



Pastor's Page



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Sunday January 16, 2022

Service Attendance & Offering:

Saturday Jan 9th

No Great Vespers

Sunday Jan 10th

No Divine-Liturgy



Financial Stewardship Information

Weekly Collection \$ 3,959.00

(Weekly Collection Required to Meet Budget - \$3,587.99)

Monthly Total (To Date) \$ 3,959.00

(Monthly Total Required to Meet Budget - \$17,939.95)

Liturgical Services / Schedule: (30th Sunday After Pentecost)

Saturday Jan 22nd

4:00pm

Great Vespers (Confession)

Sunday Jan 23rd

10:00am

Divine Liturgy

Scripture Readings:

Epistles: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Romans 8:28-39 (New Martyrs)

Gospels: Luke 18:35-43

Luke 21:8-19 (New Martyrs)

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs
and Confessors of Russia



Announcements:

- **Reminder:** Due to the upsurge of the Corona Virus blessing of homes has postponed. It will be rescheduled, for those desiring it, at a later time to be determined (TBD).
- Eastern Orthodox Clergy Association "Blessing of the Water" service at Lake Glacier in Mill Creek Park next Sunday January 23rd, at 3:00pm. **All are welcome!**
- St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church will be sponsoring a Pre-Lenten Retreat titled "Arise, O God – The Gospel of Christ's Defeat of Demons, Sin, and Death" on February 11th – 13th. Father Andrew Stephen Damick will be the speaker. Cost is \$15.00. The deadline for registration is February 1st. For more information see the flyer available in the vestibule.



Please inform Father in the event of a change in your family's personal information (address, phone number, email address, etc.).

With the expanded use of the internet this information is required to update our parish database and keep you informed of events, activities and changes in the parish schedule!



Annual Meeting - Parish Membership!!!

In preparation for the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, on Sunday February 6th, all are reminded that to be a member in “good standing” of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (OCA) the requirements are:

- 1) Be 18 years of age and a member of the parish for at least 1 year.
- 2) Fulfill Annual Minimum parish ‘Stewardship’ obligations. (TOTAL - \$350.00)
- 4) Participate in the Sacraments of the Church (Confession & Communion)!

NOTE!

The total ‘stewardship obligation’ does not include the purchase of candles, flowers, wine /incense or miscellaneous donations!

Statute of the Orthodox Church in America

Section 5: Parishioner

- d. A Voting Member (i.e., ‘member in good standing’) of the Parish is a Parishioner who:
- i. Is at least eighteen years of age;
 - ii. Receives the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year in the Parish or, with the permission of the Parish Priest, elsewhere;
 - iii. Receives Holy Communion at least once a year in the Parish;
 - iv. Has been a Parishioner for a period of time fixed by the Diocesan Authority; and
 - v. Fulfills financial obligations as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and the Parish.

Voting Membership shall be denied if these criteria are not met.

The Annual Meeting information package will be emailed to those who have an email address. If you do not have an email address on file by Father a hard copy of the meeting information will be mailed to you or made available at the candle desk.

The following question on ‘Church membership’ was recently posted in a parish bulletin:

“I pay my dues regularly, but haven’t received the Sacraments in years. Now someone tells me that I’m not a member of the church. How can that be?”

The response is:

The payment of dues may make an individual a member of a specific church (i.e., parish), for instance Holy Annunciation Church, for the church (parish) is an organization made up of individuals, but he is not a member of the Church of Christ, the Holy Orthodox Catholic Church. The Church (notice capital “C”) requires of its members the reception of the Holy Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion at LEAST once a year. She also states that a person who fails to fulfill these two requirements is no longer a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and further is not entitled to any services of the Church, *including burial*.

A person who, because of economic hardship, cannot pay his dues, but receives the Holy Sacraments is still a member of the Church, but a person who pays dues, but refuses to receive the Sacraments, has cut himself off from the Mystical Body of Christ, although he might be considered a "social member" of an incorporated organization (i.e., a specific parish).

The Church, the Bride of Christ, desires that all be saved, but those who willingly separate themselves from Her, do so of their own free will and are held responsible for their actions before God. The sad part of the situation is that it is the family of the apostate which suffers, usually from shame, visibly, while the deceased suffers for his foolishness in hell.



