



THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church O.C.A.

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December 2016

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

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.

December 3

Vespers @ 5:00 PM

December 4 – *St. Nicholas*

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Conkey's and Foster's

Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy

December 11 - *Sunday of Forefathers*

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - The Fetcenko's and Stine's

December 17

Vespers @ 5:00 PM

December 18

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour – The Biberdorf's and Demchak's

December 24

Compline @ 6:00 pm

December 25 – *Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

No Coffee Hour following the Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
12/4	Julia Biberdorf	Julia Biberdorf
12/11	John Conkey	John Conkey
12/18	Lilia/Garret McGraw	Garret McGraw
12/25	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak

Feast & Saints

12/4	St. Barbara
12/6	St. Nicholas
12/9	The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Mother of God
12/12	St. Spyridon
12/17	Three Youths
12/17	St. Judith
12/20	St. John Kronstad
12/25	Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
12/26	Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God
12/27	First Martyr Stephen



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.

Birthdays	
Larry Ammerman	12/11
John Conkey	12/17
Mike Demchak	12/31

Anniversaries	
Matushka Judy & Father John Horosky	12/18

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.

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.”

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

Announcements

Food Bank – The Church will be collecting food/money in December for Christmas. You can place your items in the Parish Hall.

Some funnies for those of you without the internet!

<http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9e6efdbd456f623a50db2cdb7&id=0b1da903e0&e=499b90827c>

The Best of Church Bulletin Bloopers

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The Sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
3. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things nor worth keeping around the house. Bring your husband.
4. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love.
5. Don't let worry kill you off-let the Church help.
6. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
8. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
9. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
10. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
11. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.