



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
Sunday August 26, 2018

Maximus the Confessor
Epistle: **1 Corinthians 16:13-24**
Gospel: **Matthew 21:33-42**

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, August 26

9:00AM Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Jenna Greenhill

Monday, August 27

7:00PM Dormition Vespers

Tuesday, August 28

9:00AM Dormition Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 2

Epistle: Christopher Greenhill
9:00AM Divine Liturgy

From the Church Fathers

Many things does He intimate by this parable, God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a heedful care of them; And observe also both His great care, and the excessive idleness of these men for what pertained to the husbandmen, He Himself did ... and He left little for them to do; to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 68 on Matthew 21, 4th Century

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am
Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD: We will celebrate the Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God this Monday August 27 with Great Vespers and Tuesday the 28th with Divine Liturgy. We will also bless flowers, herbs and seeds after Vespers and Divine Liturgy that day as is the tradition in the Church. Please bring your flowers and herbs in to be blessed that day.

CHURCH SCHOOL INFO: Our Annual Church School Kickoff Breakfast will take place on Sunday September 16 following Divine Liturgy and classes beginning the following Sunday. Please use the form in this bulletin and bring it to the kick off to register your child for church school. Thank You!

MONTHLY PIROHI: Monthly Pirohi sales will start again this month. Due to the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God falling on the 3rd Friday this month, we will have our sale on the 28th, the last Friday. Please use the form in the bulletin to place your order.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES: Starting this month, we will serve a Moleben to St. Nectarios and to the Mother of God on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. In addition, there will be a "Hot Topics" class and a Scripture Study on the other Wednesdays. Please see the calendar and plan to attend. For those who do not drive at night, if there is enough interest, a late morning class can be added as well. Please let Fr. David know

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, “There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’”

St. Maximos the Confessor



The divine Maximus, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. But when the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile, where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East.

On Stewardship: Wasting on Wearing Wants



“For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee.” (3 Kings 29:14 RSV and the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

What a huge amount of money is spent upon what we wear. At the same time that we are watching great numbers of people migrating from the war-torn Middle East with only the rags they are wearing for clothing, we are off to the mall to buy a \$300 pair of the latest sneakers. The demands of fashion seem never ending in our rich and indulgent society.

St. Paul had sharp words for his Corinthian congregation: “Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? ...What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord’...” (1 Corinthians 6:15-17 RSV).

He has further words in his first letter to Timothy (chapter 2) about how to dress modestly and appropriately. After all, it is not what we wear that makes us of value in the sight of God. It is the inward adorning with the Holy Spirit that God values. We dress ourselves in kind words and thoughtful respect shown to each other. That is what God values. It is the self-denial practiced by those who have, that can be of great help to those who have not. Our inward adorning can relieve the suffering, clothe the naked, feed the hungry. How? Because we have saved our money from indulgence on “unnecessaries” and turned that money into the work God has called us to do.

Remember the scene of the last judgment in Matthew 25? To those who asked when did we see the Judge hungry, naked, thirsty, sick or in prison? The Judge answers: “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” One place to find ourselves helping the least of these is by our putting away of self-indulgence, especially in clothing.

Christ brings this message to the people time and time again: “...do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well” (Matthew 6:31-33 RSV); “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34 RSV).

Dormition of the Mother of God



Concerning the Dormition of the Theotokos, this is what the Church has received from ancient times from the tradition of the Fathers. When the time drew nigh that our Savior was well-pleased to take His Mother to Himself, He declared unto her through an Angel that three days hence, He would translate her from this temporal life to eternity and bliss. On hearing this, she went up with haste to the Mount of Olives, where she prayed continuously. Giving thanks to God, she returned to her house and prepared whatever was necessary for her burial. While these things were taking place, clouds caught up the Apostles from the ends of the earth, where each one happened to be preaching, and brought them at once to the house of the Mother of God, who informed them of the cause of their sudden

gathering. As a mother, she consoled them in their affliction as was meet, and then raised her hands to Heaven and prayed for the peace of the world. She blessed the Apostles, and, reclining upon her bed with seemliness, gave up her all-holy spirit into the hands of her Son and God.

