

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church



100th Anniversary

THE FORERUNNER

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ALL SERVICES STREAMED LIVE ON FB <https://www.facebook.com/joseph.fester>

26 Sunday -Group 1	27 Monday	28 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday	31 Friday	1 Saturday
7 th Sunday after Pentecost – Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils 9:00 Divine Liturgy			7pm CCE CLASS			9am August Memorial Liturgy 5pm Great Vespers/Confessions

WE SAY- to all who are with us today at St. John's for the first time, ***you are welcome here!*** We pray that you will consider making St. John's your spiritual home. Please join us after Liturgy downstairs for fellowship.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD- Sometimes we miss a Sunday and the opportunity to offer our financial gift to the Lord. If we do, please catch up with your gifts. Whether we are here or not, our parish bills continue. Thanks, and God bless!

Sunday, July 19, 2020 - Attendance 26 - Weekly Offering, \$1195 - Building Fund, \$185 - Needy Fund, \$48 - Icon Fund, \$700 - Membership Dues, \$266 - Vigil Candles, \$213 - (Adv. Vigil payment, \$9) Lenten Food, \$16 - Total \$2609

TODAY-After Liturgy, weather permitting, you are invited to have a cup of coffee outside at the Sycamore Street door. Please follow all safe distancing protocols.

WEDNESDAY- our CCE class will continue its study of the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to join us online, let Fr Joseph know and he can give you sign-in information.

MANY THANKS-to everyone keeping up with their weekly support of St. John's God bless you.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL-statements are available for you to pick up at the card table outside. Get yours TODAY!!!

WE ARE OFFICIALLY- announcing ***Phase III of our Icon Project today.*** This Phase will include the painting of the icon of the Communion of the Apostles on the back wall or High Place of the Altar. As you may recall, at our last Annual Meeting, we set aside a tithe (\$10,000) of the legacy gift of Mary Alice Cole to our parish. The parish council meeting last Tuesday set aside \$3,000 of the recent legacy gift of Don Pollock for the Icon Project. Many Thanks for the additional donations received last week of \$700. We only need to raise an addition \$5800 to reach our goal. Work will begin in September and take about 5 months. Please keep our iconographer, Michal Kapeluck in your prayers.

WE HAVE BEEN TASKED-with a charity project to benefit the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery in Saxonburg, PA. by Metropolitan Gregory. Our Pittsburgh Deanery parishes will be collecting paper products for the Monastery during July and August. Because of the Coronavirus, we will be accepting financial donations so that we can go and buy the products at one time, thus reducing our exposure to the virus. USE YOUR BLUE ENVELOPE (For Any Purpose) in your box of envelopes .If you have any questions, please see Fr. Joseph

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS - <http://holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/index.htm>

Monday	I Cor. 9:13-18	Matthew 16:1-6	Apostle Aquila of the Seventy
Tuesday	Gal. 1:11-19	John 10:1-9	St Vladimir Enlightener of Russia
Wednesday	I Cor. 10:12-22	Matthew 16:20-24	Hieromartyr Athenogenes
Thursday	I Cor. 10:28-11:7	Matthew 16:24-28	Great-martyr Marina
Friday	I Cor. 11:8-22	Matthew 17:10-18	Hieromartyr Kozman of Georgia
Saturday	Romans 13:1-10	Matthew 12:30-37	Venerable Macrina Sister of St Basil
Sunday	James 5:10-20	Luke 4:22-30	Holy Prophet Elijah

WE HAVE PIROHI-for sale. \$8 a dozen. Pick up a dozen or two for a great Friday meal. See Nancy who will help you get yours.

STARTING NEXT WEEK-we will have a signup sheet to determine how many workers we can count on IF we have a Fall Food Festival. If we have enough help, we will, if not, it will be very difficult for us to host one this year. Look for the Signup Sheet next Sunday. If you have any questions, talk to Nancy

WORD REACHED US-this week that Father Ed Pehanich has tested positive for the Corona Virus with all the classic symptoms. He is now in quarantine. So far his wife and daughter have not shown symptoms but will also quarantine.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS –Thomas Planiczki, Josephine Sofelkanik, Michael Sterchak, John Edward Stagon, Kathryn Rogulin, Cathy Perevuznik, Fr. Michael and Matushka Susanne Senyo, Wally Perkins, Fr Lawrence Barriger, Gina Marie Gaspard, Dannette Wargo, Pani Marie Brancho, Rose Hollis, Marti and Cathilynn Baran, Aubrey Welch, Fr Daniel Prez (Joe Monde's brother), Frank and Diane Betz, all healthcare and frontline workers and for all sick with COVID-19 virus, especially Victor Danielson and Fr Edward Pehanich. Please keep Father Joseph informed on changes to anyone's health status so he can minister to them.

