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Vespers: Sat: 5:00 pm, Eve of Feasts: 7:00 pm

Divine Liturgy Sunday & Week Day 9:00 am

Services of Intercession as Announced

Coffee Hour Fellowship Sundays 10:30 am

Church School (Sept- May) Sundays: 10:45 am

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FATHER PETER'S PENTECOST MESSAGE

The Holy Spirit gives all things: makes prophecies flow, perfects priests, taught the unlettered wisdom, revealed fishermen to be theologians, welds together the whole institution of the Church. Consubstantial and equal in majesty with the Father and the Son, our Advocate, glory to you. (Vespers Stichira – Pentecost)



Dear Parishioners and Beloved Friends!

Christ Is In Our Midst!
He Is and Ever Shall Be!

I greet you with spiritual joy as we prepare to celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost which ushers in the wonderful season of Summer.

Following the tradition of our forefathers in the faith from Carpatho-Rus, our church is filled with greenery from birch trees. Karen Ivers' sister Deb, does an amazing job of preparing swags of greenery which are placed everywhere. This along with beautiful red

roses which symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit, lets us know in no uncertain terms that on this feast day we celebrate new life in the Church which comes from the Most Holy Spirit.

As the hymn we sing at Vespers for this feast teaches us, the Holy Spirit has the power to make all things new. It transforms humble men into priests of the Church at their ordination. It is the glue which holds the Church together, or as the hymn says so beautifully, it *welds together the whole institution of the Church*.

Given the struggles we face as Christians in today's world and especially the mountain of sickness, struggles and other trials that the good people of this parish are presently facing, this feast comes to us at just the right moment. We all need our spirits to be lifted by the Holy Consubstantial, Life-Creating and Undivided Trinity. We need, as we pray in Psalm 50, a *new and right spirit within us*. We need a booster shot of spiritual strength to continue to fight the good fight and keep the Faith.

On this feast day we have the opportunity to begin afresh... to gain the necessary energy to follow the narrow path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven.... Paradise. It awaits us if we are truly open to receive the Grace of the Holy Spirit which flows richly through the Church on this feast.

I urge you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to actively take part in the Saturday Evening Great Vesper Service on the Eve of the Feast and the Festal Divine Liturgy on Sunday June 8, 2014. If you have not done so in the post-Paschal season, please prepare yourselves by coming to the Holy Mystery of Confession so that with contrite and humble hearts we may, as an entire parish community, come forward at the Pentecost Liturgy, *In the Fear of God and With Faith and Love* to receive Holy Communion.

Looking forward to celebrating this Great Feast with you, my dear family in Christ, I remain

With love and prayers, always,

Venerable Peter Papush
Fr. Peter

PARISH OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
June 2	Samantha Fallon
June 3	Michael & Anna Kmetz
June 4	Jason Sutyak
June 5	Judy & Joel Wulinsky
June 6	Rachel Pluff
June 6	Helen Guman
June 7	Paula Meyernick
June 10	Tatiana Kmetz
June 13	Marion Fallon
June 18	Ron Sutyak
June 18	Chris & Kevin LeClerc
June 20	Ty Rogerson
June 26	Mitchell Lomme



<u>Event</u>
Birthday
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St John's Stewards: Doing the Work of the Church

COFFEE HOUR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
6/1	Bilcheck
6/8	Booth/Nichols
6/15	Fathers Day
6/22	Decerbo
6/29	Ivers

CHURCH READING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Epistle</u>
6/1	Pani Carol	Matt Jr
6/8	Holly	Rob
6/15	Brett	Cantors
6/22	Pani Carol	Serge Jr
6/29	Holly	Bill

CHURCH CLEANING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cleaner</u>
5/26-6/7	Cleaning Svc
6/9-6/21	Decerbo
6/23-7/5	Cleaning Svc
7/7-7/19	Householder
7/21-8/2	Cleaning Svc

SPONSOR A CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

We are now soliciting sponsorships from our parishioners who wish to assist with the cleaning of the Church, but are not able to join the cleaning roster. You may offer a single cleaning sponsorship of \$30.00 or multiple cleaning sponsorships. If you are interested in doing so, please place your donation in a donation envelope clearly marked with your name and the amount, indicating it is a Cleaning Sponsorship and place it in the metal collection box. You may also mail it to the Church. Thank you for your consideration of this request.



