

**October 18, 2009 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2.** Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke. Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4<sup>th</sup> c.). **Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9. **Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15.

**Next Sunday, Oct. 25 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3.** **Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19. **Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Oct. 18, 2009)

#### TODAY

11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
11:45 AM Christmas Play Practice  
6:00 PM St. John's Society (for Teens)

#### TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers  
6:30 PM Path to Salvation Class

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

6:30 AM Matins

#### SATURDAY

6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### SUNDAY (October 25)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
12:00 PM Family Fun Day – Maize Valley Farm

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

+ **Children's Christmas Program Practice** has begun under the direction of Christine DiGiacobbe; she has a schedule of practices if you didn't get one.

#### THE EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY

“Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you” (John 6:53). These words alone should be motivation enough for us to gather as often as we can for the Divine Liturgy and reception of the Holy Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

The Apostle Paul writes, “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes” (1 Cor. 11:26). The Lord's death, His crucifixion, culminates in the Lord's Resurrection, His victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. As often as we gather for the Eucharist, we declare with our lives this saving reality which is the source and pattern of our new life in Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Of all the things done in the Church, the most important is our gathering for the Eucharist. To gather, we must prepare for the assembly, focusing our energies and activities to make place for the Eucharist. As we gather, we stand in the company of the Holy Trinity, the people here present, and the company of the angels and saints. Departing from the Eucharist, we go with direction and purpose from Christ Jesus our Lord, Whose flesh and blood give us holiness. The Eucharistic assembly defines what we are as the Church, the Body of Christ.

The Eucharistic assembly, the Divine Liturgy, teaches faith, prayer, love, and repentance. Here we participate in and practice the Kingdom of God as co-members of Christ and one another. All who are truly in the Church will be found gathered for the Eucharist, to give thanks to God for the Life given us in His name.



*The Friend of the Bridegroom*

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

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy - 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**10-11-09: 100** (attendance); **\$2,408.00** (collection).

**10-18-09: candle commemorations – Theotokos:** blessed memory of Mary Dudick and family; **Altar:** health of Chariessa Stitchik; **Christ:** blessed memory of Michael Bender.

**Please pray for:** the child **Taylor** (Nelson); **Vera** (Campbell, at Fairview Hosp., W Cleveland); **Mary** (Wainwright, aunt of Norman and Karen George); **Linda** (Keriotis); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Lucas** (Holko, boy in baseball accident); **Michael** (Stefanick); **Charles, Linn, & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbane, surgery at Cleveland Clinic); **Edith** (Masarick) & **Ann** (Toda; both home from Trumbull Memorial); **Mary Ann** (Zezorich, Marge Petty's neice); **Melanie** (cousin of Vera Campbell); **Taile** (Keene, broken arm).

### **This Month's Charity – October 2009:**

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

**The Family of Taylor Nelson**

### **COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**Oct. 25 Family Fun Day at Maize Valley Farm (Hartville, OH) – note the date change!**

**Oct. 26 St. Demetrios Day** (services at St. Demetrios Church)

**Nov. 15 Akathist to the Theotokos** (at St. Nicholas Church) – *Advent begins*

+ **New Address for Dn. Ed and Kerya Brisbane:**

429 Northvale Drive

Chippewa Lake, Ohio 44215

- any cards and prayers for Kerya are appreciated.



### SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

- 1) **Path to Salvation Class:** Tuesday evenings after Vespers. Topic of study: the **Feasts and Life of the Virgin Mary, Theotokos**, using a collection of sermons by St. Gregory Palamas as our guide.
- 2) **Classic Literature Reading Group** meets every Wednesday morning at 11:00 AM at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall). We are reading **Siddhartha**, by Hermann Hesse. Come and engage the culture in the light of our Faith!
- 3) **St. John's Society** (for all our teens and their friends) **meets regularly on Sunday evenings** at 6:00 PM. All teens are welcome.

+ **Charities of the Month:** 1) **October** – the Taylor Nelson family; 2) **November** – Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick. As you may, or may not, know, the Parish Council designates Charities of the Month on a monthly basis according to need.

+ **Festival of Icons News:** we are NOT planning to host the *Festival of Icons* this year due to a need to reorganize and refocus our efforts in this worthy cause. Your input for the future of the event is crucial, so plan on offering it as we prepare for a revitalized *Festival* in 2010.

+ **St. John's Society** (formerly known as the "Teen Group") – meets almost every Sunday Evening at 6:00 PM for a snack, activity, and mutual engagement in issues confronting the Christian life. The *Society's* goal is to involve as many of our teens as possible in fellowship, service, and encouragement.

+ **Upcoming Event at Holy Resurrection Church** (on North Road; see the flyer on the bulletin board): *Orthodox Family Fun Night* – Oct. 24 from 7 – 10:00 PM; fellowship, music, dance, and food.

+ **October Charity of the Month – the Taylor Nelson Family;** Taylor has been undergoing treatment for cancer, now in Columbus. Please give as you are able in the Charity envelopes or basket collections during October for the Nelsons.

+ **Family Fun Day at Maize Valley Farm (Hartville, OH) – Sunday, October 25, following Church School:** all families are invited to come along for the corn maze, wagon rides, petting pasture, kids' play area, pumpkin cannon, pig race, and farm store. Maize Valley Farm is located 3 miles east of Hartville on Hwy. 169 (directions are on the candlestand). If you need a ride, speak with Fr. Jonathan or Christine DiGiacobbe.

+ **Holy Trinity Academy and Preschool – Aussie Quiz Night:**

When? – Friday, November 20, at 7:00 PM

Where? – St. Mark Orthodox Church (Liberty)

*[Vespers for the Feast of the Entrance of the*

*Theotokos into the Temple will be served that evening at St. Mark's, at 6:00 PM.]*

Call the School at 330-399-7642 for more information.

+ Jim and Sonya Lee wish to thank everyone for the cards upon their recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Your kindness is much appreciated.

+ The **September Charity Collection** for Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy and Preschool totaled **\$419**. The Parish Council rounded that amount up to **\$450** given to the School. May God continue to bless the work of Holy Trinity Academy.

+ Another meeting for our upcoming Fish Dinners will take place on Sunday, November 1.