

October 25, 2009 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3. Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople (ca. 355). Ven. Martyrii the Deacon and Martyrii the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (13th – 14th c.). Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Solna in Dalmatia (3rd c.). St. Tabitha, raised by the Apostle Peter (1st c.).
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19. **Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31.

Next Sunday, Nov. 1 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4. **Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-20. **Gospel:** Luke 8:26-39.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Oct. 25, 2009)

TODAY

11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class
12:00 PM Family Fun Day at Maize Valley Farm

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 & Prayers of Confession

SUNDAY (November 1)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
11:15 AM Sunday School & Fish Dinner Mtg.

+ To purchase/provide candles in Church, see the list at the counter in the Narthex of the Church.

+ Children's Christmas Program Practice has begun under the direction of Christine DiGiacobbe; a practice schedule is available on the candlestand.

EUCCHARISTIC DISCIPLINE

“Take, eat; this is My body...Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:26-28). So Christ Jesus teaches us in the Gospel that the Eucharist is intended for His disciples to receive. “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover (lit., *Pascha*) with you before I suffer” (Luke 22:15). It should likewise be our fervent desire to receive the Holy Eucharist “as often” (1 Cor. 11:26) as it is offered in the Church, certainly as often as we can partake of it.

Yet reception of the Body and Blood of Christ must not be merely a habitual, mindless, or rote exercise for us. “Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup” (1 Cor. 11:27-28). We must receive the Eucharist in the same way intended by the Lord for His disciples gathered in the upper room on the night when He was betrayed: in faith, repentance, and the desire to follow the Lord Christ to death and resurrection. “In the fear of God, and with faith and love draw near!” (from the *Divine Liturgy*).

Being a *disciple* of Christ requires *discipline*, precisely concerning the Eucharist. This is why only baptized Orthodox Christians receive the Eucharist in Orthodox churches. This is why we the baptized are to maintain a discipline of regular Confession, to maintain a state of preparation for the Eucharist, the Mystery of the Kingdom of God. Our Eucharistic discipline includes fasting prior to reception, and to be at peace with all people in forgiveness and love. As we pray each Liturgy: “Neither like Judas (i.e., the traitor) will I give Thee a kiss; but like the thief (i.e., the penitent) will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.”



The Friend of the Bridegroom

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

**St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
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John Tutoki, Hall Coordinator.....330-469-9531

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

10-18-09: 90 (attendance); **\$1,351.00** (collection).

10-25-09: candle commemorations – Theotokos: birthday of Stephanie Sedall; **Altar:** blessed memory of Peter Stehnach; **Christ:** health of Michael Nuzzo.

Please Pray for:

Living: 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); **Charles, Linn, & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbane, surgery at Cleveland Clinic); **Mary Ann** (Zevorich, Marge Petty's neice); **Melanie** (Smith, cousin of Vera Campbell); **Taleigh** (Keene, broken arm); **Michael** (Nuzzo, father of Cathy Stehnach); **Stephan** (Beskid, at Trumbull Memorial); **Archpriest Thomas** (Succarote, Madison, IL).

Departed: Dn. Nicholas (Fedak, brother of Vera Campbell; d. 10/6/09).

This Month's Charity – October 2009:

[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]

The Family of Taylor Nelson

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

- Oct. 26** **St. Demetrios Day** (services at St. Demetrios Church)
- Nov. 15** **Akathist to the Theotokos** (at St. Nicholas Church) – *Advent begins*
- Nov. 25** **6 PM Vespers Liturgy for Thanksgiving**

+ Please note the **New Phone number for John Tutoki, our Hall Coordinator – 330-469-9531**; call John to schedule an event in our Parish Hall.



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.

+ **St. John's Society** (formerly known as the "Teen Group") – meets almost every Sunday Evening at 6:00 PM. The *Society's* goal is to involve as many of our teens as possible in fellowship, service, and encouragement – next meeting: November 1.

+ The next **Sisterhood Luncheon** will take place on Monday, **November 2, at 1:00 PM** at *Georgie's Restaurant* on Elm Road. All ladies of the Parish are invited.

+ **Fish Dinner Organizational Meeting – Sunday, November 1, following Divine Liturgy.**

+ **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.

+ Holy Resurrection Church is hosting a **Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 1, beginning at 12:15 PM.** The menu will include turkey and all the fixings.

+ **St. Michael's Day Celebration** – at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights, OH (one of our Cleveland Deanery parishes):

Friday, Nov. 6 – 7 PM Great Vespers

Saturday, Nov. 7 – 9:30 AM Hierarchical

Divine Liturgy with the Ordination of Sbdn. Daniel Kovalak to the Holy Diaconate. Both His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, and His Eminence, Archbishop Job, will concelebrate. A brunch will follow Divine Liturgy.

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

429 Northvale Drive
Chippewa Lake, Ohio 44215

- any cards for Kerya are much appreciated!

+ **St. Demetrios Day** (*at St. Demetrios Church on High Street*); services are as follows:

Great Vespers, Oct. 25, at 6:00 PM

Divine Liturgy, Oct. 26, at 9:30 AM

You are welcome to celebrate this patronal feast day with our fellow Orthodox brothers and sisters.

+ The Parish Council recently discussed two (or both) future possibilities *in lieu of our past Festival of Icons*: 1) a two-day St. John's Festival of food, music, and Church tours/lectures; and 2) a one-day spiritual Advent Retreat. Your feedback is most welcome.