



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday June 29, 2018

Hieromarty Athenogenes
Epistle: **1 Corinthians 3:9-17**
Gospel: **Matthew 14:22-34**

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, July 29

9:00AM Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Liam Gerety

Thursday, August 2

9:00AM St. Elias Divine Liturgy
7:00PM Board Meeting

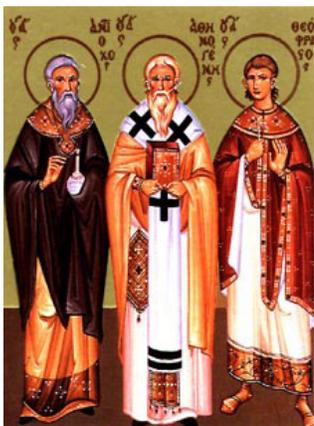
Saturday, August 4

9:00AM Monthly Memorial and Confessions

Sunday, August 5

9:00AM Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Hailey McKane

Hieromartyr Athenogenes



This Saint was from Sebastia of Capadocia and, according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomarchus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes ap-

proached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11).

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am
Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

LIBERATION PROJECT: We will be making bag lunches for Liberation Programs today following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is encourage to stop downstairs and lend a hand. Also, if you can be at the Church on Monday at 7am to help deliver, please come!

CHURCH PICNIC: Our annual Church Picnic will take place on August 12. Donations can be made at any time. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for the wish list of donation items.

R CLUB STEAK AND LOBSTER: Saturday, August 18, the R Club will hold its annual steak and lobster cookout. We're asking the members to bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 15th to Holy and Pete at seadogco@optonline.net or 203-377-2831..

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading

The reading is from Romans 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Gospel Reading

The Reading is from Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him

walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Pictures from Camp Nazareth



On Stewardship:



“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23 RSV)

No one can practice true stewardship without practicing genuine self-denial. Self-denial and the Holy Cross lie directly in the path of every Christian who is truly following Christ. Christian life, thus Christian stewardship, includes self-denial, self-sacrifice, even to the laying down of life itself, if need be, for the sake of Christ who has given His life for the life of the world.

We who view Christ on the Cross are bound by our obligation to God in return for that marvelous gift from God. We are to withhold nothing that we possess, no matter how dear it may be to us. If we possess anything that can help with the work of bringing another soul to the Church, no matter how rich or poor, we are to use such possessions for this purpose. Our Lord has employed us as co-workers with Him for the salvation of the world.

If we have professed to be truly Orthodox Christians, that we are truly saved by the Holy Cross and Resurrection of Christ, and then do not let that light shine before others, we are neglecting doing what the words of Christ explicitly command: *“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

We often find ourselves arguing about how much we should give to the cause of Christ and His Church. Rather, let us consider how much we have kept back from His treasury and rather devoted to the indulgence of self in pleasure-seeking and self-gratification. We often find ourselves arguing about who is going to do the work around our parishes. Let us rather consider how we have closed our own eyes of understanding and not see our own duty to use the talents and abilities we have been given by God.

It is selfishness that keeps funds in our pockets. It is selfishness that keeps talents from being used in the vineyard of the Lord. After all, it was selfishness that caused Adam and Eve to sin in the Garden. They had all they could possibly want – except what they selfishly desired. That selfishness set the history of salvation through Christ into action. Now that our salvation is assured it is time to put away selfishness and practice self-denial: *“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*



Sunday, August 12

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

St. John's "Glevenaks' Grove"

Beaver Dam Road, Stratford

Come and join us for a good, old-fashioned Church picnic at the Grove, with plenty of the food you love, ice-cold drinks and delicious home-baked goods, games and raffles, music and fellowship!

PICNIC WISH LIST:

Soda (regular and diet cans), bottled water, juice boxes, paper plates, paper towels and napkins. Please bring in these items by AUGUST 5TH and leave them in the church auditorium.

We are also in need of raffle prizes and baked goods which should be brought to the picnic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The Lemko Association

You're invited: Thalerhof Day and picnic

WHEN: Saturday, August 4, 2018 (rain date: Saturday, August 11)

10:00am: discussion of the Lemko Association's current activities, in the Carpathian Institute library.

11:00am, Panachida service (remembrance of the dead) at the Thalerhof Memorial gazebo

12 noon to 6 pm, Picnic (kermesh) get together with food, music, talk, singing, general camaraderie and a display of educational material.

WHAT: On Thalerhof Day we commemorate the tens of thousands of East Slavic men, women and children who suffered persecution, lost their health or died in relation to the Austro-Hungarian concentration camp located at the village of Thalerhof, south of Graz, in 1914-1917 (World War I) AND those who died in fighting in and around the Carpathian Region in both the world wars.

In addition, we remember the post-WW II tragic uprooting of Rusyns both in Poland and Slovakia, in the population "exchanges" with the Soviet Union (1944-1946) and the internal displacement of Lemkos and Ukrainians in Poland in "Akcja Wisla" (1947) and the concomitant incarceration of thousands in the Jaworzno concentration camp (Central Labor Camp Jaworzno), 1947-1949.

WHERE: On the grounds of the Carpathian Institute in Higganum, Connecticut. Follow this link for directions.

COST: We are requesting a \$10.00 donation for adults, \$5.00 for children, to cover the costs of food for the picnic. We will be very glad if you can bring something to share.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact us or call Lemko Association president Paul Best at 1-860-345-7997.

SAVE THE DATE - Lemko Kermesh October 28th in Yonkers:

Our friends from the Carpatho-Russian American Center ("Lemko Hall") are planning a Lemko Kermesh on Sunday, October 28th, in Yonkers, New York. Come and enjoy the music, meet old friends or make new ones. For more information, contact Mark Medwid at 845-440-3823.