

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, August 21st

In Loving Memory of Nicholas Kachaylo, by Wife and Family

Candelabrum —Sunday, August 28th

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

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Bulletin for August 14-27, 2016

BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 15 Michael Holmes
- 17 Melinda Kroko
- 18 Josh Miklos
- 19 Joseph Blasko
Kaitlin Chacon
Germaine Tatusko
- 21 James Wilson
- 24 Alex Parimuha
- 26 Jennifer Miller
- 27 David VanZanten

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, August 21st

- Jerry Chupak
- Chester Everett
- Ed Fabian
- Matt Fabian
- Ron Figiel

Sunday, August 28th

- Michael Holmes
- Jim Hynes
- Bob Kapusta
- Jim Kudelko
- Matt Kulusich

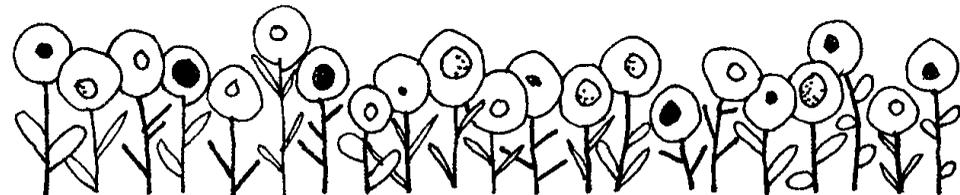
ANNIVERSARIES

August 18th



August 19th

Justin and Lisa Bair



August 15th: Dormition of the Mother of God

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN 8/14/2016 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of the ++Hromyak Family

6:00 PM: Great Vespers for the Holyday

MON 8/15/2016 DORMITION OF OUR LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy *with Festal Blessing of Flowers and Herbs*

TUES 8/16/2016

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy ++*Ristvey Family (Perpetual)*

FRI 8/19/2016

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy ++*Paczak Family (Perpetual)*

SAT 8/20/2016

Golf Scramble Fundraiser!

SUN 8/21/2016 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of the ++Blanar Family

MON 8/22/2016

6:00 PM Board Meeting

TUES 8/23/2016

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy ++*Richard Hartley, 40th Day, by the Family*

THURS 8/25/2016

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy ++*Anna Gladysz, by Mary Lutz*

SUN 8/28/2016 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of the
++Dzurinda Family ++Bartko Family*

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.

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312 Garfield Street
Johnstown, PA 15906

Thoughts on Stewardship by Dan Hromyak

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." - Luke 12:24

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ Services for the Dormition of the Mother of God are Great Vespers on Sunday, August 14 at 6:00 PM and Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 15 at 9:00 AM. The traditional blessing of flowers and herbs will take place after the Divine Liturgy – please bring some for this blessing and let them adorn your icons at home!

Some say, "But I just went to church this morning/yesterday morning! Why do I need to go again?" We Orthodox honor the Mother of God on many days throughout the year, but August 15th is her primary holyday. In many majority Orthodox (and majority Catholic) countries, August 15th is a national holiday, and people flock to churches and monasteries. Countless people travel to go on pilgrimages for this feast. We can make a special sacrifice to honor the Ever-Virgin Mary. So if you are able, come and celebrate the Mother of God at her "falling asleep" at one or both services!

¶ **Final Golf Scramble Update:** Deadline for dinner-only tickets is Sunday, August 14th. Our thanks is extended to the entire Golf Committee and to all who are helping prepare for Saturday's Scramble! *See you Saturday, August 20th!*

¶ Church School Registration Forms are now available. Parents, please get these forms to Fr. David by August 21.

¶ **Banns of Marriage** for Matthew Fabian and Dina Macchia will be announced on August 14, 21, and 28. They will be crowned in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 3.

¶ **Our gratitude** is extended to the Charity Fund for providing the fruit that was blessed and distributed on August 9 in honor of the Transfiguration of Christ. We also thank those who gave of their time to wash, sort, and bag the fruit. Please enjoy these fruits of the summer harvest, and thank God for His blessings!

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THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S PARISH!

A special “*thank you*” is expressed to Fr. David for permitting me to assist him at Divine Liturgy, and for all he did to make my 80th birthday special, especially the full page photo and article. It was beautiful and greatly appreciated. My heartfelt gratitude is expressed to Mary Ann Lavin, Renee Maceyko, Francine Fabian, Lorraine Amos, Debby Doyle and others for their expertise in helping with the Social. My gratitude is also extended to the St. John's Church Board for the birthday cake. The cake was beautiful and delicious, the fruit trays were plentiful and tasty and everyone's presence made it that much more meaningful. A special thank you is expressed to all the parishioners for bringing in their favorite photo of me and their family, and to Mary Ann Lavin for putting them in special mats and for all her hard work in getting and setting up the display. I had tears in my eyes reminiscing about the past.

Thank you, one and all, for your congratulatory cards, gifts and your presences at the Birthday Social held in my honor. I truly and sincerely appreciate ALL of you for your presence, love, support, and encouragement, now and over the years. God Bless you!

Love and prayers always,
Fr. Michael Polanichka, Pastor Emeritus

About the Dormition of the Mother of God

(Extracted from a longer article by Fr. Ayman Kfouf on antiochian.org)

The Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on August 15. The word "Dormition" is a derivative from the Latin word "dormitio", which means "falling asleep." The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is the commemoration of the falling asleep, burial, resurrection, and translation of the Theotokos into heaven in the body.

The Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is one of the oldest Marian feasts in the church. The roots of the feast go back to Jerusalem, where the apostles and the Christians of Jerusalem honored and kept alive the memory of the falling asleep of the Theotokos. Consequently, quickly, her empty tomb, in Gethsemane, became a destination for pilgrims from Jerusalem and the surrounding neighborhoods.

After the third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus (431), the commemoration of the falling asleep of the Theotokos became more popular amongst Christians in the vast majority of the Christian world.

According to the Orthodox Tradition, the Virgin Mary lived after Pentecost in the house of the Apostle John in Jerusalem. Three days before her death, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary and revealed to her the date of her departure into eternal life. Immediately, the Theotokos returned to her home and prepared herself for this event through fasting and prayer.

On the day of her repose, even though the apostles were scattered throughout the world, they were miraculously transported to be at her side. Exceptionally, the Apostle Thomas did not arrive on time to bid his final farewell to the Theotokos. With songs of praises, the Apostles carried the body of the most pure Theotokos to the grave in Gethsemane to be buried near her parents.

At Gethsemane, the disciples gathered and remained around her tomb and kept a vigil for three days. On the Third day, the Apostle Thomas arrived and asked to view the Mother of God for the last time. When the Apostles opened the grave of the Theotokos, her body was not there. They realized then that she was taken into heaven in the body to be reunited with her soul.

In the ecclesiastical tradition, the feast of Dormition of the Theotokos is called the "Summer Pascha." This name is derived from the fact that the Theotokos experienced her own Pascha; "Passover" from this life into life eternal.

The Dormition of the Theotokos is a confirmation of the resurrection of Christ and a source of hope for the faithful in the promise of their personal resurrection, their personal Pascha. The death of the Theotokos and her translation into heaven confirms the divine promise of Christ to His faithful children that they will enjoy life eternal in everlasting communion with God.