



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
**June 30, 2019**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Synaxis of the Carpatho-Russian Saints**

**Epistle: Acts 16:16-34    Gospel: John 9:1-38**

## *Weekly Schedule of Services/Events*

**Sunday, June 30**

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Gregory Morrison

Fr. David leaving for Altar Boy Retreat

**Tuesday, July 2**

12:00PM St. John's Seniors

**Sunday, July 7**

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hailey McKane



### **Service Schedule**

Divine Liturgy 9am

Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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## *Weekly Announcements*

**FATHER DAVID AWAY:** Father David is leaving today for the Altar Boy Retreat in Johnstown, PA. We have three Altar Servers going and one young woman going to the Young Womens Retreat. Please keep us in your prayers for a safe journey there, good weather and a safe journey home. We will be returning Wednesday evening. Since Fr. Michael Macura is also going to the retreat, our Dean, Fr. Luke Mihaly will be on call for emergencies. If needed in an emergency, please contact him at 203-482-6223.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Our Church Picnic will be held July 28n following Divine Liturgy at the Grove. Donations of paper goods, soda and other items are greatly appreciated. A list will be in next week's bulletin. Please be as generous as possible and be sure to mark the date on your calendar.

**FOOD BANK:** We are going to continue our food bank through the summer months this year. The next Food Bank will be July 21. A bin is now available in the Church auditorium to place your donations in. Donations can be brought ANY SUNDAY and left in the bin. Donations to the food bank have be light as of late. Your help with this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please bring in any non-perishable food items to donate to this effort.

**CHURCH DUES:** As a point of reference, by majority vote, church dues was increased at our annual meeting. Individual dues is \$225 and Family Dues is \$450. You are able to use the dues envelope to make installments on your dues.

## *Scripture Readings for Sunday*

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Romans 2:10-16**

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### *St. John's R Club/William T. Soltis Memorial Scholarships*

On Sunday, June 2nd, 8 scholarships were awarded to youth of our church. Each student received \$800. This is the 47th time scholarships have been awarded. Over the years, \$223,450 has been awarded to 129 students!

The recipients for 2019 were:

Lauren Fazekas - She graduated this year from Bunnell High School and will be entering Fairfield University in the fall to study marketing.

Nick Fazekas - He will be beginning his senior year at the University of New Haven majoring in graphic design.

William Fazekas - William will start his junior year at Endicott College where his major is communications.

Liam Gerety - Starting his sophomore year at the University of Connecticut, he is studying materials science and engineering.

Alexis Klimaszewski - She will begin her second year at Dartmouth College this fall where her major is economics and history.

Natalie Klimaszewski - Graduating this year from Shelton High School, Natalie will be a freshman at the University of Connecticut studying molecular biology/bio chemistry and Spanish.

Derek McKane - Derek will continue his studies at Norwich University where his major is civil engineering.

Joseph Symochko - He will be starting his junior year at the University of Connecticut studying mechanical engineering.



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May 30, 2019

TO: THE REVEREND FATHERS AND PARISHES

RE: SOBOR SPECIAL YOUTH PROJECT

Christ is Risen!

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers:

It pleases me to announce a special Diocesan project in conjunction with the XXIV Diocesan Council – Sobor. We are inviting all high school juniors and seniors as well as college students to participate in writing an essay, maximum 1,500 words, about the Orthodox Christian perspective on one of the following topics:

Abortion  
End of Life Issues  
Same-sex Marriage  
Wealth and Poverty  
Violence, Conflict and War

All submissions will be printed in the Sobor Journal which will be issued at the XXIV Council. Students are asked to submit their essays as a WORD document to the Chancellor at: [fpmiloro@atlanticbb.net](mailto:fpmiloro@atlanticbb.net), no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>. *Please note: applicants names should not be included on their essays so that essays can be judged without bias.*

Three monetary awards will be given as follows:

First Place - \$500  
Second Place- \$400  
Third Place- \$300

I am urging all our pastors to encourage our young people to consider this invitation and give their best effort in this special project.

