



THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Orthodox Church O.C.A.
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Very Rev. Mark Meholick, Dean: Priest-in-charge
John Conkey – Council President

September 2017
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

* Reader's Service unless notified otherwise by the Phone Tree

Service Schedule

September 3

~~Hours @ 9:30 AM~~

* ~~Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM~~

~~Fellowship Hour – Foster and Conkey~~

September 10

~~Hours @ 9:30 AM~~

* ~~Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM~~

~~Fellowship Hour – Donovan and Everly
Parish Council Meeting after Fellowship~~

September 17

~~Hours @ 9:30 AM~~

* ~~Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM~~

~~Fellowship Hour – Blake and McGraw~~

September 24

~~Hours @ 9:30 AM~~

* ~~Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM~~

~~Fellowship Hour – Thompson and Brennish~~

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

Hunter Batchko – September 19
Mark Ammerman – September 23
Elena Batchko – September 27

ANNIVERSARIES

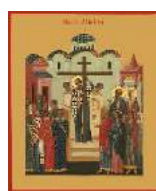
Shirley & Doug Donovan – September 1, 1973
Linda & Tom Nolder – September 10, 1983

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
9/3	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
9/10	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
9/17	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak
9/24	Garret McGraw	Garret McGraw

Feasts & Saints

9/1	Church New Year
9/5	Prophet Zachariah, father of St John the Baptist
9/8	Birth of the Holy Theotokos
9/14	Elevation of the Holy Cross
9/15	Great-Martyr Nikitas the Goth
9/17	St. Sophia
9/22	Holy Prophet Jonah



God Grant Each of You MANY
YEARS!!!

Remember in your prayers: Archbishop MELCHISEDEK, Father John, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Father Andrew, Father John, Matushka Judy Horosky, Krista 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, 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

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 – John Conkey

With the loss of Father Andrei, we will try to schedule a visiting priest until we can find a new candidate. Reader's services will be scheduled if there is no priest available for liturgy. The phone tree will be activated to notify the parishioners. Readers will do the Epistle reading on their scheduled dates if there is no priest.

Yard Sale: Thank You to all who donated, worked the day of, prepared the food and organized the items for sale, cleaned out and sorted items from the basements, attics and crawl space - we made approximately \$1000.

The Semi-Annual Parish meeting will be following Liturgy on October 8, 2017. Please plan to attend.



Sonya Brennish and John Conkey, from the Nativity of St. John's, were among the 70 participants who attended the the Fourth Small Parishes Forum from July 13 -15. Becoming a Community of Engagement was the theme. The program was facilitated by Joseph Kormos, Parish Development Ministry Leader for the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania.

His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania and His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest welcomed the participants and offered their insights throughout the three-day gathering.

Memory Eternal

John Saupp, Jr., 85, of Ginter, formerly of Woodbridge, VA, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. Born on September 4, 1931 in Smithmill, PA, he was the son of the late John and Anna (Betza) Saupp. He was a US Navy veteran, having served from 1951-1955. John graduated from Madera High School in 1948, and attended George Washington University, and American University in Washington DC. He was a former member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and a current member of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramey.

He married Mary Sura on November 3, 1956 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ramey. She survived in Hollidaysburg, PA.

He was the Regional V.P. of N.T.E.U in Washington DC, Vice-Commander of the American Legion State of VA, Life member of American Legion Post 364 in Woodbridge, VA, life member of Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 327 in Houtzdale, life member of VFW Post 6321 in Smithmill, the Morann Club, the Carpathian Club, Bavarian Club, AmVets, V.P. of Annunciation Society of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramey.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Hunter, and her husband Robert, of Stafford, VA, Patricia Reeves, and her husband Gareth, of Richmond, VA, Michelle Henley, and her husband Kyle, of Brooksville, FL; four grandchildren, Sarah Pentzakis, and her husband George, John Hunter, Emily Hunter, Jacob Henley; two great-grandchildren, Ava and Mila Pentzakis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter Karen Saupp; a brother, Paul Saupp and his wife Martha, and a son-in-law, Matthew Murphy.