

# THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church O.C.A.

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## February 2018 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

### Service Schedule

#### February 4

Readers Service @ 10:00 AM  
**Coffee Hour - Fetcenko and Stine**

#### February 11

Readers Service @ 10:00 AM  
**Coffee Hour - St. Anne's Guild**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**

#### February 18

Readers Service @ 10:00 AM  
**Coffee Hour - Foster and Conkey**

#### February 25

Readers Service @ 10:00 AM  
**Coffee Hour - Everly and Donovan**

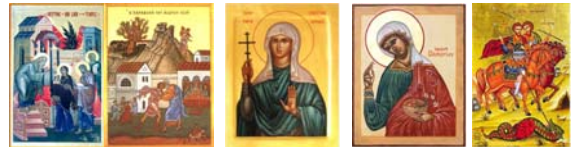
| Birthdays       |      |
|-----------------|------|
| Dorian Batchko  | 2/01 |
| Mary Ann Conkey | 2/02 |
| George Sura     | 2/02 |
| Emily Demchak   | 2/04 |
| Julia Batchko   | 2/15 |

### Reader's Schedule

|      | <i>Hours</i>  | <i>Epistle</i> |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 2/4  | Tom Demchak   | Tom Demchak    |
| 2/11 | John Conkey   | John Conkey    |
| 2/18 | Doug Donovan  | Doug Donovan   |
| 2/25 | Mark Ammerman | Mark Ammerman  |

### Feast & Saints

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| 2/2  | Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple |
| 2/4  | Prodigal Son Sunday                                       |
| 2/6  | St. Christina   |
| 2/6  | St. Dorothy   |
| 2/8  | St. Theodore Stratelates                                  |
| 2/18 | Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgement                  |
| 2/25 | Sunday of Othodoxy – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent |




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

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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, 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, 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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### ***Memory Eternal***

Stephen Demchak, long time resident of Clearfield, departed this life after extended poor health, on his 86th birthday, January 20, 2018, at Mountain Laurel Nursing Center.

Born in Philipsburg to George and Mary Lucak Demchak, he was the seventh of eleven Demchak children of which five remain; Joseph, Michael, and Carl in Philipsburg, Samuel, of Alliance, Ohio, and sister, Suzanne of Camp Hill, PA. He was a 1949 graduate of Philipsburg High School, after which he joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany. Following his honorable discharge, he married Jane Turner of Woodland who passed away in 2010. They had two children; Linda Wills of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Mark Demchak formerly of Clearfield and who passed away in 2014. Steve also leaves behind his granddaughter, Aimee Wills, in Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

Steve attended Barber School in Harrisburg and became a popular barber and businessman in Clearfield. He cared about his clients and neighbors and would visit shut-ins to give them their haircuts at home. He had a long time association with area Veteran's organizations including the Clearfield Chapter of the American Legion and was an avid golfer and member of the Clearfield Curwensville Country Club for many years.

Mr. Demchak will be interred at the Indiantown Gap National Military Cemetery, Annville with a priest of the Greek Orthodox Church officiating a committal service. Donations in his memory can be given to a Veterans organization of your choice. Steve's family would like to express their thanks to the caring nurses and staff at Mountain Laurel.