PARISH OUTREACH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SUPPER PROGRAM UPDATE

We are responsible for providing supper once a month on Wednesday Evening at Christ Episcopal Church from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm and quarterly on Mondays at St. George Episcopal Church, Bpt.

If you are able to work at a supper, or if you are able to make a salad or dessert for a scheduled meal. please see Mary Householder or Eve Nucifora. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation item if you would be unable to drop it off at the supper. If you would like to Sponsor a meal, a donation of \$100.00 would cover an entire meal.

PARISH COMMUNITY SUPPER SCHEDULE



Date:

6/2

6/9

Location

St George's Church Bridgeport

Christ Church, Stratford

FOOD FOR NEEDY

Our Food Drive for Sterling House is ongoing and their needs are especially crucial in this difficult economy. Child-friendly food items are needed. Among the items needed are hot and cold cereals, juices, pancake and waffle mixes, frozen breakfast foods, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, instant puddings, crackers, snack foods, canned soups and fruits, powdered drink mixes, boxed and canned potatoes and macaroni and cheese, as well as microwavable and single-serving meals. Now refrigerated items such as milk and eggs are also accepted. Also: We need some basic items for a needy, mentally disabled person whom we directly help to tide him over until the beginning of each month. Here are items our friend can use: Creamy Peanut Butter and Crackers, Vanilla Wafer cookies, 2 Liter Bottle of Regular Pepsi, Paper Towels, Shampoo, large bottle any brand, Folgers coffee. NO MORE RAVIOLI'S PLEASE Also gift cards from Stop and Shop would be helpful so that we may purchase perishable food items such as bread, milk, meat and other foods items that are needed.. If you can contribute any of these specific items, please leave these items in Father Peter's Office, not in the general food collection basket. Cash donations/gift cards should be put in an envelope marked clearly for needy food purchase and placed in the collection box on the candle desk. Thank You! *"For I was Hungry and You Fed Me"*

Church School Review Game: A View From The Camera Lens



THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Parish Council Updates

NEW – CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR PARISH PARKING PROJECT - The Parish Council has determined that we will need to raise \$55,000 to complete the construction of the new parking lot and to create permanent handicap parking on the side of the Church, and have authorized a capital campaign project. To reach our goal, we are soliciting cash donations from our parishioners and friends, and will also raise additional funds by the sale of bonds at a competitive rate of interest. With everyone's help we can accomplish our goal! To date we have received \$7,060 in cash donations, and a pledge of \$10,000.00. A letter has been sent with all details to our parishioners and friends. Parishioners who are interested in making a donation or purchasing bonds are kindly asked to see Bill Bilcheck, Matthew Mihaly, or Fr. Peter. Will you help us reach our goal?

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

The Parish Council has received updated bids on the Onofrey parking lot project and has received two bids for the handicap parking area. When all of the bids have been studied and all pertinent information has been compiled, the parish will be updated at either a special Parish Meeting or at the Semi-Annual Meeting to discuss the next steps with this project.

News From The Diocese

- ❖ **DIOCESAN ALTARBOY RETREAT** - June 29-July 2, 2014 All parish altarboys are encouraged to attend. At one time we had the most altarboys from any parish, in the last few years only a few have attended. Parents please encourage your sons to attend!
- ❖ **YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT** - June 29-July 2, 2014 at Sts Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Windber, PA. Young Ladies ages 12 and up are encouraged to attend. Please see Fr. Peter for more information and to register.
- ❖ **DIOCESAN CAMP NAZARETH 2014** - The Youth of the New England Deanery will be attending Camp Nazareth along with the youth of the New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries July 27-Aug 2, 2014. Bishop Gregory has requested that parishes do everything we can to ensure that every child from our parish goes to Camp and that there be no financial reason why any child cannot attend camp.
- ❖ **PARISH VISITATIONS:** His Grace continues in earnest his parochial visitations and has visited almost 50 parish communities, During the month of May he travelled to St. Mary's Parish in Bluefield, WV for their 50th Parish Anniversary, attended the National ACRY Bowling Tournament in Elizabeth, NJ and took part in the Annual Family Camp and Family Day celebrations at Camp Nazareth. His Grace will make several parish visitations during the month of June and will actively take part in the Altarboy and Young Women's retreat at the end of the month
- ❖ **COMMENCEMENT AT CHRIST THE SAVIOUR SEMINARY** -- On Thursday May 22, 2014, the faculty, students and family members of Christ the Saviour Seminary gathered at the Three Hierarchs' Chapel for the Annual Commencement Ceremony. This year, the Bachelor of Theology Degree was awarded to Deacon Joseph Birthisel, Subdeacon Daniel Vaskalis and Seminarian Matthew Dutko May God Grant Them Many Years!

