

The Forerunner

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Edwardsville, PA 18704

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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October 22 –28, 2017

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 3.** Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hierapolis (ca. 167).

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Schedule of Services

Confessions: Before and after all Vespers Services

Vespers: Saturday at 4PM

Liturgy: Sunday at 10:00 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

Galatians 1:11-19 (*Epistle*)

¹¹ But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

¹³ For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

¹⁴ And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

¹⁵ But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Luke 16:19-31 (*Gospel*)

¹⁹ There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

28 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Spiritual Donations

Wine (October): In memory of Anna Motill, Aunt Cathy & Aunt Sophie from JoAnne. Memory Eternal!

Prophora (October): In memory of Mary & Ray Pisaneschi from JoAnne. Memory Eternal!

Incense (October): In loving memory of Scott Christopher Thomas from Mom, Ben, David & Uncle Bill. Memory Eternal!

Royal Doors (1): In honor of our granddaughter Sofia B Cook on her 9th birthday from Gram, Pop Pop & BaBa. May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

Royal Doors (2): In honor of Sofia B Cook on her 9th birthday from Mom, Dad & brother Michael. May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

Tetrapod Candles (1): In honor of Christine & Gary Ferenchick on their 25th wedding anniversary from Mom, Dad & Grandma. May God Grant You Both Many More Blessed Years!

Tetrapod Candles (2): In honor of Chad & Janet Brower on their wedding anniversary from Mom, Dad & Grandma. May God Grant You Both Many More Blessed Years!

Tomb Candle: In loving memory of Raymond Kobusky from wife Helen. Memory Eternal!

Eternal Candle: For the health of Joseph Wozniak from Mom!

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, Evelyn Swetts, Christine Adamski

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 **FOCA** is hosting a Mexican La Festive brunch on **October, 29** to benefit the OCMC project Mexico. The food/menu will be non spicy. (but there will be spicy food on the side to add to it if you desire to do so) it will be a good will offering for the project. Please join us for good non spicy food but spicy fellowship!

The **Sunday school** will host a party on **October, 29th** in the church basement. Costumes are optional. There will be games, crafts and food. Please invite your grandchildren or neighbors who might enjoy this but let us know in advance so we have enough.

Pierogi Project: 13 and 14 November. Potato with Cheese \$8.00 dozen. Order sheets are at the Church entrances. Monday, 13 November will be for preparing the pierogi filling. Tuesday, 14 November will be for pinching, cooking and package orders for pickups. Order pickups are on Tuesday, 14 November from 2pm until 6pm. If you are able and willing, help is welcomed. Project contact is Ed Morgans, Home (570-824-4248), Cell (570-472-8748), E-mail jpmed528@aol.com

Financial report for the month of September 2017:

Receipts (money taken in) - \$7,225.00

Disbursements (money paid out) - \$10,849.76

Deficit - \$3,624.76