

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

November 2017

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

Note: The following schedule assumes that we have a priest. If not, we will notify everyone via the Phone Tree.

November 5

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour - Demchak, Foster, and Conkey

November 12

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - Everly and Donovan

November 19

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - Donovan and McGraw

November 26

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour - Fetcenko and Stein

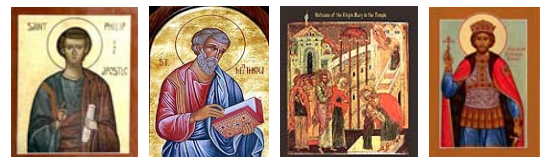
Please contact Shirley Donovan or Mary Ann Conkey if there are changes with the Coffee Hour. Cash donations go towards the purchase of coffee, cream, sugar, and donuts.

Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
11/5	John Conkey	John Conkey
11/12	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
11/19	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
11/26	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak

Feasts & Saints

11/1	Cosmas and Damian
11/8	Synaxis of the Archangel Michael, Gabriel & All Heavenly Hosts
11/13	St. John Chrysostom
11/14	Apostle Philip
11/15	Beginning of the Nativity Fast
11/16	Evangelist Matthew
11/21	Entry Into the Temple of the Most-Holy Theotokos
11/23	St. Alexander Nevsky
11/24	St. Mercurius
11/24	Great Martyr Catherine
11/30	Apostle Andrew



Birthdays	
Svetlana Blake	11/04
Father Basil Biberdorf	11/27
Doug Donovan	11/27
Mike Conkey	11/28
Bonnie Fetcenko	11/30

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, 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



Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m., turn your clock back one hour!

Memory Eternal

Eleanor May Sura, 77, of (North) Philipsburg, passed away Friday afternoon, October 27, 2017, at UPMC Altoona.

She was born on May 30, 1940, in Elkhart, Indiana, a daughter of Charles A. and Adeline (Cowell) Wolfinger, both of whom preceded her in death.

Eleanor started her working career while in high school. She was employed as an usher with the Miller Theatre and in shoe sales with Zeisel's Dept. Store, both of Elkhart. She graduated from Elkhart High School in 1958; and later, completed a number of college courses. Eleanor was married on July 5, 1959, in Angola, New York, to George Sura, whom survives at home.

After their marriage in 1959, Eleanor lived in Elkhart and other neighboring states, traveling at times with their three daughters and accompanying her husband, George, during his employment with ITT Telecommunications.

When George accepted a two-year tour of duty with the US Dept. of State, Foreign Service, in 1968, Eleanor found herself and her family in the midst of Washington, D.C. Up until that time, the furthest she had ever traveled from home was Chicago, a mere two hours away. She and the three girls would accompany George on a number of other assignments; including: Beirut, Lebanon for 3 ½ years, Washington, D.C. for 3 years, Bonn, West Germany, for 5 years, Accra, Ghana, West Africa, for 1 year, Kinshasa, Zaire, Central Africa, for 3 ½ years and Mexico City, Mexico, for 1 year. During her husband's tours overseas, she had been employed with the APO and Mail Pouch sections of the American Embassies. While in Washington, D.C., she had been employed with the DEA Agency, Dept. of Justice.

Eleanor was a member of Nativity of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Chester Hill. She was an active member of her church and her activities included: the church's St. Anne's Guild, serving as Council Secretary for several years while her husband served as Treasurer, assisting with ticket sales for the church's annual BBQ chicken event and assisting with various bake and yard sales throughout the years to help raise funds for the church. She loved her church and enjoyed the family hour discussions following the Liturgy Services.

She excelled in a number of crafts; including: sewing, cake decorating, knitting and crocheting. She also enjoyed playing bingo, cooking and "winning" at the area casinos. She especially loved getting together with her family, relatives and friends for both the biennial Sura Family Reunion held locally and the annual Wolfinger Reunion held in the Indiana and Michigan areas of the country. Needless to say, she loved being with her family and traveled extensively to be with them.

Eleanor and her surviving husband, George, enjoyed 58 years of marriage across the US and around the world. She is also survived by three daughters: Gloria A. Sura Taylor and her husband, Mel, of Elkhart, Ind., Catherine L. Sura and her husband, Paul Heesaker, of Silverthorne, Colo. and Susan E. (Sura) Sutherland and her husband, Les, of Glennallen, Alaska; three grandchildren, George I. and Sarah D. Taylor, both of Elkhart, and Melvin W. Taylor and his fiancée, Katie (Serge), of Osceola, Ind.; one great-granddaughter, Adele Taylor-Johnson, of Elkhart; one sister, Alice (Wolfinger) Ride and her husband, Will, of Saint Louis, Mich.; four sisters-in-law: Ann (Sura) Richards, of Hummelstown, Verna (Sura) Silay and her husband, Stephen, of Erie, Mary (Sura) Saupp, of Hollidaysburg, Susan (Sura) Johnson and her husband, Jerry, of West Seneca, New York; a brother-in-law, Peter Sura, of Hollidaysburg; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Eleanor was also preceded in death by a brother, Maynard D. Wolfinger; two sisters-in-law, Irene R (Lowe) Wolfinger and Dorothy (Sura) Hughes; four brothers-in-law: Michael Sura, Jr. and his wife, Mari (Chitko), Vasil Sura, John Sura, Andrew Sura and his wife, Dorothy(Schick) and Joseph Sura and his wife, Bernice (Whitmore); and several nieces and nephews including, Charles Duane Wolfinger.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at 2 pm at the Nativity of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 420 Laura Street, Chester Hill, with Fr. Mark Meholic, Officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday, October 30, 2017, from 5 to 8 pm at the Beezer-Heath Funeral Home, 719 E. Spruce Street, Philipsburg; and on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 12 Noon until the time to depart for church. A Panikhida Service will be held Monday, at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Hope Mausoleum at Rice Cemetery, Elkhart, under the direction of Stemm, Lawson & Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Eleanor's memory to the Nativity of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 420 Laura Street, Philipsburg, Pa 16866.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook and share memories at www.beezerheathfh.com.