

# The Forerunner

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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**December 10 – 16, 2017**

**27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** — **Tone 2.** Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria (ca. 313).

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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.

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*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

### **Ephesians 6:10-17** (*Epistle*)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

<sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

<sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

### **Luke 17:12-19** (*Gospel*)

<sup>12</sup> Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

<sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

<sup>14</sup> So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,

<sup>16</sup> and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup> So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

<sup>18</sup> Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?

<sup>19</sup> And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

## Spiritual Donations

**Wine (December):** In loving memory of our grandson Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from Gram & Pop. Memory Eternal!

**Prospora (December):** In loving memory of our son & brother Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from Mom, Dad & Madison. Memory Eternal!

**Incense (December):** In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from BaBa, Godmother Janet, Aunts, Uncles & Cousins. Memory Eternal!

**Cross Candles Christ:** In loving memory of Jule Maceiko from Mothers & Daughters. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Her Soul Shall Dwell with The Blessed!

**Cross Candles Theotokos:** In loving memory of Jule Maceiko from Kathryn Graham & Chris Adamski. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Her Soul Dwell With The Blessed!

**Altar Candles (1):** In loving memory of our grandson Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th with the Lord from Gram & Pop. Memory Eternal!

**Altar Candles (2):** In loving memory of our son & brother Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from Mom, Dad & Madison. Memory Eternal!

**Royal Doors:** In memory of John Berdy Sr. from Elizabeth Dutko. Memory Eternal!

**Royal Doors:** In memory of John & Androna Berdy from Elizabeth Dutko. Memory Eternal!

**Tetrapod Candles (1):** In honor of Thomas & Karen Robbins on their anniversary from Mom & Dad. Many Blessed Years!

**Tetrapod Candles (2):** In honor of and for the health of Benjamin Dragan & Bill Deletconich from Lucille & David

**Tomb Candle:** In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from Baba & Godmother Janet. Memory Eternal!

**Eternal Candle:** In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins as he celebrates his 27th birthday with the Lord from Aunts, Uncles & Cousins. 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, Evelyn Swetts, Anna Souchik, Richard Malcolm, Leo Martin

**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

**Sunday, December 17, 2017: Community Christmas Concert** at St. John's Church at 3 p.m., including St. John's Church, St. Vladimir's, Resurrection PNC, and Emmanuel Baptist Church, all of Edwardsville. Covered Dish items are requested for the reception afterwards.

**Thank you** to all who helped with the **Veterans Thanksgiving dinner** by donating baked goods, the food for their bags, money and those who gave of their time. The residents always appreciate the home cooked meal and fellowship. Our next project is their Christmas meal. We ask for homemade cookies and loose candy to fill small bags. The Sunday school buys them each a \$20 supermarket gift card. As always any extra canned goods will be accepted for their food pantry. The men were already asking if we would be back for this.

The holiday season is right around the corner and our annual **Christmas basket raffle** will be held on **December 10, 2017**. Anyone wishing to make a food or monetary donation may see Karen Rushton or call her at 570-294-1157. Thank you in advance.

**Christmas cards** available in candle room \$2.00 each

**Frozen Pierogies for sale** - \$8.00 a dozen

**Spiritual Donations 2018:** Proshpora available -- March, July & August, everything else is taken.

## Financial Report for October 2017:

**Receipts** (money taken in) - \$9,919.00

**Disbursements** (money paid out) - \$8,903.79

**Balance** - \$1,015.21