



# THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Orthodox Church O.C.A.  
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John Conkey – Council President

<http://nativityofstjohn-oca.org>

March 2017

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

### March 1

Presanctified @ 6:00 PM  
Dinner - Hosted by St. Anne's – Veg. Soup  
(preparation of soup at 3:30 on February 28)

### March 4

Vespers @ 5:00 PM

### March 5 – Sunday of Orthodoxy

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hour – Biberdorf & Demchak  
Parish Council Meeting after Fellowship

### March 8

Presanctified @ 6:00 PM  
Dinner - Hosted by St. Anne's – Potato Soup  
(preparation will begin at 5:00 PM)

### March 12 – Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hour – Fetcenko & Stein

### March 15

Presanctified @ 6:00 PM  
Dinner - Hosted by St. Anne's – Veget. Chili  
(preparation will begin at 5:00 PM)

### March 18

Vespers @ 5:00 PM

### March 19 – Sunday of the Cross

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – Thompson & Brennish

### March 24

Vigil Vespers (Annunciation) @ 6:00 PM

### March 25 - Annunciation

Annunciation Liturgy @ 9:00 AM  
Lunch- Hosted by St. Anne's – Fish/Salad  
(preparation will begin at 9:00 AM)

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. *(next column)*

### March 26 – Sunday of St. John Climacus

Sunday School @ 9:00 AM  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hour – Blake & McGraw

### March 29

Presanctified @ 6:00 PM  
Dinner - Hosted by St. Anne's – Lentil Soup  
(preparation will begin at 5:00 PM)

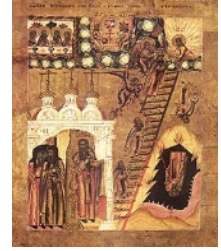
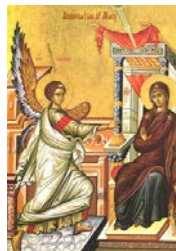
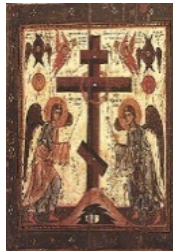
*Any leftover soup will be sold for \$2.00 a quart!!*

### Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
3/5	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
3/12	Garret & Lilia McGraw	Garret McGraw
3/19	John Conkey	John Conkey
3/26	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan

### Feast & Saints

3/5	Sunday of Orthodoxy
3/9	Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste
3/12	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
3/19	Sunday of the Cross
3/25	Annuciation
3/26	Sunday of St. John Climacus



**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!***

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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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After our fellowship on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a “brass shining party”. Bring yourself and your elbow grease so our church can shine during Pascha!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS  
MARCH 12 AT 2:00 A.M.  
MOVE CLOCK'S FORWARD

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***BIRTHDAYS***

Richard Nakles – March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lilian Ammerman – March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Irene Pollock – March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Demchak – March 16<sup>th</sup>  
Elizabeth Blake – March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Demchak – March 29<sup>th</sup>

***Anniversaries***

No anniversaries this month

**FROM THE PRESIDENT  
John Conkey**

I know this is only March, but in two short months we will be holding the annual Church Barbecue on Saturday, May 13, 2017. I am asking for a few action items from our parishioners. If possible, plan to make yourself available to help with the following chores:

Wednesday, May 10 – bake cookies

Thursday, May 11 - clean chickens

Friday, May 12 - completing the preparations (potatoes, rolls, applesauce, pit setup etc.)

Saturday, May 13 – cooking

Secondly, please assist the fund raising effort by selling tickets to your friends, neighbors and co-workers, so that we sell all 300 tickets prior to starting all the work. I thank you in advance for your participation. In Christ, John Conkey, Council President