With reverence and many lights, and chanting burial hymns, the Apostles took up that God-receiving body and brought it to the sepulchre, while the Angels from Heaven chanted with them, and sent forth her who is higher than the Cherubim. But one Jew, moved by malice, audaciously stretched forth his hand upon the bed and immediately received from divine judgment the wages of his audacity. Those daring hands were severed by an invisible blow. But when he repented and asked forgiveness, his hands were restored. When they had reached the place called Gethsemane, they buried there with honor the all-immaculate body of the Theotokos, which was the source of Life. But on the third day after the burial, when they were eating together, and raised up the artos (bread) in Jesus' Name, as was their custom, the Theotokos appeared in the air, saying "Rejoice" to them. From this they learned concerning the bodily translation of the Theotokos into the Heavens.

These things has the Church received from the traditions of the Fathers, who have composed many hymns out of reverence, to the glory of the Mother of our God

September Memorial Service - September 15

- John, Mary Macura; John, Mary, Thomas, Michael, Andrew, Catherine, Andrew, Anna, Andrew and Mary by Mrs. Mary Macura
- Richard by Mrs. Mary Fialkovich and Children
- Andrew and Mary by Mary P. Demyan
- Mary and Mary by Joseph Demyan
- Stefan, Elizabeth, Helen, Mary, Michael, Edward, Andrew, Stephan, Anna, Ethel by the Adzima Family
- Charles and Anna by Mrs. Anna Hudak
- Peter, Mery, Mary, Helen and Olga Osif by the Osif family
- Thomas by the Strich Family
- John, Mary, John, Mary, Anna, Andrew, John, John, Rosemary, Dorothy, Michael, Helen, William, Frank, John, Nicholas and Mary, Marion by the Drabb/Chisarik Families
- Joseph by Mrs. Valare Angelovich
- Janet by Anna Dzugan Family
- George, John, Michael, Edward, Mary and Richard by Joseph Fialkovich
- John by Strich Family
- Michael, Anna; Bertil, Julia, Anna, Mary, Paul, Michael, Barbara, Pauline, Doak, Barbara, and Anka by Helen Williams
- Susan by Mrs. Andrew Knapp
- John, Elizabeth, George, Mary, Stefan and Susan by Susan Kimak

Fr. Paproski 25th Anniversary Ordination

A celebration is taking place on September 9, 2018. Cost is \$65.00 for the luncheon at Vazzanos Four Seasons on Kenyon Street, Stratford, CT; Divine Liturgy with Bishop Gregory officiating is at 9 a.m. at our church. Please call/text Holly Bilcheck at (203) 415-6852 or Jean Lomme (203) 394-2746 to reserve a spot. Make your check in the amount of \$65.00 payable to St. John The Baptist Church and mail it to Holly Bilcheck, 20 Genesee Lane, Madison, CT 06443. We are accepting monetary gifts that will be applied to a nice anniversary present to be given to Fr. Peter at the dinner. Please add any monetary gifts to your dinner check. Thank you.

Parish Announcements

Lucky 52 Winners:

July:

7/1 Irene Forizs #29
7/8 Gary Adzima #1
7/15 Faith Pommier (IL.) #16
7/22 Greg Dobosz #2
7/29 Pat LeBelle #9

August:

8/5 David Skirkanich #7
8/12 Nancy Barger #5
8/19 Mary Lesko #8
8/26 Ann Louis #13

Rescue Mission Volunteers: September 9th : Colleen, Elaine, Carol, Sandy

Scholastic Kick Off Breakfast is Sunday September 16th !!

First Day of Sunday School is Sunday, September 23rd !!!

Food Bank Sunday September 16th. Please give with your heart.

School Supplies: The R Club would like to thank all the people who donated school supplies this past year. We sorted and brought them to Sterling House Community Center; they in turn will fill back packs and give them to children in the community that is in need. Thank you so much again!

Monthly Pirohi Friday September 28

Name _____ Phone _____

How many dz. Potato? _____ How many dz. Cabbage _____

How many dz. Prune _____

Email _____

To place orders: Leave this form in the Church Office; Call Church office and leave message:(203) 334-5932; Call Carol Feduik (203) 520-0904 or E-mail: carol-feduik@yahoo.com. Orders must be placed Sunday prior to sale.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy September Birthday to:

Caroline Hall 1
Mary Hritz 1
Davey Tvardzik 6
Mary Hall 8
Pani Andrea 14
Jennifer Morrison 17
Ken Greenhill 22

Julia DeManche 1
Pat LeBelle 1
Shaun Forizs 7
Leona Strich 13
Marianne Hendren 14
Kathy Stolz 20



Anniversary Wishes to:

John & Helen Kopchik 1
David & Nicole Semanchik 3
Bill & Sandy Masikiewicz 16

Parish Christmas and Easter Card

Each year the Jr. R Club/ACRY sends a Christmas and Easter card to all of the parishioners of the church. Sign up now to have your name included in both cards.