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

First Holy Confession & Communion 2014



Congratulations to Kayla Reeves Who
Received Her First Holy Confession on
Sunday April 27, 2014
May God Grant Her Many Years!



Congratulations to Sarah Booth Who
Received Her First Holy Confession and
Communion on Sunday May 18, 2014
May God Grant Her Many Years!

A Prayer For A Child After Receiving Communion - From Helen Rowland's Prayer Book.

O Sweet Jesus, I love You! You are now in me and you are talking to me. I want to always love you and be good. I want to thank you for everything that You gave me and especially that you are in me now. Never leave me, but be with me always. Give me health and happiness. Help me in all my work. Help me obey my parents and older people. O Mother Mary, make me be your good little child forever so that when I die I shall be with you and Jesus in Heaven, Amen.

Youth Updates

National ACRY Bowling Tournament

On Memorial Day Weekend, many of our Jr. ACRY members attended the 66th National ACRY Bowling Tournament in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Everyone who went had an awesome time and we all got to meet and spend time with Bishop Gregory. We will be having a car wash at St Johns on Silver Lane on Sun June 22nd. It's from 11:30-2:30 and will support the bus for camp Nazareth. Food and drinks and baked goods will be available. In July, our deanery will be traveling to Camp Nazareth in Mercer, Pennsylvania, the week of July 27th through Aug 2.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

May 2014 –Photo Gallery



Holly Bilcheck Reading the Sixth Hour



Fr. Peter Blessing The Fleet of Boats at the Pootatuck Yacht Club On The Housatonic River



As They Have For Many Years, Members of The Mihaly Family and Friends Spent An Enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend Camping in South Hartford, New York



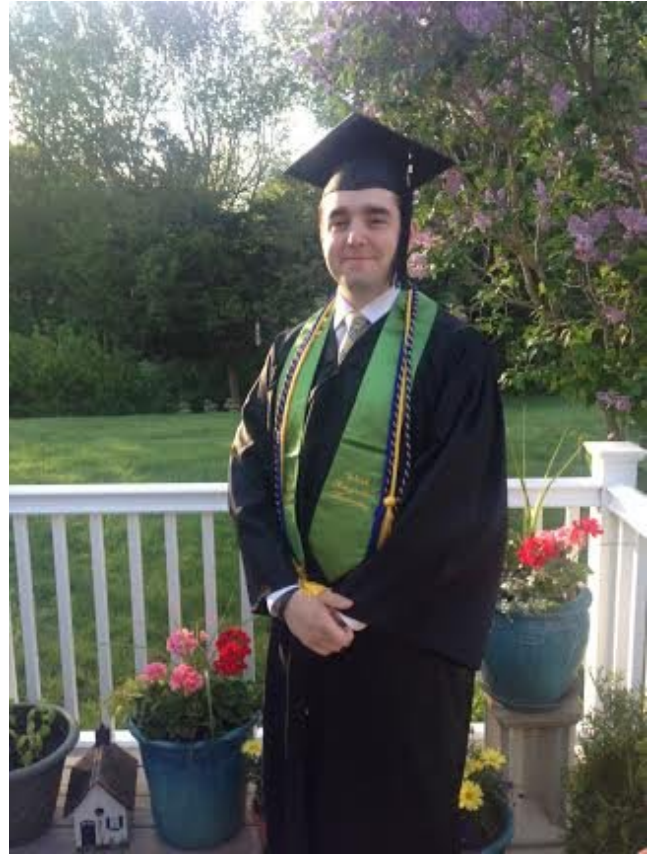
The Booth Family Travelled To Arizona During Spring Vacation. A Highlight Of Their Trip Was A Visit To The Grand Canyon. A Great Time Was Had By All Viewing One Of The Truly Magnificent Wonders Of The World. They Hope To Return Again And Explore The Canyon Further.

