

January 29, 2012 – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). St. Lavrentii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Turov (12th c.). Ss. Gerasim (1441-1467), Pitirim (1445), and Jonah (1470), Bishops of Perm. Martyrs Romanus, Jacob, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julain, and Paregonius, at Samosata (297). Martyrs Silvanus, Bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius the Reader (312). **Epistle:** 1 Tim. 4:9-15. **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10.

Next Sunday, Feb. 5 – Publican and Pharisee. Tone 1. Epistle: 2 Tim. 3:10-15. **Gospel:** Luke 18:10-14.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 29)

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM Reading Group (at Mocha House)
6:00 PM Vigil of the Meeting of the Lord

THURSDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (w/blessing of candles)
7:00 PM St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra (practice in Hall; unless snowed-out)

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (Feb. 5)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Publican and Pharisee (beginning of Pre-Lent [Triodion])
11:15 AM Church School & Coffee Hour; Sisterhood Mtg. (in Library)

HOUSE BLESSING SCHEDULE 2012
Jan. 29 – Feb. 1 Howland/east to PA

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



NEXT FISH DINNERS

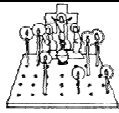
FEBRUARY 10 & 24

**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 MEATLOAF DINNER
April 22, 2012 – Thomas Sunday
[rescheduled until after Great Lent]

**2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE HALL.
PLEASE SPEAK WITH CAROL BOBOSH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR
STATEMENT.**



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Sunday, February 19, after Divine Liturgy
Come participate in the life of our Parish!

The Friend of the Bridegroom

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

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Orthodox Church in America

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John Tutoki, Hall Coordinator.....330-720-3541

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

01-22-12: 90 (attendance); **\$3,162.00** (offering)

01-29-12: candle commemorations – Theotokos: blessed memory of Marie Janus; **Altar:** birthday of Carol Bobosh; **Christ:** blessed memory of Michael Yugovich, Mary Regnall, and Karen George.

Please Pray for:

Nursing Care/Assisted Living Residents:

Aaron (Meterko) & **Lydia** (Leonovs; at Community Skilled, Warren); **Anna** (Tomlin), **Helen** (Molnar), & **Olga** (Obletiloff; at Shepherd of the Valley, Howland); **Edith** (Maserick) & **Mary** (Cherep; at Clearview Lantern Suites, Champion); **Ranelle** (Hancharenko; at Windsor House, Champion); **Ann** (Dayner; at Briarfield Manor, Austintown).

Living: **Chariessa** (Stichick, sister of Mark Malacky); **Kerya** (Brisbine); **Raymond** (Flannery); **Archpriest Michael** (Mihalick; husband of Janet [Maksimoff]); **Antonio** (Dinello; young son of Vadim Stehnach's co-worker); **Prdn. Vladimir** (Maksimoff); **Elizabeth** (Perschka); **Sophie** (Bland, home from Trumbull Memorial); **Floyd** (Reed); **Christopher** (Higgins); **Anastasios** (Millick, at home); **Carrie** (Brown); **Miles** (Cuckovich); **Paul** (Stehnach, home from St. Joseph's); **Angela** (Stan, surgery at St. Joseph's).

Departed: **William** (Furda, d. 1/23/12; uncle of George Kaschak, Sr.).

This Month's Charity – January 2012:

[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]

Monastery of St. John the Theologian (Hiram)

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Feb. 2 Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (w/blessing of candles)

Feb. 5-11 Week of Publican and Pharisee

Feb. 19 Annual Parish Meeting



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.

+ St. John's Society (for teens)

The next meeting will be today, Jan. 29, at 1:30 PM. All teens in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend. The Society is planning a lock-in and sledding outing for Feb. 19/20.

+ 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."

"...for the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

+ Financial Statements and Giving

We prepare financial statements for members' giving during the previous year for two reasons: 1) a personal record summarizing giving (e.g., for "voting member" status, or tax purposes), and 2) a personal record to examine giving as a gauge of the spiritual life (ultimately between you and God).

The standard of giving money in the Church is the tithe, that is, 10%, or one-tenth, of one's income. The reason for giving is obedience and trust in God – not so you can vote! God expects us to give according to our ability, and He knows what a challenge giving money can be. The giving of money, whether as regular offerings to support the work of the Church, or donations to help the needy, is a cure for greed, covetousness, and self-love. Giving is the practice of God's love shown to us in the Person of the God-man, Jesus Christ Himself!

+ Annual Parish Meeting – Feb. 19, 2012

Our Annual Parish Meeting is convened to reflect on the past year's work of the Parish and to consider the work which lies ahead. We hear and read reports from the Priest, Parish Council, and other organizations within the Parish (e.g., Sisterhood, etc.). We review finances and approve a budget for the coming year. We plan Parish activities and projects which contribute to the overall spiritual well-being of the Body of Christ. While according to Parish bylaws only "Voting Members" can officially decide certain business matters, *ALL* are welcome to take an interest in, attend the Annual Meeting, and participate in our joint life together here at St. John's.

+ Zacchaeus Sunday/Pre-Lent (Triodion)

Zacchaeus Sunday (today) indicates in the Church Calendar that the following Sunday begins Pre-Lent, a three-week period of preparation for the season of Great Lent. Now with Zacchaeus we begin to (re)focus our attention above all else on seeking Christ Jesus for salvation (Lk. 19:1-10).