With my blessing and every good regard, I remain sincerely

Working in His Vineyard,

*+ Metropolitan Gregory*

+ Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa  
Diocesan Bishop

## *Parish Announcements*

### **Luck 52 Winners for June:**

6/2 Irene Guman #33  
6/9 Gary Adzima #1  
6/16 Eleanor Dugan #27  
6/23 Irene Forizs #29  
6/30 Carol Knapp #20



### **Rescue Mission Volunteers:**

July 14 Cathy, Cindy, PJ

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Happy July Birthday to:

Derek McKane 1	David Semanchik 4	Karen Galpin 5
Natalie Klimaszewski 13	Natasha Demchak 15	Father Luke Mihaly 18
Matthew Karaffa 19	Jenna Greenhill 20	Charles Montgomery 20
Michael Jenci 24	Bill Feduik 24	



Happy July Anniversary to:

Richard & Leona Strich 12	Peter & Margaret Miterko 13
Greg & Rose Babey 18	

Happy August Birthday to:

Andy Fazekas 2	Keith Karaffa 4	Joey Symochko 6
John Duranko 6	Stephen Tvardzik 6	Dorothy Hutchinson 6
Daniel Maxwell 8	Adam Galpin 12	Alexander Adzima 15
Greg Morrison 16	Donald Hutchinson 17	Don Semanchik 19
Justin Gorske 19	Joe Klimaszewski 19	Jason Banik 24
Kate Adzima 26	Matt Talone 28	Kenzie Goodwin 28
Tabitha Schilling 30		

Happy August Anniversary to:

Joe & Laura Klimaszewski 1  
John & Karen Galpin 11

MAY GOD GRANT YOU ALL MANY HAPPY AND BLESSED YEARS!

## *Parish Prayer List*

O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, who has sent Your Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: visit and heal these Your servants, granting them release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that they may give thanks unto You and bless Your holy Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever and forever. Amen.

Angie	Patrick	Kevin	Judy
Mary	George	Al	Lorraine
Anne	Noreen	David	John
Deborah	Paula	Marie	Rhett
Alan	Rick	Steve	Zachary
Mark	Lori	Kelly	Michael
Layla	Linda	Sharon	Zane
Brian	Anastasia	John	Elizabeth
Joanne	Rosalie	Margaret	Agnes
Helen	Sophie	Deborah	John
Kevin	Shaun	Michael	Molly
Irene	John	Margaret	Adam
John	Jason	Adam	Mary
Helen	John	Gary	Denise
Madison	Cathy	Carl	Dorothy
Luke	Juliana	Laura	Glenn
Sean	Timmy	Trish	Toni
Vin	Ellie	Larissa	Katie
Korie	Lauren	Ellen	Sara
Ellen	Craig	Bernadette	Helen
Rebecca	Fred	Luis	Laura
Gary	Janet	Finn	Heidi
Declan	Sadie Xenia	Brianne	Nancy
Janice	Sharan	Bryce	Breanna
Taitu	Pappa	Lillian	Jodie
Greg	Kevin	Mary	Talia
Ben	Ernie	Father Steven	Kristen
Agnes	Mary	Irene	Justnya
Alexander	Michael	Nicholas	Tom
Frank	Carol	Kevin	Michael

## *July Memorial Service - July 20 - 9am*

- Husband: John, John & Ann; George & Veronica Bobko; by Margaret, John & Richard Strich
- Illona Pauley by Tina Pauley
- Nicholas (Kernicky), Mary (Kernicky), Nicholas (Kernicky), Genevieve (Humenick), Peter (Humenick), Frank (Kernicky), Ethel (Kernicky), Michael (Kernicky), Ann (Kernicky) by the Kernicky Family
- Basil, Katherine, Andrew by the Pavlovsky Family
- Michael, Anna, Barbara, Juliana, George, John, Ann, Michael, Catherine, Mary, Nicholas, Susie, Eva, Andrew, William, Ann, John, Helen, Terrence by the Selepes Family
- Andrew, Elizabeth, Richard, Joseph Sutyak; Joseph, Anna, Andrew Bechaver by Elizabeth Sutyak
- George, Susie Rabik by M&M Michael Kudravy
- John Kuninsky; Helena, John Duly; Anna, John Kuninsky; Marianne Havelick by Mrs. Anna Kuninsky
- Andrew, Helen, Barbara Popic by Mrs. Helen Popic
- Michael, Michael, Jr., Catherine, Margaret, Stephen, Joseph, John, Helen by the Chisarik Family
- Parents: Mary and John Varholak; Brother: Edward by Miss Mildred Varholak
- Andrew, Anna Polascik by Mrs. Anna Polascik
- Michael, Rose Glevanak; Michael, Veronica Tartar; Basil, Mary Glevanak by Basil Glevanak
- Joseph, Elizabeth, Alexander, John, Julia, Mary, Katherine, Michael, Anna, Anna by Anna (Swatt) Evans
- John, Mary, John, Mary, Anna, Andrew, John, John, Rosemary, Dorothy, Michael, Helen, William, Frank, Nicholas, John, Mary by Drabb/Chisarik Families
- John, Julia, Stephen, John, Jr., Pcolar by Pcolar Family
- Michael & Anna Dirgo and Michael J Dirgo by Russ & Mary Ann Carlson
- Mary Gernat by Raymond & Noreen Ehnot and Mr & Mrs. Michael Hricus
- Parents: Alexander, Helen; Children: Mary, Stephen, Eva, Anna, Ann, Susan, Julia, George, William, Dorothy, John by the Bilischko family