THE MONTH IN REVIEW

Academic Achievements



Robert Mihaly Was Recently Inducted Into The Junior National Honor Society. Congratulations Rob!



Justyn Stokely Recently Graduated Magna Cum Laude from The University of New Haven and Will Be Attending Quinnipiac Law School in August. Congratulations Justyn!



Tim Paproski is honored by Stratford High School Principal Joe Corso at a recent Board of Education Meeting on achieving the rank of Valedictorian. Congratulations Tim!



Tim Paproski, receives Scholar-Athlete award Congratulations Tim!

JUNE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH GROUNDS WORK DAY

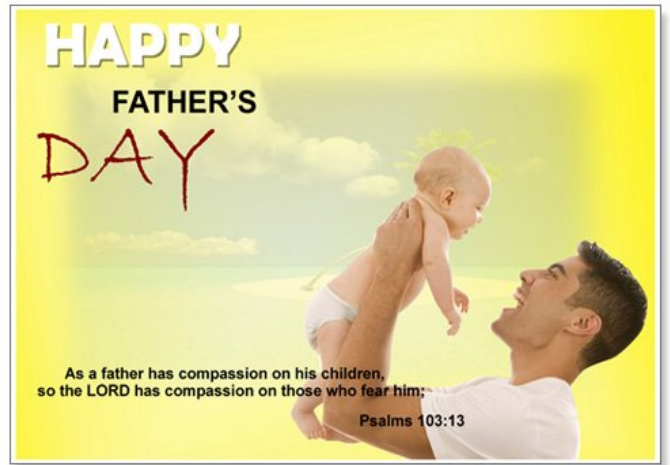
On Saturday June 7, 2014, at 10:30 am following the All Souls Saturday Liturgy, a Church Grounds work session will take place. The goal is to mulch all of the flower gardens around the Church, the Cross and Theotokos Shrines and the Island Rock Garden. We will be spreading 60 bags of mulch! Many hands will make light work. We especially encourage our parish teenagers and youth to assist us. Please let Fr. Peter know if you can help. Lunch will be provided. This is the day before Pentecost. We would like to have our grounds to be beautiful for Pentecost.

FATHER'S DAY & GRADUATE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Our Annual Father's Day Breakfast will take place on Sunday June 15th. A delicious breakfast will follow Divine Liturgy will be served by the women of the parish, under the direction of master chef Donna Pierce to learn now you can help.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, we will also honor parish High School Graduates, Colin Bilcheck, Hailey Meyernick and Tim Paproski.

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending!



MIHALY CHORNOCK SCHOLARSHIP - Applications are now available for the Mihaly-Chornock Scholarship. All High School Seniors, current College and Graduate School students are invited to apply. Application deadline is July 1, 2014. Fr. Peter has emailed forms to the parish email list. If for whatever reason your family did not receive this email and/or form, please contact Fr. Peter at rppaproski@gmail.com or 203-375-2564.

CHURCH DUES- \$75.00 PER PERSON. Please make arrangements to pay your dues ASAP. As always if there is a financial hardship please see Fr. Peter. If necessary they may be adjusted or waived.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES - Parishioners are asked to see Fr. Peter or Deb Suttyak of the Entertainment committee with any suggestions for activities to take place during the spring and summer months. Some suggestions are outings to sports games, the new micro-brewery in Stratford, Murder Mystery Cruise, Hiking, Theatre outing...

COMING EVENTS

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Olympiad 2014 **Greek Festival and Fair**

Authentic Greek Food and Pastries
Indoor Dining / Outdoor Food Pavilion
Shop Our Huge Agora/Marketplace
Tour Our Magnificent 14th Century
Byzantine style Church

Greek Folk Dance Performances
Raffle Grand Prize is \$8,000
Enjoy Live Music and Dance in the Aisles!

