

July 26, 2009 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864). Hieromartyr Hermolaus and Martyrs Hermippus and Hermocrates at Nicomedia (ca. 305). Ven. Moses the Hungarian, of the Kiev Caves (ca. 1043). Martyr Parasceva of Rome (2nd c.). Ven. Gerontius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos). **Epistle:** Rom. 15:1-7. **Gospel:** Matt. 9:27-35.

Next Sunday, August 2, 2009 – 8th Sun. after Pentecost – Tone 7. Epistle: 1 Cor. 1:10-18. **Gospel:** Matt. 14:14-22.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (July 26, 2009)

TODAY

11:15 AM Fellowship in the Church Hall

Tuesday Vespers and Wednesday Liturgy will NOT be served this week due to Fr. Jonathan's absence on vacation.

SATURDAY (Aug. 1; beginning of the Dormition Fast)

6:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (Aug. 2)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

11:15 AM Fellowship & Coffee Hour (in Hall)

Please remember in your prayers: the child **Taylor; Vera Campbell & Bette Frenchko** (at Mahoning Valley Hospital; on the 9th floor of Trumbull Memorial); **Gary Thompson** (father of Deacon Gregory [Gary] Thompson; home from Trumbull Memorial); **Gregory Saxon** (friend of the Yenchochik/Howell family; home from St. Joseph Hospital); **Paul Kappanadze** (friend of Simerick [Christine DiGiacobbe] family).

Offerings: 07-19-09: \$n/a; Attendance: 07-19-09: n/a; Candle Commemorations: 07-26-09: Theotokos: birthday of Jonathan Stehnach. Altar: birthday of Michael Krafft. Christ: 15th anniversary of Anthony and Christine DiGiacobbe.

"We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself..."
(Rom. 12:9-12)

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Aug. 1-14 Dormition Fast (fourth fasting season of the Church year)

Aug. 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ (blessing of fruits)

Aug. 15 Feast of the Dormition (Falling-asleep) of the Mother of God (blessing of flowers and herbs)

Aug. 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist



SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

- 1) **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AFTER LITURGY:** adults are studying the history, meaning, and practice of the Divine Liturgy.
- 2) **PATH TO SALVATION CLASS ON TUESDAYS:** class resumes with a new study after Labor Day..

Charitable Giving – July 2009: envelope or baskets after Liturgy
This month's charity: Seminarian Brantley & Family (at St. Vlad's)

Our Food Pantry needs restocking! Canned goods, dry goods, and non-perishable food items are greatly needed. Thank you for all your donations!!! Particularly needed at this time are dry mixes (e.g., Bisquick) and canned fruit.



Classic Literature Reading Group – Wed., 11:00 AM,
at Borders Café (on Hwy. 46 by the Eastwood Mall complex)
Everyone is welcome to join in at any time!
We are currently reading *1984*, by George Orwell.

TWO SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

- 1) **(Bi)Weekly Teen Group** – either Sunday or Wednesday evenings;
- 2) **Men's Bible Breakfast** – one Saturday morning each month, probably the second Saturday of the month.

Please speak with Fr. Jonathan if you are interested in helping with either.

Fr. Jonathan and family will be out-of-town on vacation until Friday, July 31. We thank Fr. Peter (Pawlack) for serving Vespers and Liturgy in Fr. Jonathan's absence. If a pastoral emergency should arise during these two weeks, please contact Fr. Stylianos Menis of St. Demetrios Church for spiritual care; he can be reached at 330-770-9330 (Cell), or 330-394-9021 (Church).



Going on vacation this summer? Ask Fr. Jonathan to locate a Church near your destination, or find one at www.oca.org.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Christian Academy and Preschool:

1. **Enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year.** The school will offer programs for Preschool (ages 3-4) and classes Kindergarten through Grade 4. Call Holy Trinity for more information at 330-399-7642.

2. **Annual 300 Club-Dinner Raffle – Aug. 22, at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church** (on North Rd.). Tickets are \$25.00; Grand Prize - \$1,000; see Marge Petty or Betty Ann Perschka for tickets or more information.

Charity of the Month – July 2009

This month, our Parish Charity envelope and basket collections will go to the Brantley family, a seminarian family at St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York. Last Christmas, we sent gifts and cards to this family; may we continue to help and encourage them for their ongoing service in Christ's Church.

*The **Dormition Fast** begins next Saturday, August 1, and continues until the Feast of the Dormition (Falling-asleep) of the Mother of God on August 15. This is the fourth fasting season of the Church year. If we are to abstain from certain foods, from various entertainments, and from worldly distractions, then let us fast and pray in the fervent love of Christ. Fasting must be a willing exercise of faith, to offer our lives as a pure sacrifice to God in Christ. This is truly well-pleasing to God and a great benefit for our lives in the Kingdom of God.*

FLOWERBULBS FOR ST. VLADIMIR'S CAMP:

You can help St. Vladimir's Camp (in Greene) and enjoy beautiful flowers at the same time by ordering Bulbs from *vanBourgondien*. See the colorful brochure and order form on the bulletin board. Ordering deadline is August 15.