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Bulletin for August 26-September 8, 2018

– SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS –

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| WED | 8/29/2018 | BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (HOLYDAY; STRICT FAST) |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| FRI | 8/31/2018 | |
| | 7:00 PM | Blessing of Animals (<i>Outdoors</i>) |
| SUN | 9/2/2018 | 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida – Perpetual: ++Chuba Family</i> |
| FRI | 9/7/2018 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers for the Holyday |
| SAT | 9/8/2018 | NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY) |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy |
| SUN | 9/9/2018 | 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy Blessing of Students – First Day of Church School <i>Panachida – Perpetual: ++Komisin Family</i> |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Golf Committee Wrap-Up Meeting** will be on Sunday, September 2nd.

¶ **Church School will begin on Sunday, September 9, after a special blessing at the conclusion of Liturgy.** Parents, the deadline was August 19th. If you haven't signed up your child for Church School, submit a registration form to Fr. David ASAP.

¶ **August 29 is the holyday of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist.** Divine Liturgy will be on Wednesday, August 29 at 9:00 AM. This holyday is a **strict fast day**—no meat or dairy products are to be consumed. It is also 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.

¶ **Fall Religious Enrichment?** Don't worry—Fr. David is exploring some options for classes in October and into the Advent/Pre-Christmas season. We will not have any in September, though. *Stay tuned!*

GOLF SCRAMBLE 2018: THANK YOU!

We cannot thank everyone enough for all the monetary and gift basket donations!

We truly appreciate all the tireless work everyone puts into making our annual golf tournament a success. We've already received so much positive feedback about this well-organized event, the beautiful venue, and the delicious lunch and dinner.

Because of our awesome team of volunteers we were able to raise **\$11,885.52.**

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."

With Much Appreciation,
Ed & Francine Fabian

Blessing of Animals

Date: Friday, August 31st, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Church Parking Lot



We will again hold the “Blessing of Animals” this year! 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.

- In case of bad weather, the blessing will be cancelled.
- To promote the safety of all present, pets must be either on a leash or in a crate.
- Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets, too!
- A Facebook event has been created on our parish page. “Like” and share the event with others.

| Dormition Fast 2018 Daily Service Attendance | | | |
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| <i>Our thanks to all who attended services August 1-15!</i> | | | |
| 8/1 (Water Blessing) | 11 | 8/8 (Paraklis) | 14 |
| 8/2 (Liturgy for Fr. Tkach) | 12 | 8/9 (Morning Prayers) | 5 |
| 8/3 (Moleben) | 10 | 8/10 (Moleben) | 10 |
| 8/4 (Vespers) | 6 | 8/11 (Vespers) | 6 |
| 8/5 (Sunday Liturgy) | 92 | 8/12 (Sunday Liturgy) | 75 |
| 8/6 (Transfiguration Liturgy) | 23 | 8/13 (Liturgy) | 10 |
| 8/7 (Morning Prayers) | 5 | 8/14 (Vespers) | 13 |
| | | 8/15 (Dormition Liturgy) | 24 |

NEW PEW BOOKS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Given the “well used” state of a large number of our **Divine Liturgy pew books** (which are from the original printing of this book in 1988!), we are going to replace all pew books with the newer “blue” pew books from the Diocese. To do so, we need to purchase **175** copies for both downstairs and in the choir loft. We are able to get them for a discounted price of \$15.00 each.

In addition to pew books, Fr. David would like to get 3 copies of the **Bible** for every pew. We can get hardbound Bibles which match the translation in our Altar Gospel (NKJV) for just under \$5.50 per copy! (A case of 24 is \$129; a case of 16 is \$86.) We will need around 80 Bibles.

We are seeking donors to sponsor these books.

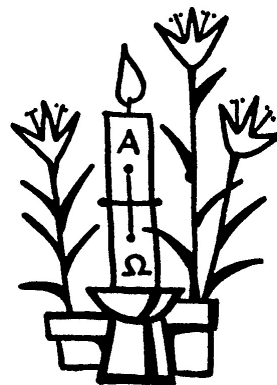
Each sponsored book can include a nameplate in the front front, listing the desired sponsorship (“Donated By...”, “In Memory Of...”, etc.). Alternatively, donations can be made anonymously.

Please use the enclosed form to submit your sponsorship.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Our condolences are expressed to the family and friends of **JOHN BAUER**, who departed this earthly life on Wednesday, August 22nd. May God grant comfort and solace to all who mourn, and grant John blessed repose. *Eternal Memory!*



**OCTOBER 5 SALE
PIROHI SCHEDULE**

*Please add your name
to the sign-up sheet
in the Hall!*

Wed., October 3
at 4:30 PM
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., October 4
at 6:00 PM
(Filling prep)

Friday, October 5
at 8:00 AM
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

**Remember:
Get your
orders in
by September 30!**

October 5, 2018 Pirohi Order Form

*Order Deadline: September 30, 2018
724-981-0571*

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Potato @ 8.00/dozen \$ _____

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, October 5, 2018
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." - Ephesians 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generally supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

"Be doers of the word not hearers only..." - James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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 add your name to the list in the Hall for planning purposes.

This year's Youngstown Deanery **DDD Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 7 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 23.** (Please send the checks for guest tickets to the Diocese as well.)

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
Distinguished Diocesan Donors Fund for the Year _____:

Amount _____

(\$100-Entry) (\$250 – Bronze) (\$500 – Silver) (\$1,000- Gold) (\$10,000 & Up - Platinum)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Parish _____

Please make all checks payable to "Distinguished Diocesan Donors," indicating the contribution year on the "memo" line and mail to:

Office of the Diocesan Treasurer
Diocesan Administration Building
312 Garfield Street
Johnstown, PA 15906

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, September 2nd

Mike Holmes
Jim Hynes
Bob Kapusta
Matt Kulusich
Steven Lukac

Sunday, September 9th

Steve Lukac
Andy Lutz
Ken Maceyko
Emil Maurer
Paul McMahon

BIRTHDAYS

August 26th Jennifer Miller
August 28th Edward Chuba
August 29th Stephen Saluga
August 31st Edward Fabian
September 1st Andy Lutz
September 2nd Stephen Chuba
September 3rd Cynthia Saluga
September 4th Tom Hellmann
September 4th Emma Kate
Ristvey
September 5th Bob Bobanick
September 7th Helen
Kachaylo
September 7th Donald
Yasnowsky
September 8th Nancy Long

Happy Wedding Anniversary

September 2nd
Debora & Michael Waryanka
September 3rd
Dina & Matt Fabian
September 5th
Deborah & John Moon
September 6th
Kelley & Ron Figiel
September 6th
Pani Vikkie & Father David
September 8th
Janet & Chuck Kretchek



Eternal Lamp

Sunday August 26th

In Loving memory of
Nick Kachaylo

Sponsored by: Helen Kachaylo

Sunday September 2nd

In Loving Memory of

Kathernie O. Varsho

Sponsored by: Katherine, Gary &
Michael Yonchak

COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

TO RECOGNIZE EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY AND TO THE PARISHIONERS WHO GAVE THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND MONETARY DONATIONS TO THE RECENT GOLF

TOURNAMENT

WE THANK YOU

