

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

## NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

**June 24, 2012 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle):** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been

reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel):** The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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## Services & Activities:

Through June 29	SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAST
Sunday, June 24	NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Thursday, June 28	7:00 pm Vespers/Litiya for Sts. Peter & Paul
Friday, June 29	9:00 am Divine Liturgy: Saints Peter & Paul
Saturday, June 30	5:30 pm Confession 6:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, July 1	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Thursday, July 12	7:00 pm Talk by Fr. Dan Geeza

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

### **Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!**

All Saints Summer Vacation Church School: DATE COMING SOON.

THANK YOU TO THE PAULISHAK FAMILY FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEACE LILLIES IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

**BABY SHOWER FOR DONNA WITEK WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30 AT 12:00 NOON. DONNA IS REGISTERED AT BABIES 'R US.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE CANDLE STAND IF YOU ARE ATTENDING.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends**, especially Claudia, Barbara, Dorothy, George, Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina & Thomaida), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for

those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints**, among them Joannie Schlasta and all the newly departed, especially Helen Priblo. If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

**WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED.** Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka. PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Puthorosky & Specht families for today's coffee hour and to the Bandru & Lalovic families for next week's coffee hour.

**ST. TIKHON'S SUMMER CAMP:** JULY 1-7 for information and registration: [www.sttikhonscamp.org](http://www.sttikhonscamp.org) or call: (570) 493-0108

**T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH &**

**RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.**

**COOKBOOKS: HANYA'S KITCHEN: THE ORTHODOX HERALD RECIPE**

**COLLECTION**, FIFTY YEARS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING FEASTS & FASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH; PUBLISHED BY ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CENTURY ASSOCIATION. \$20.00 See Nancy Mazur to purchase a copy.

**LOTTERY DRAWING** every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.

**PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH**

**SPONSORSHIPS:** Bulletin (\$30) in memory of Joanie Schlasta; Web-Site (\$25) & Shut-in mailings (\$25) by Linda Stuchlak. Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

**SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 6/17/12: \$631.00; Loose Collection: \$38.00; Tithes: \$360.00; Second Collection (Senior "O" Club Gifts of Love): \$100.00; Donation from "Breakfast" for white altar \$172.00; Tithes: \$360.00; REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.**

**APOSTLES FAST THROUGH THE FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, JUNE 29.** Fasting from meat and dairy. Fish, Wine & oil generally permitted on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday and on the feast June 29.



## NATIVITY OF THE GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of St John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, St Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that St Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

St Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. St John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon St Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked St Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue was loosed, and St Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, St Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. St Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

*Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,  
although we cannot praise you worthily,  
we honor you in love at your nativity,  
for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's barrenness,  
proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!* Troparion - Tone 4

*Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner,  
who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; for in the Jordan,  
when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the prophets, he was revealed as  
Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.* Kontakion - Tone 3