

January 15, 2012 – 31st Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 6. Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (the “Hut-dweller”; 5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251). Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.). **Epistle:** 1 Tim. 1:15-17. **Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27.

Next Sunday, Jan. 22 – 32nd Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 7. Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17. **Gospel:** Luke 18:35-43.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S (Jan. 15)

TODAY

11:15 AM Church Scholl & Bible Class
1:30 PM St. John’s Society (for teens)

MONDAY

*Cleveland Deanery Youth Day
at St. Michael’s Church, Broadview Hghts.*

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers
6:30 PM Path to Salvation Class

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: reading from Prologue
11:00 AM Reading Group (at Mocha House)

THURSDAY

6:30 AM Matins

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (Jan. 22)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: 32nd Sun. after Pentecost
11:15 AM Church School & Bible Class

HOUSE BLESSING SCHEDULE 2012
January 12-16 Southeast Warren/Niles
January 17-20 Yngstwn area/Warren SW
January 21-24 Northwest Warren/Champion
January 25 – 29 Cortland/Howland
Jan. 30 – Feb. 1 Howland/east to PA

Please contact Fr. Jonathan for a specific time of day to come to your house.

NEXT FISH DINNER

JANUARY 27

**ALL DINNERS ARE FRIDAYS FROM 4-7 PM.
PLEASE SEE JOHN TUTOKI (330-720-3541) WITH
QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER.
MAY GOD BLESS OUR EFFORTS!**

SISTERHOOD SWEETHEART DINNER
Sunday, February 12, 2012
following Church School/Bible Class

Menu: meatloaf & all the trimmings
All are welcome.

The Friend of the Bridegroom

"He Must Increase and I Must Decrease" (John 3:29-30)

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Saturday: Vespers at 5:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM

Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

GENERAL INFORMATION

01-08-12: 80 (attendance); **\$3,389.00** (offering)

01-15-12: candle commemorations – Theotokos: blessed memory of Helen Tutoki; **Altar:** birthday of Helen Bobosh; **Christ:** ----.

Please Pray for:

Living: Chariessa (Stichick, sister of Mark Malacky); Kerya (Brisbine); Raymond (Flannery); Vera (Campbell, at home); Archpriest Michael (Mihalick; husband of Janet [Maksimoff]); Antonio (Dinello; young son of Vadim Stehnach's co-worker); Prdn. Vladimir (Maksimoff; at home); Aaron (Meterko, at Community Skilled Nursing); Joseph (Sabino; at home); Olga (Obletiloff) & Helen (Molnar, at Shepherd of the Valley, Howland); Elizabeth (Perschka; at home); Mary Ann (Zylka, home from surgery at Trumbull Memorial); Charlotte (Howell, outpatient knee surgery); Barbara (Yugovich, home from surgery); Sophie (Bland, home from Trumbull Memorial); Floyd (Reed, surgery in Cleveland); Chris (Higgins); Anastasios (Millick, in the hospital); Carrie (Brown, surgery in Pittsburgh).

Departed: Karen (George; d. 12/5/11); Mary (Regnall; d. 12/16/11).

This Month's Charity – January 2012:

[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]

Monastery of St. John the Theologian (Hiram)

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Jan. 16 Cleveland Deanery Youth Day (at St. Michael's Church, Broadview Hghts.)

Feb. 2 Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Presentation)

Feb. 5-11 Week of Publican and Pharisee

Feb. 27 Great Lent begins

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Sundays:

a) Church School for children age 4-18;

b) Adult Class (in Hall): "God, Church, and the Bishop"

c) St. John's Society (for teens; at 1:30 PM – see weekly schedule for dates)

Tuesdays:

a) Vespers at 6:00 PM; followed by

b) Path to Salvation Class (current study: "Watchfulness and Holiness")

Wednesdays:

a) Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM; followed by

b) Classic Literature Reading Group (at the Mocha House on High St.; current book: *East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck)

Thursdays: Matins at 6:30 AM

+ Charity of the Month – December 2011

This month's Charity is **The Monastery of St. John the Theologian (in Hiram, OH)**; St. John's Monastery is the only men's monastery of the OCA in the Midwest Diocese, whose Abbot is Fr. Alexander. Please give generously in your Charity Envelope or basket collections following Divine Liturgy.

+ New Sunday Adult Bible Study

“God, Church, and the Bishop” is the new topic of study in the Hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. All are invited to get some refreshments and stay for mutual learning.

+ St. John’s Society (for teens)

The next two scheduled meetings for St. John’s Society are Jan. 15 & 29 at 1:30 PM. All teens in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

“[Jesus] said, ‘The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.’” (Luke 18:27)

+ Cleveland Deanery Youth Day (Jan. 16)

All of our young people 10-18 yrs. old are invited to participate in the second annual Cleveland Deanery Youth Day on January 16 (civil holiday – no school) at St. Michael’s Church in Broadview Heights. Speak with Fr. Jonathan for details and to arrange a ride for the Day!

+ Parish Census into 2012

Each year we report our membership numbers to the Diocesan Office (Bishop), along with membership activities such as baptisms, chrismations, marriages, and burials during the previous year (2011). These figures were recently reported from St. John’s:

155 communicant members

90 voting members (*communicants over 18 who met the parish financial minimum*)

31 children/youth (*under 18 yrs. old*)

2 baptisms (*one child, one adult*)

1 chrismation (*adult convert*)

1 marriage

10 burials (*two non-members*)

The figure for voting members (90) is used for Diocesan and OCA assessment purposes. In addition to the above, we currently have seven (7) members residing in nursing/assisted-living facilities, eight (8) members at home with very limited mobility, and 62 members who are retirees. From the offerings, the current average giving amount per member over 18 years old is about \$800/year (\$16/wk.).

+ Blessed Water from Theophany will be available in Church until the eve of the Meeting of the Lord (Feb. 2). “And grant unto all them that touch it, and partake of it, and anoint themselves with it, sanctification, health, cleansing, and blessing.”

+ Thank you! especially to Fred DiGiacobbe and Greg Zylka for repairing the cracked and broken tiles in the Hall and kitchen floors. It was much needed.