Buy a 50/50 Raffle Ticket
Play the Games
Ride the Rides!
See Cultural Exhibits & Artifacts



May 30th, May 31st, & June 1st
Friday & Saturday 11:00am to 11:00pm Sunday 11:00am to 9:30pm
4070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
203-374-5561 Fax: 203-374-5710 www.holytrinitybridgeport.org
Visa MasterCard

CAMP NAZARETH NEW ENGLAND DEANERY CAMP WEEK



July 27 – Aug 2, 2014

**Early Bird Registration Deadline is
June 9, 2014**



RED WHITE AND BLUE DINNER AND BINGO

at
St. John's Church
600 Silver Lane, Stratford

Sunday, May 18th

Chicken Dinner 4:00 pm - Bingo 5:30 pm

Dinner \$9/adult, \$5/children under 12
Bingo \$1 per person

Summertime Dinner and Bingo

Sunday, June 22nd

at
St. John's Church
600 Silver Lane, Stratford

Ham Dinner 4:00 pm - Bingo 5:30 pm

Dinner \$9/adult, \$5/children under 12
Bingo \$1 per person

Reservations or Take Out Pre-Orders:
Contact Carole Krochta one week prior to dinner
203.375.2621 or cekrochta@optonline.net



St. John's Church
600 Silver Lane, Stratford

Summertime Food Sale

Saturday, June 14th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Foods include:
Stuffed Cabbage, Halushki,
Roast Beef Sandwiches,
and Homemade Baked Goods

Also for Sale:
Religious Items

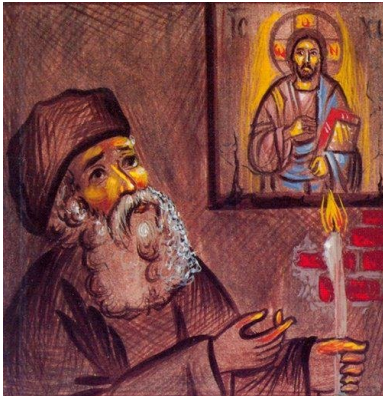
SAVE THE DATES:

Take Me Out to the Ballgame Dinner and Bingo
Sunday, July 13th

Lazy Days of Summer Dinner and Bingo
Sunday, August 17th

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Key to The Spiritual Life: Purpose and Vigilance



Having spent many years wandering aimlessly in my spiritual life, I now know that what is key is to have a clear purpose and to become very vigilant. Developing a relationship with God cannot be a casual task. Yes, God is everywhere and available to everyone anytime, but it is our lack of mental discipline that limits us. Our minds are very active with the things of this world. It continually works to satisfy our physical needs and emotional passions. Without a clear focus on why we are here on earth, this all makes sense, but we will find that we lack a meaningful relationship with God. Our own needs, our ego centered focus takes control and blocks out the grace that is ours for the asking.

Saint Dorotheos tells us:

If someone wants to obtain virtue he must be neither indifferent nor lofty, since, as someone who wants to learn to be a carpenter pays attention to no other art. It is the same for those who want to acquire some spiritual work.

Like a trade or any other skill we must practice self-discipline and work earnestly on our relationship with God. To develop a spiritual life we must work at it daily. This is not a sometimes Sunday activity. It must be a focus of our life, one that motivates us to work at it daily.

Many of us avoid the whole idea of sin. We believe we are good people. We say, "I have not killed or stolen from anyone." We think we are virtuous when our own statement identifies us as self-centered and arrogant spiritually. First, we have to wake up to the reality that we are all sinful and to deny this is the poorest spiritual condition. To develop the virtues and live according to the full meaning of the commandments we must realize that we have some serious work to do.

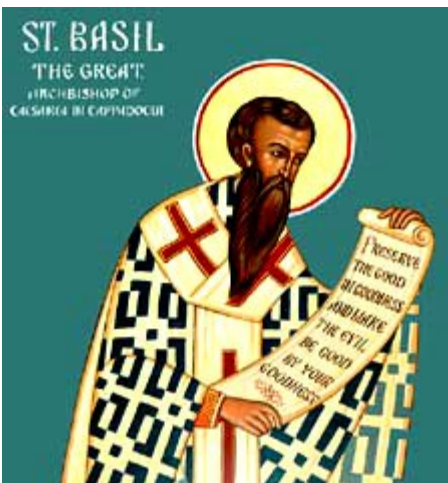
When we are not working earnestly on living the virtues with the help of God's grace, our soul becomes distracted and controlled by our passions. This is the way evil works. It relies on our negligence and inattention to God and our own behaviors.

Saint Basil the Great says:

The person who does not allow his thought to incline towards excess or deprivation but directs it to the midpoint, that of virtue, is upright in heart.

