



THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
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May 2017 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

May 7 – Paralytic

Reader Service @ 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour – Foster’s and Conkey’s

May 13

Vesper Service after Barbeque – Approx. 4 p.m.

May 14 – Samaritan Woman

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour – St. Anne’s Guild

May 21 – Blindman

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour – Donovan’s & Everly

May 28 – 1st Ecumenical Council

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Fellowship Hour – Biberdorf’s and Demchak’s

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

Birthdays

Mary Ann Ammerman – May 6

Fr. Edward Batchko – May 9

Matushka Dea Biberdorf – May 18

Matushka Krista Batchko – May 20

Eleanor Sura – May 30

Suzanne Demchak – May 31

Anniversaries

Elaine and Jim Cardinal – May 16

Joanne and William Whitehead – May 22

Reader’s Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
5/7	Reader Service	
5/14	John Conkey	John Conkey
5/21	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
5/28	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman

Feasts & Saints

5/5	St. Irene
5/7	Paralytic
5/8	Apostle & Evangelist John
5/11	Cyril & Methodius
5/14	Samaritan Woman
5/21	Blindman; Constantine & Helen
5/25	Ascension
5/28	1 st Ecumenical Council



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, 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, 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!***

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.

From the President:

St. Johns will hold its annual Church Barbecue on May 13. All money for tickets should be turned in no later than Sunday May 7.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! WORK SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM: Make raisin cookies and clean potatoes

THURSDAY 12:00: Noon Clean and sort chickens

FRIDAY 9:00 AM: Prepare applesauce, wrap buns, set up pot area and tent, and other jobs required the day prior.

SATURDAY 6:00 AM Start fire for cooking, make beans, coffee, juice, set up hall and sell dinners!

We will have Vespers after clean up on Saturday. **If you are available and can help, please join us for this annual fundraiser.**



**CONGRATULATIONS
LILIA AND GARRET MCGRAW!!**

*Introducing Isabella Odessa McGraw!!
She was born five weeks premature on
April 25, 2017, at 9:04 p.m. in Hershey.
She weighed 5lbs 3 oz.*

God bless you!



A special luncheon was held for Father Basil on Palm Sunday to thank him, Matushka, and their children for their service and dedication to St. John's over the last two years. He returned to Texas after Pascha to take on a new position. Matushka and the children will stay until the end of the school year. We wish you many blessed years, and please visit anytime you are in the area. You will be missed.