Perpetual -Harry Gezzer, George Makara, Anna Stagon, Elizabeth Sentipal, Betty Danielson, George Sentipal , Peter Babich , Margaret Suvak , John & Helen Petrovay

Protodeacon Gregory Hatrak, Mildred Lisak, John Regrut, John DiBattista, Joseph Sentipal, John Galanis, Frank Slaby, John Chernega, Anna Kupchak, Martha Durick, Hazel Hersak, Sophie Homoney, Mary Kranik, Anna Motto, John Popovich, Anna Sofelkanik, Mary Cvetnich, Paul Weidenhof, George Chernega, Andrew Kocan, Mary Mamrosa, Mildred Karman, Ronald Babich, Daria Petrykowski, Gertrude Kuzemka, Gloria, Kuzemka

IF ANY OF YOU-have family members or even yourselves, who because of the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown, are in need of some financial assistance, please let Fr. Joseph know, privately. We have a parish Needy Fund and we can help!

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

- 1. Only the Sycamore Street door will be used for entry and exit. Please park on Sycamore Street for your convenience.**
- 2. All entrants be given a touchless temperature test. The CDC maximum safe human temperature is 100.4. If your temperature is above 100.4, you will be asked to return home. Please let us know if you have taken any fever reducing medication, like Tylenol in the morning before coming to church.**
- 3. All entrants must wear a mask upon entering and during the church service. (The cantor is not required to wear a mask when singing.) There will be cloth masks available to those who do not have one. We encourage you to bring your own mask.**
- 4. All entrants before entering the church will be asked to use the provided hand sanitizer after their temperature is taken.**
- 5. Other than families that live together, please make every effort to be 6ft apart in the pews.**

NEXT SATURDAY – we will offer the Memorial Liturgy for those who have fallen asleep in the Lord during the month of August. If there is anyone missing from this list, please let Fr Joseph know. Eternal Memory!

AUGUST MEMORIAL LIST

Perpetual William & Hermina Mallick, Mary Michalov, Edward Stagon, Charlie Babich, Charlene Cannon, Gary Sterchak, Susanna Hnat, Spero Gianutsos, Nicholas Babich, Nicholas Seminick, Charles Fedoris, Mary Jane Rubash, John Karman, John & Hazel Hersak, Anna Yakubik, Paul Marchak, Joseph & Barbara Balok

Joseph Henry Brown, Martin Brown, Charles Fedoris, Julia Ann Suvak, Mary Sutek, George Popovich, Anna Popovich, George Motto, John Karman, Vasil Plichta, George Harrison, Helen Molchan, Marie Povanda, Mary Drago, George Panchak, Eli Popovich, Infant Brancho, Nicholas Babich, George Morosini, Mary Rogulin, John Popovich, Linda Karlar, Ann Kocan, Helen Lelekas, Stephen Vukson

July 19- Candle Intentions

Health

Babich, Sandy -Family, Safe Travel
Babich, Sandy- Oliver, Birthday Blessing
Babich, Sandy- Vince & Emma
Babich, Sandy - Mike & Mary Recp
Babich, Sandy - Fr Joseph & Kathy
Babich, Sandy - St John Parishioners
Babich, Sandy - Ken & Marian Wolf
Bires, Alice - Scott & Sharon
Bires, Alice - Benjamin
Bires, Alice - Fr Will and Pani Ilena
Bires, Alice - God's Blessings, Helen, David,
Joseph
Bires, Alice -Wally
Bires, Alice - Tom Planiczki
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Benjamin
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Luke & Alexis
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Irene & Basil
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Deborah
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Burkett Family
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Josie Sofelkanik
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Bob & Miryam Knutson
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Wally Perkins
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - John E. Stagon
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Anthony Macchiaroli
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Kevin Henry
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Kocan, Nicki - Family
Perevuznik Jr., Bob - Mom
Perevuznik Jr., Bob - Emily, Rebecca, Tanner,
Tyler
Perevuznik Jr., Bob-Kelly, Lauren, Michael
Perevuznik Jr., Bob- John E Stagon
Perevuznik Jr., Bob- Marti Baran
Perevuznik Jr., Bob-Fr Joseph & Pani Kathy
Perevuznik Jr., Bob- Sean Nelis
Perevuznik Jr., Bob - God's Blessings to Emily
Beginning New Career
Sabeh, Nancy - Family
Stagon, George & Barbara - Fr. Matthew, Pani
Eleni, Seraphim, Luka, Harikila, Xenia
Stagon, George & Barbara - Jeffery, Nicole, Jillina
Payton
Stagon, George & Barbara - Connie and Tyler
Stagon, John Jr. - John & Jessica
Stagon, John Jr. - David, Linda & Johnny
Stagon, John Jr. - David, II, Christal, Weston

Special Intentions

Alice Bires

Memory

Babich, Sandy - Ron 1st Anniversary in Heaven
Babich, Sandy- Anna & Charles Babich
Babich, Sandy- Alma & Stephen Vukson
Bires, Alice - Parents
Bires, Alice- Brother-in-law

