

The Forerunner

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Edwardsville, PA 18704

Orthodox Church in America

Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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September 17 –23, 2017

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.** Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love at Rome (ca. 137).

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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

2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Epistle)

⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –

¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Matthew 22:35-46 (Gospel)

³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,

³⁶ Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?

³⁷ Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

⁴⁴ The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?"

⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?

⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Spiritual Donations

Wine (September): In memory of Barbara Kotis Slymock from children, Frank & Ann Marie. Memory Eternal!

Prospora (September): In loving memory of Alexander Graham from wife Kathryn, daughter Chris & family. Memory Eternal!

Incense (September): In honor of Kathryn Graham for her birthday month from Chris, Leo, grandchildren & great grandchildren. God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

Cross Candles: In honor of & for the health of Jule Maceiko on her birthday. from Kathryn Graham & Chris Adamski. God Bless!

Cross Candles: In memory of John & Androna Berdy and children, Anna, John, Elizabeth and Mary from Peter Dutko & family. Memory Eternal!

Altar Candles (1): For the health of Evelyn Swetts from Elizabeth Dutko

Altar Candles (2): For the health of Evelyn Swetts from Mothers & Daughters

Royal Doors (1): For the health of Evelyn Swetts from Olga Conant & Mary Cunius

Royal doors (2): In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Aunts, Uncles & Cousins. Memory Eternal!

Tetrapod Candles (1): In honor of Megan Elizabeth Ferenchick on her 21st birthday from Gram, Pop & BaBa. God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

Tetrapod Candles (2): In honor of Megan Elizabeth Ferenchick on her 21st birthday from Mom, Dad & brother, Tyler. God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

Eternal Candle: In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Gram, Pop & BaBa. Memory Eternal

Tomb Candle: In loving memory of Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Mom, Dad & sister Madison. Memory Eternal!

Bulletin Sponsor: In honor of brother, John Holak on his 84th birthday from Rev. Wesley & Anna H. Crompton.

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

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

Pierogi Project: 25 and 26 September. Potato with Cheese \$8.00 dozen. Order sheets are at the Church entrances. Monday, 25 September will be for preparing the pierogi filling. Tuesday, 26 September will be for pinching, cooking and package orders for pickups. Order pickups are on Tuesday, 26 September 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 jpm528@aol.com

On **Sunday, September 24th Archbishop Mark** will make his annual pastoral visit to our parish. Following the 10:00 Divine Liturgy the Anniversary couples, Father Repella award recipients, and the Alpha Omega Boy Scout honorees will be recognized. Hopefully, the soon to be restored Rectory front porch and Altar steps will be blessed at this time. Ivan Gingo and Vladimir Gingo will receive their Alpha Omega Religious Boy Scout Award. **The Father Repella Award** recipients will be announced on Sunday, September 24th. The Mothers and Daughters Club will prepare a dinner for this day of celebration. Sign-up sheets will be posted at both front entrances to the church. **The deadline for your reservation is Sunday, September 17th.** This will enable a sufficient amount of food to be prepared. Please plan to attend this joyous day of celebration in our parish.

Financial report for the month of August 2017:

Receipts (money taken in) - \$12,915.50

Disbursements (money paid out) - \$10,952.12

Balance - \$1,963.38