

The Forerunner

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Edwardsville, PA 18704

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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August 27 – September 02, 2017

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 3.** Ven. Poemen the Great (ca. 450).

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Schedule of Services

Confessions: Before and after all Vespers Services

Vespers: Saturday at 4PM

Liturgy: Sunday at 9:00 AM

Panihida for Judith Gulich from Michael Gulich Sunday, August 27th immediately after the Divine Liturgy

Panihida for John & Elizabeth Seman from their children Saturday, September 2nd at 3 PM

Baptism and Chrismation: Contact Father George

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

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*Epistle*)

- ¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,
- ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.
- ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,
- ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.
- ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.
- ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.
- ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.
- ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
- ¹¹ Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Matthew 19:16-26 (*Gospel*)

- ¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?”
- ¹⁷ So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”
- ¹⁸ He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’

¹⁹ 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

²⁵ When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Spiritual Donations

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

Prophora (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!

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

Financial report for the month of July 2017:

Receipts (money taken in) - \$4,890.50

Disbursements (money paid out) - \$7,481.97

Deficit - \$2,591.47

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

In memory of **9/11**, there will be a blessing of our Edwardsville first responders at the Edwardsville Borough Building immediately following Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 10th**. To show our appreciation, we will be inviting those present to join us at Konefal's Restaurant after the service for lunch. Come out and support our local heroes who respond selflessly every day to protect Edwardsville's families, businesses, and churches. Sign up sheets will be in the usual places. If you would like to give a donation toward the meal, please see a member of the growth committee or drop it off in the candle room.

Beginning on Sunday, September 10th Divine Liturgy will begin at 10:00 AM.

The **centennial books** is on sale for only \$10. If you do not own a copy now is the time to get one. Also there is a limited amount of our t-shirts available for \$10, various sizes. Wear one to represent us.

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.