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Sanctity of Life Sunday

(Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of USA Statement on the Sanctity of Life)



The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America affirms the sanctity of life based on the firm conviction that life begins at the moment of conception. The Assembly remains steadfast in its conviction that any interference in the development of life is a serious issue, and therefore it regularly participates in a variety of relevant events and also releases pertinent statements on the topic.

While recognizing that there are rare but serious medical instances where mother and child may require extraordinary actions, the Assembly of Bishops is deeply concerned that the taking of innocent life through abortion has become an acceptable cultural norm. This phenomenon – increasingly prevalent throughout contemporary societies – was exacerbated by a recent law of the New York State Senate (Bill S.240). The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America categorically denounces these adverse developments that allow for abortion, under certain unjustifiable circumstances, even within the third trimester of existence.



The Assembly of Bishops further reminds the faithful that Christ is a beacon of hope in this challenging world. Accordingly, the Church is always prepared and willing to support women who are considering abortion to find alternative avenues to alleviate any burden, physical and spiritual. The Church is ever a mother – loving, understanding, nurturing, praying, and protecting all human life.

January Donations:

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| Wine/Incense | - | |
| Flowers | - | |
| Candles: | | |
| Altar | - | Daughter & Son-in-Law Jim/Sandy Bufalini ("In memory of George / Olga Vansuch") |
| Amvon | - | Reader Nicholas/Monica Vansuch ("For the health of Claudia Libertin (Retirement), Dr Nicola Nicoloff (Birthday & Retirement). In memory of George/Ruth (Birthday Month) Libertin and Nicholas Libertin (1yr).") |
| Iconostasis | - | Sue Kennedy & Family ("In memory of Jennie Rudiak and Robert Kennedy") |
| Tetrapod | - | Maureen Koval ("In memory of Subdeacon John Zelina (10 th Anniversary)") |

No Coffee Hour This Month

Health & Departed List

16-Jan-2022

Health

Metropolitan Herman

Matushkas Raissa (Nicoloff) & **Helen** (Psinka)

Bria (Crawford) (**infant Jemma**)

Alexa ('Donofrio') (**infant Stamati**)

Stephen (Elash)

Julia (Simko)

Mea & Mary (Mahan)

Mary Jane (Puskas)

George / Irene (Horodnic)

Ann (Konik)

Paula (Voytilla)

Paul / Kathy ('Kolesar')

Laurissa (Rusnak)

George / Barbara (Kolesar)

Ellen ('Clark')

Ellen (Kessler – 'Yannitto')

Claudia ('Gemmel')

Helen (Morris – 'Cross')

Peter (Holoviak)

Johanna ('Tusinac')

Joseph (Jackubek)

Pauline (Fesz)

Dominic (Centofanti - 'Sirilla')

Katherine ('Steffaro')

Drew ('Willison')

Paula (Kennedy)

Michael (Centofanti)

Eli (Arvan)

Robert (Santarelli – 'Kolesar')

Claudia (Libertin) (Jan)

Servicemen

Reader **John** (Zastany)

Jared (Bobic)

Mark (Zastany)

Joseph Michael (Betras)

Jon Michael (Farraghar)

Michael (Barkett)

Birthdays / Anniversaries

Elizabeth (Willison) (10 Jan – Birthday)

Patricia (Pethtel) (12 Jan – Birthday)

Reader **Matthew** (Vansuch) (14 Jan – Birthday)

Robert (Kennedy) (14 Jan – Birthday)

David (Norris) (14 Jan – Birthday)

Ron (Luthern) (15 Jan – Birthday)

Elise (Donofrio) (18 Jan – Birthday)

Reader **Nicola** (Nicoloff) (19 Jan – Birthday)

Stephan (Elash) (22 Jan – Birthday)

Lorraine (Livosky) (22 Jan – Birthday)

Departed

Newly Departed (40 Days)

Mitred Archpriest **Igor** (26 Jan)

Departed

Subdeacon **John** (Zelina) (Jan)

Robert (Kennedy) (Jan)

Jennie (Rudiak) (Jan)

George / Olga (Vansuch) (Jan)

Nicholas (1st Anniversary) / **Mary Kay** (Libertin) (Jan)

George / Ruth (Libertin) (Jan)