The virtues are a middle way and difficult to master without our full attention. Saint Dorotheos explains it this way,

For example: courage is between humility and boldness, humility is between pride and obsequiousness. Likewise, reverence is a mean between shame and impudence, and so on with the other virtues. If there is a person who became worthy of these virtues, he is honest before God and in spite of the fact that he appears to eating, drinking and sleeping like all the others, he is honest through the virtues he has obtained. However, if someone is not vigilant and does not take care of himself, he will easily digress from this path either to the right or to the left, that is to say, towards excess or laxness and thus he gives birth to the sickness of evil.



SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Key to *The Spiritual Life*: Purpose and Vigilance

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Our task is to get serious, admit we are not perfect, embrace the love of God who will help us, and examine the true nature of our lives. The imperfections we see in others we have in ourselves. How serious are we about our spiritual life? How central is God in our daily lives. Is our relationship with Him our top priority? Do we assume that we are virtuous in our activities? Have we failed to examine the full nature of our way of living? How attentive are we to how God asks us to live?

Saint Dorotheos says:

There are three situations of man. There is the person that allows the passions to operate and the person who does not allow them to act manifestly and the person who roots out the passions. The first is the person that adjusts his life according to the passions, the person that fully satisfies them. The person that does not live the passions manifestly is one who does not leave them free to act but neither does he cut them out but he disputes with them and lives with the passions inside him. The person that roots out the passions is one that struggles against them and always acts opposed to them.

So which kind of person are you? Are you one who loves the passions or allows your habits to control your actions? Maybe we do have some regrets about our actions but rationalize that we are no worse than others around us, in fact maybe a little better. Or are we one who fights our passions, attempting to find this balance, to focus on our relationship with God and avoidance of non-virtuous actions. Do we take it to the stage of struggling to uproot our temptations so they never control our behaviors?



To be in relationship with God, and to do His will, to live according to the virtues requires daily discipline. We have to examine ourselves each day and determine if we have made a little bit of progress. Even if we do not uproot our passions we can act to restrain them. We must make sure we feel this tension and are struggling with the passions that are active in our being. This is the nature of a spiritual life and a life that is lived in union with God.

The nature of our spiritual life is all about how much we desire to be united with God and to become a true disciple. It requires purpose and vigilance.

By Deacon Charles Joiner From <http://orthodoxwayoflife.blogspot.com/>

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

With mighty wind, in form like tongues of fire
Christ gives God's Spirit now to the Apostles.
Spirit on this great day on fishers poured.

This feast we also took from the Hebrew Bible; for just as they celebrate Pentecost, honouring the number



seven, and that when they had passed through fifty days from Pascha they received the Law, so we too as we celebrate for fifty days after Pascha receive the all-holy Spirit, who gives laws and guides into all truth and lays down what is pleasing to God.

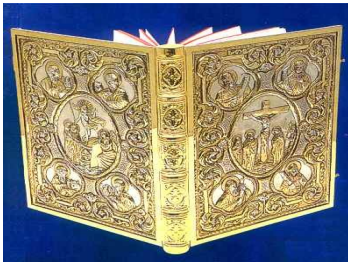
Note that there are three Feasts among the Hebrews, Pascha, Pentecost and Tabernacles. They keep Pascha to commemorate the crossing of the Red Sea - for word Pascha means 'crossing'. While this same feast showed our crossing and ascent from the darkness of sin towards Paradise.

They celebrated Pentecost in commemoration of their suffering in the wilderness, and how they were brought through many afflictions in the land of promise, for then they enjoyed fruit, corn and wine. And it showed our misery through unbelief and our entry into the Church; for then we also receive communion of the Body and Blood of the Master. Some say that this is the reason that Pentecost is celebrated by the Hebrews. Others however say that it is honour of the fifty days that Moses fasted and received the Law written by God. At the same time they commemorate the sacrifice to the calf and the other things which Moses performed, ascending and descending the Mount. Differently it was thought that Pentecost was observed by the Hebrews because of honour for the number seven, as has been said; for this number multiplied by itself makes fifty days less one. The honour of the Pentecostal fifty is not only in days but in years, from which was born the Jubilee among them; for this happens when years are multiplied seven times. Then they leave the ground unsown and give relief to animals and they allow bought slaves to leave.