Would you like your name included in the Parish Christmas and Easter Card?

If so, please fill out the form below and leave form and payment in the basket in the church office.

A\$20 suggested donation. Checks made payable to St. John's Church.

Yes, I want my name included in the Christmas (2018) and Easter (2019) card.

Name: _____

Donation: _____

Deadline: October 14, 2018.

Trinity Troubadours present...

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
74 Joe's Hill Road
Danbury, CT 06811
(203) 797-8326

Inspirations

a Musical Cabaret



Proceeds benefit

*Orthodox Youth Mission Team
and Holy Trinity Orthodox Church*

Saturday, September 8, 2018, at 7 pm

*Ticket prices are \$35 per adult and
\$25 per child under 12.*

Meal included. BYOB.

RSVP to Sandi Fong at sandifong@gmail.com

Parish Prayer List

Please prayer for parish family and friends

<i>Bobby</i>	<i>Greg</i>	<i>Paul</i>	<i>Bill</i>	<i>Alice</i>
<i>Tom</i>	<i>Rose</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Arleen</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>Laurie Ann</i>	<i>Sally</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Keelin</i>	<i>Alexander</i>
<i>Betty</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Sandy</i>	<i>Reenie</i>	<i>Brigid</i>
<i>Helen</i>	<i>Rosalie</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Debby</i>	<i>Melissa</i>
<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Dottie</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Gerald</i>	<i>Fr. Steven</i>
<i>Kristen</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>Jimmy</i>	<i>Elisabeth</i>	<i>Edward</i>
<i>Margaret</i>	<i>Leslie</i>	<i>Agnes</i>	<i>Kevin</i>	<i>Sean</i>
<i>Joh</i>	<i>Mary</i>	<i>Judy</i>	<i>Anne</i>	<i>Carol</i>
<i>Carolyn</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Dan</i>
<i>Jason</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Nancy</i>	<i>Russ</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Janice</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Alan</i>	<i>Rhett</i>
<i>Tom</i>	<i>O'Mearas</i>	<i>Rick</i>	<i>Paula</i>	<i>Sharon</i>
<i>Rosemary</i>	<i>Steve</i>	<i>Rebecca</i>	<i>Bryce</i>	<i>Eileen</i>
<i>Zachary</i>	<i>Fred</i>	<i>Breanna</i>	<i>Peter</i>	<i>Mark</i>
<i>Maggie</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Helen</i>	<i>Melisa</i>	<i>Pappa</i>
<i>Kelly</i>	<i>Fred</i>	<i>Larissa</i>	<i>Bruce</i>	<i>Michael</i>
<i>Rebecca</i>	<i>Roger</i>	<i>Nicholas</i>	<i>Layla</i>	<i>Susan</i>
<i>Ronald</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Tom</i>
<i>Linda</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>MaryAnn</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lona</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Lillian</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Luis</i>	<i>Luke</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Kevin</i>	<i>Laura</i>	<i>Juliana</i>	<i>Anna</i>
<i>John</i>				

St. Johns Seniors

Welcome back to Tuesdays.

Starting on Tuesday, September 11 we are back every Tuesday from
12 Noon until 3 pm.

We also have coffee and pastry about 1 pm together with a raffle.

All Seniors are welcome to join us for Bingo or to play cards.

Any questions, please call Lillian Jenci 203 378-9156.

