

The Forerunner

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Edwardsville, PA 18704

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

www.oca.org/www.doepa.org/www.sjboca.com

August 06 – 12, 2017

**9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. THE HOLY
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST**

Priest George Volkovinsky, Rector

Rectory Phone 570-287-7186 Cell Phone 1-440-319-5519

Email: george.volkovinsky@gmail.com

Schedule of Services

Confessions: Before and after all Vespers Services
Vespers: Saturday at 4:00 PM
Liturgy: Sunday at 9:00 AM
Baptism and Chrismation: Contact Father George
Marriages: Please contact Father George BEFORE making any other arrangements.

A Warm Welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's resurrection this morning with us. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with the priest, the attendant at the candle desk, or with any parish member. If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book, and partake of our hospitality in the coffee hour after the conclusion of the service. If you have questions about our practices or beliefs, please ask any parishioner or the priest.

A brief word about communion: For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church.

Readings

2 Peter 1:10-19 (*Epistle, Transfiguration*)

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹² For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

¹³ Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,

¹⁴ knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.

¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

Matthew 17:1-9 (*Gospel, Transfiguration*)

¹ Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

⁴ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”

⁶ And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.”

⁸ When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

Spiritual Donations

Wine (August): In loving memory of Nicholas Kastelan & Irene Osolinsky from Kathryn Graham & Chris Adamski & family. Memory Eternal!

Prospora (August): In memory of all our departed parishioners at St John's from Joyce Walsh. Memory Eternal!

Incense (August): In loving memory of Scott Christopher Thomas celebrating his birthday with our Lord from Mom, Ben, David & Uncle Bill. Memory Eternal!

Cross Candles Christ: In loving memory of Andrew Rushton on the third anniversary of his falling asleep from Dad & Karen. **Cross**

Candles Theotokos: In loving memory of Andrew Rushton on the third anniversary of his falling asleep from Dad & Karen. Memory Eternal!

Altar Candles (1): For the health of Anna Souchick who will be celebrating her 93rd birthday in August from sister Eva. Many Years!

Tetrapod Candles (1): In honor of our son in law Thomas Robbins on his birthday from Leo & Chris Adamski. Many Years!

Tetrapod Candles (2): In honor of Thomas Robbins on his birthday from wife Karen & daughter Madison. Many Years!

Tomb Candle: In loving memory of Nicholas Kastelan from daughter Kathryn Graham & granddaughter Chris Adamski & family. Memory Eternal!

Eternal candle: In loving memory of Andrew Rushton on the third anniversary of his falling asleep from Dad & Karen. Memory Eternal!

Royal Doors (1): In memory of Helen Spinicci Love, JoAnne. Memory Eternal!

Our Family Prayer Needs

Those Ill and afflicted: Todd Collura, Fr. Emilian Hutnyan, Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan, Carolyn, Patrick, Helen Grumblis, Jeanne Heusel, Mary Rilko, Helen Borden, Katherine Graham, Tatiana Radsavitch, Cheryl Rosencrans, Tom Podolak, Mary Cunius, Brian Lechak, Anna Antall, Edward Morgans, Sean Wolfe, Margiee

Those in Nursing Homes, and those homebound: Mary Kosciuszko, Helen Bray, Betty Ervin, Mary Nickett, Kathryn Prokopchak, David Price, Julia Sitar, Julia Capp, Julia Talpash, Rudolph Bullard

Those serving in the Armed Forces: John Swetts, Alexander Baney, Elliot Hurchalla

Announcements

The **centennial books** will be on sale at our Food Fest for only \$10. If you do not own a copy of this informative history of St. John's and Orthodoxy in NEPA now is the time to get one. Also there is a limited amount of our t- shirts available for \$10, various sizes Wear one at the food fest to represent us.

Ivan Gingo is working on his **Eagle award project** for Boy Scouts. To complete this he has picked a project which will benefit St John's. To do this project he must obtain the finances needed. The Church Council has approved him selling welsh cookies at the food fest. He will have his own tent and be in uniform but the money will be used for his project. We will be making the cookies at **10 on August 14**. Much help is needed as he will be taking outside orders so we will have at least 4 griddles going. If you wish to preorder and be guaranteed your cookies an order sheet is at both entrances. Cost is \$5/dozen.

Items for the **Pik-a-Tik** booth at our Ethnic Food Festival can now be brought to Repella Hall. 40 items valued at a minimum of \$10.00 are needed. Please note that the time for the grounds setup for the Ethnic Food Festival will begin at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23rd**. Rain date is Thursday at the same time. All able bodied help is needed.

Because of several requests we will have a second **Rummage sale October 12-14**. Please start finding items to donate. Check your attics and cupboards and begin to fill a box. We should be able to regain the expense of our roof and air conditioner projects.

Pledge donations for **air conditioning units** as of August 03, 2017 - \$9,786.30