

August 30, 2009 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3. Leavetaking of the Dormition. Martyr Lupus, slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.). Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202). St. Eutychius (ca. 540) and Florentius (547), of Nursia. St. Callinicus, Patriarch of Constantinople (705). **Epistle:** 1 Cor. 15:1-11. **Gospel:** Matt. 19:16-26.

Next Sunday, September 6, 2009 – 13th Sun. after Pentecost – Tone 4. Epistle: 1 Cor. 16:13-24. **Gospel:** Matt. 21:33-42.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (August 30, 2009)

TODAY

11:15 AM Coffee Hour & Bible Class
11:45 AM Sunday School Planning Meeting (in Hall)

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Daily Vespers

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Reading from Prologue
11:00 AM Reading Group (at Borders Café)

SATURDAY

6:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (Sept. 6)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: 13th Sunday after Pentecost
11:15 AM Coffee Hour & Altar Servers Mtg. (in Church)

Please remember in your prayers: the child **Taylor**; **Vera Campbell** (at Mahoning Valley Hospital); **Bette Frenchko** (at home); **Barbara Yugovich** (at home); **Mary Wainright** (aunt of Norman and Karen George); **Mary Regnall** (Hillside Hospital); **Margaret Petty**; **Linda Keriotas**.

*Offerings: 08-23-09: \$1,409.00; Attendance: 08-23-09: 100; Candle Commemorations: 08-30-09: **Theotokos**: blessed memory of Lou Gyurek. **Altar**: blessed memory of Anna Thompson. **Christ**: blessed memory of Katherine Bender.*

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Sept. 8** Birth (Nativity) of the Theotokos
Sept. 13 Sunday Church School classes resume (age 4-18)
Sept. 14 Exaltation (Elevation) of the Cross



SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

- 1) **Sunday Church School** will begin a new year of classes for ages 4-18 Sunday, September 13. The **Tuesday Evening Path to Salvation class** resumes with a new study on Tuesday, September 15.
- 2) The **Classic Literature Reading Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall). We are currently reading through the timely **1984**, by George Orwell. Come and engage the culture in the light of our Faith!
- 3) **Daily Matins – Thursdays at 6:30 AM** (beginning September 10); and **Men’s Bible Breakfast – Sept. 18 at 9:00 AM** (3rd Saturday of each month; for every man in the Parish).

Charitable Giving – August 2009: envelope or baskets after Liturgy
This month’s charity: St. Vladimir’s Camp (in Farmdale/Greene)

Charity of the Month – August 2009

+ This month, our Parish Charity envelope and basket collections will go to **St. Vladimir’s Camp and Retreat Center** (in Farmdale; about 20 miles north of Warren). Specifically, our donations will go to construct a much-needed paved walkway leading up to the Camp chapel.

Attention Bowlers!!! – new season begins in September

A new season of bowling in the Sunday night league at Crest Lanes begins in September, and we will again field a team from St. John’s. If you are interested in being on the team, sign up on the list on the candlestand. Incidentally, our team came in second place last year!

The 48th Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest will take place in Overland Park (Kansas City), Kansas, from **October 5-7, 2009**. The event is hosted by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church there. Our Parish will send our Parish Priest and one Lay Delegate, Daria Fickes, to the Assembly.



Fish Dinner News: *Denise Higgins, Paula Kapp, and Carol Nicholl* have volunteered to oversee and coordinate Fish Dinner operations. [Hats off to the McKenzies who will be traveling and unable to be here all the time.] The plan is to resume dinners from January – May, 2010.

St. John’s Teen Group – Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM (beginning 9/16)
Ask the tough questions about life; we’ll explore the answers in the Truth of Christ. This is a time for fellowship, enjoyment, loving service, and maturity in the Faith. **Parents, strongly encourage your young adults to attend!**



To purchase/provide candles in Church, see the list at the candlestand You may provide beeswax tapers or 6-day vigil candles in commemoration of someone.

THE CHURCH NEW YEAR – September 1

According to the Fathers gathered at the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (325 A.D.), September 1 marks the opening of the New Church Year. Before the imposition of the Julian calendar (named after Julius Caesar, d.44 B.C.), the Roman calendar began with September 1, not January 1. According to tradition, the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September, and, in fact, the ancient Jewish civil calendar also began with September 1.

The Gospel for the day connects the beginning of our Church Year with the commencement of Christ’s public ministry in the synagogue. “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor...to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18, 19).

The Emperor Constantine saw the vision of the Cross on September 1 (312 A.D.) prior to his victory at the Milvian Bridge and subsequent reign as the first openly Christian Roman emperor. He convened the First Ecumenical Council which (re)standardized time according to the Church Year beginning in September. We continue to order our months and days according to the Gospel of Christ, in conjunction with the mysteries of our salvation.

The Friend of the Bridegroom

“He Must Increase and I Must Decrease” (John 3:29-30)

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Saturday: Great Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM
 Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday Church School (after Liturgy)