Daily Scripture Readings for September 2018

Prayer before Reading Scripture

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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| 1. 2 Chronicles 4 - 6 | 2. 2 Chronicles 7 - 9 |
| 3. 2 Chronicles 10 - 13 | 4. 2 Chronicles 14 - 16 |
| 5. 2 Chronicles 17 - 19 | 6. 2 Chronicles 20 - 22 |
| 7. 2 Chronicles 23 - 25 | 8. 2 Chronicles 26 - 29 |
| 9. 2 Chronicles 30 - 32 | 10. 2 Chronicles 33 - 36 |
| 11. Ezekiel 1 - 3 | 12. Ezekiel 4 - 7 |
| 13. Ezekiel 8 - 11 | 14. Ezekiel 12 - 14 |
| 15. Ezekiel 15 - 18 | 16. Ezekiel 19 - 21 |
| 17. Ezekiel 22 - 24 | 18. Ezekiel 25 - 27 |
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| 21. Ezekiel 34 - 36 | 22. Ezekiel 37 - 39 |
| 23. Ezekiel 40 - 42 | 24. Ezekiel 43 - 45 |
| 25. Ezekiel 46 - 48 | 26. Daniel 1 - 3 |
| 27. Daniel 4 - 6 | 28. Daniel 7 - 9 |
| 29. Daniel 10 - 12 | 30. Esther 1 - 3 |

Memory Verse

"How sweet are Thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth"
Psalm 119:103

* Reading plan courtesy of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese



You Are Cordially Invited To attend the

2019 BENEFIT DINNER

sponsored by
The Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut

Sunday, October 7, 2018
at 1:00 p.m.
St Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, Bridgeport, CT

Honored Guest Speaker

Rev. Dr. George Parsenios.

FORCC IN ACTION - Power Point Presentation

Reservations Required by September 28, 2018

Advance ticket sales only – No tickets sold at the door

Menu: Chicken or Fish

Adult dinner donation = \$35.00 Child's dinner donation = \$10.00

St. Johns Silver Lane Upcoming Bingo

St. John's (Silver Lane) "Back to School" Dinner & Bingo will be held on September 23, 2018 at 4:00pm in the church hall. A Chicken Dinner will be served followed by an evening of Bingo!

Join us for delicious food and fun! For reservations please call Carole Krochta at 203-375-2621

Church School News

Our Church school program will start back up with our annual Kickoff Breakfast on September 16th immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please plan to come and bring your children to meet the teachers and see everyone again! Classes will start the following Sunday. It is hard to overemphasize the need for our children to get a proper education and upbringing in the Church. Proverbs 22:6 tells us:

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

With this in mind, please fill out the registration form below and bring it to the Kickoff Breakfast on the 16th!

September is back-to-school time and the beginning of the Orthodox Liturgical year, so that means it is "BACK-TO-CHURCH SCHOOL TIME"!

We will be starting the year with our annual Kick-Off Breakfast on Sunday, September 16, right after Divine Liturgy, which begins at 9:00 AM. ALL FAMILIES please fill out the following Church School registration form, even if your children are "seasoned" students of our program. Thank you so much, and we are looking forward to a wonderful year!

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____ Grade: ____ Birthdate _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Please fill out and either: (1) e-mail to Chrissy Adzima (cadzima@hotmail.com) or Lynne Goetz (lynegoetz@optonline.net) ; (2) leave form in Church office or (3) mail to Chrissy Adzima: 23 Bryant Place Stratford 06614 or Lynne Goetz: 20 Mercer St., Stratford, CT 06614.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Sunday Divine Liturgy 9am
Holy Day Divine Liturgy 9am

September 2018

EL & AL Divine Liturgy 9am
Evening Services 7pm

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2 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: J. Greenhill EL by Frank Bepko	3 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	4	5 Moleben to St. Nectarios with anointing 7pm	6 Board of Directors 7pm	7 St. Dimitri Food Festival	8 St. Dimitri Food Festival
9 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: J. Morrison Bpt Rescue Mission	10 Beheading of St. John Great Vespers 7pm	11 Beheading of St. John Divine Liturgy 9am St. John's Seniors	12 Hot Topics Adult Class 7pm	13 Officer's Meeting 7pm	14	15 Monthly Memorial Service and Confessions 9am
16 Divine Liturgy 9am Epistle: G. Morrison Church School Kickoff Food Bank	17 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	18 St. John's Seniors	19 Moleben to the Mother of God with anointing 7pm	20 Nativity of the Mother of God Vespers 7pm	21 Nativity of the Mother of God Divine Liturgy 9am R Club Outing	22
23 Divine Liturgy 9 Epistle: H. McKane Church School	24	25 St. John's Seniors	26 Great Vespers Cross Elevation 7pm	27 Divine Liturgy Cross Elevation 9am Pirohi 10am	28 Pirohi 9am	29
30 Divine Liturgy 9 Epistle: J. Greenhill Church School						