Bires, Alice- Helen
Bires, Alice-Margie
Bires, Alice- Fr John Youhas
Derlever, Darlene - Brother Andrew Kocan
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Helen
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Charles
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Mother, Irene Barney
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Father, Edward Barney
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Metropolitan Nicholas
Grysiak, Janet & Gary - Virus Victims
Kocan Andrew - Dad
Kocan, Denise - Husband Andrew
Perevuznik, Cathy - Husband Bob
Sabeh, Nancy - Ron Babich
Stagon, George & Barbara -Parents, George,
Beatrice & Nicolas
Sterchak, Cindy & Dave - Mother Margaret
Sterchak, Cindy & Dave - Brother Michael
Sterchak, Michael - Son Michael
Yeagers, Ashley - Dad Andrew Kocan

AS WE CONSIDER-the conversion of Hagia Sophia in Istanbul into a mosque, and deal with the many conflicting emotions we may have, listen to the words of Metropolitan Anthony Bloom who lived through the Russian revolution when almost everything external was taken away:

"During the Russian revolution, we lost the Christ of the great cathedrals, we lost the Christ of the splendidly architected liturgies, but we discovered the Christ who was vulnerable just as we are vulnerable, we discovered the Christ who was rejected just as we were rejected, and we discovered the Christ who had nothing at His moment of crisis, not even friends, and this was similar to our experience." No one can take Christ from us. Only we can give Him up. Stay close to Christ in prayer and He will stay close to you.

NEXT SUNDAY-we remember the Prophet Elijah who was taken up to Heaven in a fiery chariot. The traditional blessing of cars will take place after Liturgy. We will also bless cars the following Sunday, August 9 for Group 1 members

Worship Groups During Pandemic Under GREEN Stage

GROUP 1

Marianne Allen and Bill Welch
Rebecca Barclay
Gloria Blake
Chris, Lisa and DJ Bebin
Diane Betz
Alice Bires
Karen and Wally Perkins
Bill and Eric Brancho
Eileen Buck
Bob and Sandy Carlisle
Marilyn Chuprinko
Jeffery and Nicole Durmis
Theresa, John Finke (and Teagan)
Gina Marie Gaspard
Debbie Grysiak
Janet, Irene, Basil Dixon and Benjamin Grysiak
Shirley Hart
Bob and Cheryl Hosken
David, Elyse, Roman, Mitchell, Zechariah and Alexis Kalaluhi
Kathy Bechler
Ruthanne Barclay
Ernie Karlar
Connie Kimmel
Ron, Sonya, Alexis, Julianna Kitsko
Nancy Sabeh

GROUP 2

Nicki Kocan
Beth Kudravy
Paula Locante
Alexandra Maskaly
Rosemarie Micholov
Joe and Sharon Monde
Sean Nelis
Richard and Linda Novak
Michael O'Brien
Dina and Michael Panchura
Cathy Pervuznik
Bob Pervuznik, Jr.
Dolores Popovich and Ann Weiland
Sizemore Family
Cheryl Stagon
David Stagon
George Stagon
Mr. Stagon
Jeffery Stagon, Nicole, Jillina and Payton
Cindy Sterchak
Charles and Barbara Vasko
Joshua and Brittany Vasko and family
Sean, Kalina, Mila, and Malachi Walker
Mark Volk
Evonne Vojnovich and Thomas Cunningham
Ashley Yeagers and Family

Worship Groups ONLY APPLY to Sunday Liturgy. For Saturday Vespers, Weekday Feastday Vespers and Weekday Feastal Liturgy, everyone is welcome to attend. Please remember to have a mask, use the Sycamore Street door, have your temperature taken and use the hand sanitizer

Worship Groups Calendar - Updated 7.5.20

August 2 - Group 2
August 9 - Group 1
August 16 - Group 2
August 23 - Group 1
August 30 - Group 2
*TBD based on Covid cases

IMPORTANT AUGUST DATES-

AUGUST 1 – MEMORIAL LITURGY

AUGUST 2 – PROPHET ELIJAH AND BLESSING OF CARS

AUGUST 9 – CAR BLESSING FOR GROUP 1

AUGUST 14 – START OF DORMITION FAST

AUGUST 18 – GREAT VESPERS FOR TRANSFIGURATION

AUGUST 19 – FESTAL LITURGY & BLESSING OF FRUIT

AUGUST 25 – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 27- GREAT VESPERS FOR DORMITION

AUGUST 28 – FESTAL LITURGY FOR DORMITION & BLESSING OF HERBS AND FLOWERS

AUGUST 5,12,26 – CCE CLASSES (note no CCE on August 19)

CONFESSIONS-are heard after Vespers on Saturday or any Feast Day eve and by appointment at any time. If you haven't been to confession recently, now is a good time.