The third feast is that of Tabernacles, celebrated after the harvest, that is to say five months after Pascha. It was established to commemorate the day when Moses first fixed the Tabernacle that had been revealed on Mount Sinai through a cloud and which had been constructed by the master craftsman Beseleël. For they would make tabernacles and celebrate this feast, living in the fields and giving thanks to God, and they would bring in the fruits of their own labours. And it seem that it was for this that David entitled the Psalms For the wine vats. This was a type of our resurrection from the dead, when our earthly tabernacles are dissolved and put together again and we shall enjoy the fruits of our own labours and keep festival in eternal tabernacles.

It is to be noted that on this day, when Pentecost was completed, the Holy Spirit came to dwell upon the Disciples. But since it seemed good to the holy Fathers to divide the feasts, because of the greatness of the all-holy and life-giving Spirit, because the Spirit is one of the holy Trinity, source of life, so we too will say tomorrow how the holy Spirit came to dwell. (*From The Great Synaxarion*)

Daily Scripture Readings



Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen

WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2014

M.	Acts 21:8-14;	John 14:26-15:7;	Martyr Thalelaeus
T.	Acts 21:26-32;	John 16:2-13;	Sts Constantine and Helen
W.	Acts 23:1-11;	John 16:15-23;	Holy Martyr Basiliscus
Th.	Acts 25:13-19;	John 16:23-33;	Holy Confessor Michael
F.	Acts 27:1-44;	John 17:18-26;	St. Symeon the Stylite
St.	Acts 28: 1-31;	John 21:15-25;	3 rd Finding of Head of SJ The Bapt
S.	Acts 2:1-11,	John 7:37-52;8:12;	Holy Pentecost

WEEK OF JUNE 9, 2014

M.	Ephesians 5:9-19;	Matthew 18:10-20;	Day of The Holy Spirit
T.	Romans 1:1-7, 13-17;	Matthew 4:25-5:13;	Venerable Nicetas
W.	Romans 1:18-27;	Matthew 5:20-26;	Virgin Martyr Theodosia (No Fast)
T.	Romans 1:28-2:9;	Matthew 5:27-32;	St. Isaac of the Dalmatian Monastery
F.	Romans 2:14-29;	Matthew 5:33-41;	Apostle Hermes of the 70 (No Fast)
S.	Romans 1:7-12;	Matthew 5:42-48;	St. Justin the Martyr
S.	Hebrews 11:33-12:2	Matthew 6:31-34;7:9-11	The Confessor Nicephorus

WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2014

M.	Romans 2:28-3:18;	Matthew 6:31-34,7:9-11;	Martyr Lucillian
T.	Romans 4:4-12 ;	Matthew 7:15-21;	St. Metrophanes
W.	Romans 4:13-25;	Matthew 7:21-23;	Priest-Martyr Dorotheos
T.	Romans 5:1-16;	Matthew 8:23-27;	St. Bessarion of Egypt
F.	Romans 5:17-6:2;	Matthew 9:14-17;	Priest Martyr Theodotus
S.	Romans 3:19-26;	Matthew 7:1-8	Transl. Of Relics of St. Theodore
S.	Romans 2:10-16;	Matthew 4: 18-23;	All Saints of Carpatho-Rus

WEEK OF JUNE 23, 2013

M.	Romans 7:1-13;	Matthew 9:36-10:8;	Holy Martyr Timothy
T.	Romans 7:14-8:2;	Matthew 10:9-15;	Holy Apostle Bartholomew
W.	Romans 8:2-13;	Matthew 10:16-22;	St. Onuphrius the Great
T.	Romans 8:22-27;	Matthew 10:23--31;	Holy Martyr Acquilina
F.	Romans 9:6-19	Matthew 10:32-36;11:1	Holy Prophet Elisha
S.	Romans 3:28-4:3;	Matthew 7:24-8:4;	Holy Prophet Amos
S.	Romans 5:1-10;	Matthew 6: 22-33;	St. Tychon of Amasea



Prayer Corner

A Prayer For The Sick

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant (name). Through the prayers of the Mother of God, deliver (him, her) from sickness and bitter pain. Heal (him, her) so that (he, she) may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us.

