormition of the Theotokos
8/23	Saint Rose
8/27	Saint Phanourios
8/29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist
8/30	St Spyridon the Patriarch



*Please contact Shirley Donovan or Mary Ann Conkey if there are changes with the Coffee Hour. Cash donations go towards the purchase of coffee, cream, sugar, and donuts.*

Anniversaries	
Matushka Krista and Fr. Edward Batchko	8/13
Judy and Tom Everly	8/24

Birthdays	
John Blake	8/02
Lilia McGraw	8/07
Genevieve Biberdorf	8/08
Karen Stine	8/15
Julie Blazosky	8/27



St. John the Baptist will hold its second annual Yard and Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 20, 2016, starting at 8:00 a.m. Please place your PRICED items in the church hall. In addition, the St. Anne's Guild will be having pierogi sale too. They will be \$8.00 per dozen. All proceeds will go to St. John's.

In preparation of the yard sale, there will be a "potato peelin" party after the coffee hour on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Monday, August 8, there will be a "potato ball" party starting at 9:00 a.m. Finally, on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the "pierogi pinchin" party to get them ready for the water pot. If all goes well, we may repeat this process the following week. Thank you for your support.

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*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.*

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**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, Chris Conkey, John Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, 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

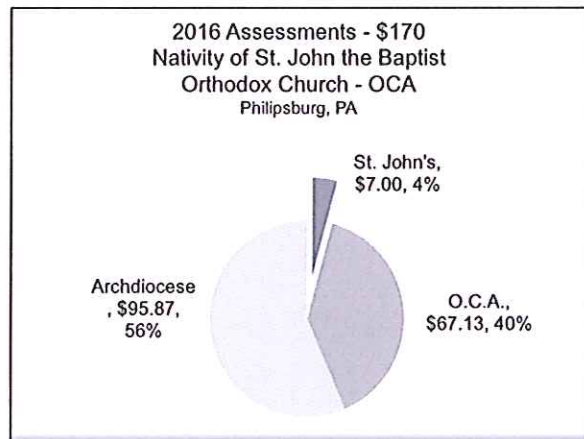
*"O Master, the all-sustainer, and Holy King, Who punishes, but reduces not to death, Who strengthens the failing and raises the outcast, Who remedies the bodily sorrows of men, we pray unto Thee, O Our Lord, visit Thine infirm servants with Thy mercy; forgive them every transgression, voluntary and 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."*

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**Assessments**

The Archdiocese increased our assessments in 2013 to \$161, approved at the 11/10/12 Archdiocesan Assembly at McKees Rocks, and stated that they would go up again for 2014. From the Proposed 2014 Budget in the Archdiocese Treasurer’s report at the 2013 Archdiocesan Assembly at New Kensington 11/2/13, the Central Church assessment went down by \$3, and the Archdiocese assessment went up \$5. To keep the total amount to \$170, we reduced the amount to St. John’s by \$2. A comment in the Archdiocese Treasurer’s report stated that to fully fund the Archdiocese, they would have to add another \$65 per person to the Assessment. There were no changes for 2015 in the Central Church and Archdiocese assessments. The split between the Archdiocese and the Central Church Assessments changed for calendar 2016, but the total remained the same. We are told that no changes are envisioned at this time for 2017.

Year	Total	Central Church O.C.A.	Archdiocese	St. John's
2013	\$170	\$95	\$66	\$9
2014	\$170	\$92	\$71	\$7
2015	\$170	\$92	\$71	\$7
2016	\$170	\$67.13	\$95.87	\$7



Please note that of your annual Assessments of \$170 only \$7.00 remains at St. John’s.

In order to be a parish member in “good standing”, according to St. John’s By-Laws one must:

- achieve the age of 18 years,
- receive the Sacraments of Penance and Communion at least once a year,
- and meet the parish financial obligation

According to the Bylaws, the financial obligations are as follows:

- Contributions to the Parish of \$2.00 per month (*This is quite outdated as \$2.00/month per parishioner obviously cannot keep the church running and expenses paid. Times have changed in costs, and attendance.*)
- Have paid all Central and Diocesan Assessments.

In September, we send in our Assessment count for the following calendar year, which cannot be changed once sent. We are then billed monthly for the Central and Archdiocesan Assessments. Please indicate on your envelope or check when you are paying towards your Assessments. A status sheet is maintained at the Candle Desk in case you ever have any questions.

If you are new, or are returning to our Parish, and need to be added to our Assessment roles for 2017, please let the Candle Desk know by mid-September.