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Bulletin for August 28-September 10, 2016



The Gospel Reading on Sunday, August 28: Matthew 17:14-23

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN	8/28/2016	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of the ++Dzurinda Family ++Bartko Family</i>
MON	8/29/2016	BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STRICT FAST)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
WED	8/31/2016	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>+Carol Feltovich, by John & Nona Kolbrich</i>
THURS	9/1/2016	
	7:00 PM	Blessing of Animals (Outdoors)
SAT	9/3/2016	
	2:00 PM	Sacrament of Marriage for Matthew Fabian & Dina Macchia
SUN	9/4/2016	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Chuba Fam. (Perpetual)</i>
THURS	9/8/2016	NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holyday)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
SUN	9/11/2016	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of Students and First Day of Church School</i>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Golf Scramble Update:** Our total profit from the 2016 Golf Scramble and Dinner was \$11,465.21! THANK YOU to all those who helped organize, work, and donate towards this great event. A wrap-up meeting will be held on Sunday, August 28th.

¶ **Final Banns of Marriage** for Matthew Fabian and Dina Macchia will be announced on August 28. They will be crowned in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 3.

¶ **Don't Forget:** August 29 is the holyday of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. This holyday is a strict fast day—no meat or dairy products are to be consumed. It is a pious custom (not a *rule* like the fast, but a custom nevertheless!) that we do not consume foods that grow in heads (cabbage, lettuce) or use plates on this day.

¶ **Blessing of Animals: September 1**
We will again hold a "Blessing of Animals". Its commemoration is two-fold. September 1st, the beginning of the Church Year, is a day set aside by our Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to ask God to bless and protect

all creation. September 2nd is the holyday of Saint Mamas, an early Christian martyr who is known as an intercessor for animals.

The Blessing of Animals will take place on Thursday, September 1 at 7:00 PM outside the church. In case of bad weather, the blessing will be rescheduled. To promote the safety of all present, please make sure that your pet is either on a leash or in a crate.

Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets to this blessing!

Mark Your Calendars for our upcoming events:

**Youngstown Deanery
DDD Dinner**
Sunday, October 2

October Pirohi Sale
Potato Prep: Oct. 5 @ 6:00 PM
Filling Prep: Oct. 6 @ 6:00 PM
Pirohi Making: Oct. 7 @ 8:00 AM

Chinese Auction
Sunday, November 20

Learn About Your Faith!

Religious Education Opportunities at Saint John's

With the end of summertime and the start of the academic year, we also start up our annual programs of religious education.

Church School for Youth (K-12) is on Sunday mornings after Divine Liturgy, until 10:50 AM. Classes begin on Sunday, September 11, after a special blessing for our students.

A Small Group Series "Characters of the Old Testament" will start on Wednesday, September 21st at **6:30 PM**. This will be an 8-part Bible Study focusing on several key figures from the books of Genesis and Exodus: Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and Joshua. Each lesson will focus on a passage from the Old Testament, finding ways for us to delve deeper and apply it in our own lives.

Sessions will be held on the following **Wednesday** evenings: Sept. 21, 28, October 12, 19, 26; November 9, 16. (Last session TBA.) Coffee will be provided; you are welcome to bring something to share as well.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you Father David, Father Michael, Deacon John, Cantors, and all who remembered Richard and his family with prayers, cards, gifts, food or helped at the funeral and repast. We appreciate all of your kindness.

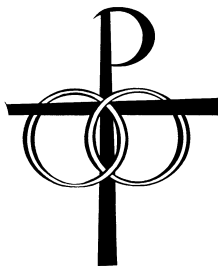
God bless you!

Katie Hartley and Family

Upcoming Local Events

Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2140 Highland Road, Hermitage. September 8, 4-7 PM. September 9, 9 AM-2 PM. September 10, 9:00 AM-Noon (\$2/bag day.)

Carpatho-Rusyn Vatra/Picnic on Saturday, September 10 from 12 PM to 8 PM on the grounds of Infant of Prague Church, 7754 South Avenue, Boardman. Kitchen opens at noon. Food, music, and sales.



*Prayers and Congratulations to
Matthew & Dina Fabian
Crowned in Marriage on Saturday, September 3rd.
May God grant you many, blessed years
of health and prosperity
as you begin your new life together!*

Thoughts on Stewardship **by Dan Hromyak**

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." - Luke 13:30

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." - Luke 14:33

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return - a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

Become a Distinguished Diocesan Donor

Become a part of the ministries and apostolates of our Diocese! Use the form on the right, or donate online at acrod.org/ministries/dddprogram. Remember, send your contribution directly to the Diocese (by mail or through the Diocesan website), but tell Fr. David so he can note this for planning purposes.

This year's Youngstown Deanery **DDD Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 2 at Dilucia's Restaurant, Elm Road (next to the Echo Lane Bowling Alley) in Warren. The dinner will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Those who contribute \$100 or more to the dinner are invited to attend. If you wish to bring a guest, guest tickets may be purchased for \$30 each. The deadline is Sunday, September 25.

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS PROGRAM

Established by His Grace, Bishop John, of *Thrice Blessed Memory*, the Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund, has been an important source of funding for the establishment, maintenance and expansion of our many diocesan apostolates. An annual donation of \$100.00 or more, qualifies diocesan members and friends to be recognized as a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor*. Each "3D" member is honored at a complimentary dinner which is held in the donor's local deanery. It is asked that all donations be made by September 1st of each year.

All diocesan faithful and friends are cordially invited to become a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor* to further the apostolic works of our God-Saved Diocese.

To participate, please complete and mail the form below to the Diocesan Chancery.

Enclosed is my contribution to the
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Amount _____

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Diocesan Administration Building
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Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, August 28th

In Memory of Richard Hartley

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, September 4th

In loving memory of Katherine Varsho by Gary and Katherine Yonchak

Candelabrum —Sunday, August 28th

In Loving Memory of Brother-in-Law/Uncle, Nicholas Kachaylo,
From Stephen & Joan Chuba and Family

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 28 Ed Chuba

29 Stephen Saluga

31 Ed Fabian

Sept. 1 Donald Christy

2 Stephen Chuba

3 Cynthia Saluga
Aaron VanZanten

4 Thomas Hellman
Emma Kate Ristvey

5 Bob Bobanick

7 Helen Kachaylo
Don Yasnowsky

8 Nancy Long

9 Shelly Hando
Delores Jisko
Mary Purash

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, September 4th

Steve Lukac

Ken Maceyko

Dr. Emil Maurer

Fred Meiss

Robert Miller

Sunday, September 11th

John Moon

Nick Orras

Alex Parimuha

Jim Kudelko

John Parimuha

ANNIVERSARIES

September 2nd

Michael and Debbie Waryanka

September 5th

John & Deborah Moon

September 6th

*Rev. David & Pani Vikkie
Mastroberte*

Ronald & Kelly Figiel

September 8th

Chuck & Janet Kretchek

September 9th

Mr. & Mrs. John Cataloni

September 10th

Jason & Shannon Baker