Prayer List

Living Members of Parish Family And Friends

Protopresbyter Luke	Ronald (Vojtek)	Shirley Sedlock
Fr. John (Duranko)	Pani Patricia (Duranko)	Florence (Gachi)
Garry & Barbara (Nichols)	Richard (Kaschak)	Pearl (Nucifora)
Fr. Michael (Macura)	Veronica (Kaschak)	Charles (Householder)
Audrey (Fatse)	Richard (Kaschak Jr)	Greg & Kim
Serge (Mihaly)	Lou (Gregory)	Katherine (Macura)
Serge Sr (Mihaly)	Michael (Banik)	Denise (Eve's Daughter)
Mary (Nichols)	Nina (Kuchma)	Esther (Johnson)
Joshua (Habansky)	Geoffrey & Jennifer	Roger (Vanhouten)
Zachary	Priest Michael (Psenchnuk)	Child Diana
Sarah (Otwell)	Carol	Judy
Elsi (Lotufo)	Penny (Elsi's daughter)	Richard
Thomas (Ivers)	Kennedy Family	Karen (Ivers)
Christopher (Zinski)	Rachel (friend of Karen)	John (Cybul)
Gregory (Cybul)	Priest James (Gleason)	Marge (Allis)
Robert	Joseph (Loposky)	Randy & Janice
Caleb (Goneau)	Edward & Laurie	Shannon (Friend of Arlene)
Infant Jack	Nicholas (Papillo)	Cynthia (Dion)
Marion (Fallon)	Max	Alice (VanHouten)
Nicholas (Gachi)	Judy	Donna (Pierce)
June (Friend of Marcia L)	Ernie (Friend of Marcia L)	Johanna
Michael (Lomme)	Carolann	Betty
Pani Betty-Jean	Priest Donald	Child Emma
Pani Cyndi (Ellis)	Child Oliver	Bill (Porter)
Mildred (Fife)	Gregory (Sabak)	

Departed Members Of Our Parish Family And Friends

Fr. Michael (Rosco)	Mae (Mesaros)	Nicholas (Kraynak)
Andrew (Bensko)	Kaye (Gadala)	Michael (Allis)

A Prayer For The Departed

O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who has conquered death and destroyed Satan, and Who has granted life to Your world; O Lord, rest the soul(s) of Your departed servant(s) [Name] in a serene, luxuriant and peaceful place where all pain and sorrow and lamentation are absent; as a gracious God Who loves mankind, forgive all transgressions committed by (him, her, them) by word or deed or thought, for there is no one who lives and does not sin; You alone are without sin, Your truth is truth in eternity and Your Word is Truth. For You, O Christ our God, are the resurrection, life and repose of Your departed servant(s) [Name], who (has, have) fallen asleep, and we give glory to You and Your eternal Father, and Your Most-Holy, Gracious and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

LITURGICAL SERVICES & EVENTS

JUNE 2014



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9:00 am Liturgy Bilcheck Coffee Hr Panachida Rep Ilona Steinhaus	2 3pm Community Supper St. George Church, Bridgeport	3	4	5	6 10am Liturgy Cambridge Manor E. Pruckner	7 All Souls Sat 8:30 am Liturgy 10:30 am Work Day 5:00 pm Great Vespers & Litya
8 PENTECOST 9:00 am Liturgy Booth/Nichols Coffee Hour	9 DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 9:00 am Liturgy P.Habanksy & M Mesaros/3:30pm Lords Kitchen	10 7 pm Moleben to Saint Nectarios 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting Decerbo Church Cleaning Begins	11 NO FASTING TODAY	12	13 NO FASTING TODAY	14 9:00 am Liturgy Repose – Guman Fedor Families. 5 pm Great Vespers
15 FATHERS DAY Graduate Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy- Panachida-M. Allis Father's Day Breakfast	16 Bilcheck Church Cleaning Begins	17	18	19	20	21 9:00 am Liturgy Rep. Nicholas Kraynak 5:00 pm Great Vespers
22 9:00 am Liturgy Panachida Rep.. Andrew Bensko Decerbo Coffee Hr	23 3:30 pm Lord's Kitchen, Christ Church, Stratford,	24 Church Cleaner: Cleaning Service	25 7:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God	26	27	28 5:00 pm Great Vespers
29 9:00 am Liturgy Ivers Coffee Hr.	30					
Altarboy and	Young Women's	Retreats	Johnstown/Windber			