



# 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

## August 2017 Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

### Service Schedule

- August 5**  
Vespers @ 5:00 PM
- August 6**  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
**Fellowship Hour – Fetcenko and Stine**
- August 12**  
Vespers @ 3:00 p.m. (after Yard Sale)
- August 13**  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
**Fellowship Hour – St. Anne’s Guild**  
**Parish council Meeting after Fellowship**
- August 20**  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
**Fellowship Hour – Blake and McGraw**
- August 27**  
Hours @ 9:30 AM  
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM  
**Fellowship Hour – Donovan and Everly**

*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

- John Blake August 2
- Lilia McGraw August 7
- Genevieve Biberdorf August 9
- Karen Stine August 15
- Julie Blazosky August 27

### ANNIVERSARIES

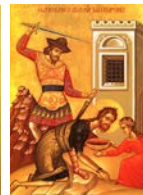
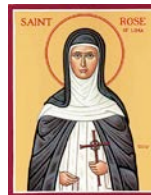
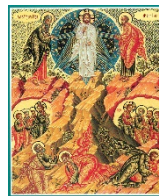
- Matushka Krista & Fr. Edward Batchko – August 13, 1999
- Judy & Tom Everly – August 24, 1993

### Reader’s Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
8/6	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
8/13	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
8/20	John Conkey	John Conkey
8/27	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman

### Feasts & Saints

- 8/6 Holy Transfiguration
- 8/9 Glorification of the Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America
- 8/11 Holy Martyr Susanna
- 8/15 Dormition of the Theotokos
- 8/23 Saint Rose
- 8/27 Saint Phanourios
- 8/29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- 8/30 St Spyridon the Patriarch



**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, 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*

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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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### ***Memory Eternal – Margaret Ackerman***

Margaret "Peggy" (Wolfe) Ackerman, age 99, of Philipsburg, and formerly of Pittsburgh, died July 20, 2017, at Windy Hill Village, PSL, Philipsburg. Born February 22, 1918, in (Gearhartville) Philipsburg, she was a daughter of John and Mary (Cusher) Wolfe, both of whom preceded her in death. Margaret was a graduate of the former Philipsburg High School. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Orthodox Church, Chester Hill. She was employed throughout her working career as a bookkeeper, retiring from Health and Beauty Aids, of Pittsburgh. Margaret was married to Ross M. Ackerman, who preceded her in death on April 16, 1976. She was also preceded in death by four sisters: Mary Damus, Helen Griffin, Ann Lucas and Dolly Williams; and four brothers: John, Raymond, Joe and George Wolfe. She is survived by two sons, Kirk Ackerman, of Los Angeles, California and Grant Ackerman, of Los Angeles, California; one grandson, Daniel Ackerman, of Los Angeles, California; and numerous nieces and nephews. An Orthodox Parastas Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2017, at Noon at the BEEZER - HEATH FUNERAL HOME, 719 E. Spruce Street, Philipsburg, with Rev. Robert Oravetz, officiating. Visitation will be on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in Philipsburg Cemetery, Philipsburg.

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### ***From the President – John Conkey***

St. John's will hold a garage sale in the hall on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., as a fund raiser for the Church. St. Anne's Guild will be sponsoring a pierogi sale. Workers will be needed Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11, to pinch the pierogi. If you would like to purchase pierogi, give your order to Bonnie Fetcenko or Karen Stine. Also, help will be needed at 2:00 PM Saturday to load and deliver unsold items to the Phillipsburg Goodwill.

The Semi-Annual Parish meeting will be following Liturgy on September 10, 2017. Please plan to attend. Anyone interested in serving on the Church Council, please contact me prior to the meeting.