## On Stewardship: Bad Excuses?



“Honor the Lord with your substances and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.” (Proverbs 3: 9-10 RSV)

We tend to shy away from a discussion involving money when it comes to stewardship. The reason lies in the fact that the Western church has put such an emphasis on it in America that even the Orthodox Church has adopted the “westernization of stewardship.” We have tried very hard to present the true biblical connotation of stewardship through the Diocesan Stewardship Commission. Stewardship of your treasure/wealth is an important factor in the church. Without it, the church cannot pay the mortgage, priest salary, utilities and most importantly, outreach efforts.

Excuses for not giving in proportions to what God has given to you are usually based on the misunderstanding of scriptures and misunderstanding their church.

There are five bad excuses for not giving to the church. First, “God doesn’t tell us to give!” What? The scriptures are full of verses about generosity, look at Proverbs 3:9 or 1 Timothy 6: 17-19 and then try to use the excuse that God does not tell us to give.

I hear the next excuse all the time, “I don’t make enough money.” Did you ever notice that there is no “exclusion clause” in the scriptures! Show me where it says that if you don’t make enough money, you are excluded from giving to God. Read Luke 21: 1-4, where Christ commends the poor woman for giving in poverty and not of surplus.

Next is the excuse that “I am in debt.” Remember you made the choices to put yourself in that position through your self-centered desires and although you should meet the obligations you committed yourself to, do not make the mistake of not giving to God in gratitude for what He has already given you.

The fourth excuse is a dandy. This one states, “My money won’t make a difference!” You feel that your contribution is too small to have an impact. NON-SENSE! It is amazing what God can do when a lot of people contribute a small amount in cheerfulness and gratitude. That small amount helps pay the priest who administers the sacraments, helps counsel and mend marriages, counsel those addicted, feeds the poor and all because you gave!

And final we get the granddaddy of all excuses, “I know how to manage mon-



ey better than the church.” Everybody is a financial whiz, how is that working for you? Have you taken the time to talk to your priest about how the money is spent and what impact it has in the parish? Have you taken the time to get involved with the parish and help impact the lives of others without being critical of everything that is being done? Have you tried to work in the church without being sensitive to who gets credit for successes or initiatives?

If you are not giving to God (the Church) in proportion to what He has given you as the first fruits of what He has given you then you need to reread the scriptures and talk to your priest about how this may affect your salvation. Be a servant steward for our Lord.

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# St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9am  
 Holy Day Divine Liturgy 9am

July 2019

EL & AL Divine Liturgy 9am  
 Evening Services 7pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2 St. John's Seniors	3	4	5	6
	Altar Boy and Young Women's Retreats					
7 Nativity of St. John Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: J. Greenhill Rescue Mission	8 Prospect House	9 St. John's Seniors	10	11	12 Divine Liturgy Peter and Paul 9am	13
14 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: G. Morrison	15	16 St. John's Seniors	17	18	19	20 Monthly Memorial and Confessions 9am
21 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: J. Morrison Food Bank	22	23 St. John's Seniors	24	25	26	27
	Camp Nazareth Week					
28 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: L. Gerety Church Picnic	29	30 St. John's Seniors	31			