

# THE FORERUNNER

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Orthodox Church O.C.A.  
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John Conkey – Council President

<http://nativityofstjohn-oca.org>

May 2018  
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

## May 5

Vesper – 6 p.m.

## May 6 – Samaritan Woman

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – St. Anne's Guild

## May 12

Vesper – 6 p.m.

## May 13 - Blindman

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – The Men of St. John's

## May 19

Vesper – 6 p.m.

## May 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – Foster and Conkey

## May 26

Vesper – 6 p.m.

## May 27 – Pentecost

Hours @ 9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hour – Fetcenko and Stine

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

Krista Batchko – May 20

Suzanne Demchak – May 31

### Anniversaries

Elaine and Jim Cardinal – May 16

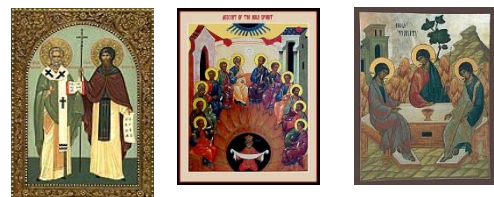
Joanne and William Whitehead – May 22

### Reader's Schedule

	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Epistle</i>
5/6	John Conkey	John Conkey
5/13	Mark Ammerman	Mark Ammerman
5/20	Doug Donovan	Doug Donovan
5/27	Tom Demchak	Tom Demchak

### Feasts & Saints

5/6	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
5/13	Sunday of the Blind Man
5/17	Ascension
5/20	Fathers of 1st Ecumenical Council
5/21	Sts. Constantine & Helen
5/27	Pentecost
5/28	Holy Spirit Day



**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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***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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**From the President, John Conkey:**

St. Johns will hold its annual Church Barbecue on May 5. All money for tickets should be turned in no later than Sunday, April 29, 2018.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! WORK SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM: Make raisin cookies, clean chicken containers, and clean potatoes

THURSDAY 12:00 PM: Noon Clean and sort chickens, clean out pit, setup tent, fill applesauce cups

FRIDAY 9:00 AM: complete potatoes, wrap buns, make secret sauce, set tarp up over pit.

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