



St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!**

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2018

Sunday, July 1st

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4
Readings: Romans 10:1 – 10; Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

Sunday, July 8th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5
Readings: Romans 12:6 – 14; Matthew 9:1 – 8

Sunday, July 15th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 7th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 6 – Holy Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils
Readings: Romans 15:1 – 7; Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers); Matthew 9:27 – 35; John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Friday, July 20th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy for the Holy & Glorious Prophet Elias

Sunday, July 22nd

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7
Readings: I Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22
Blessing of Vehicles following services

Sunday, July 29th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 9th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8
Readings: I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34



Sunday, August 5th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
10th Sunday after Pentecost -
Tone 1- Forefeast of the
Transfiguration
Readings: 1 Corinthians 4:9
– 16; Matthew 17:14 – 23
Vespers of Transfiguration
and Blessing of Fruit

Monday, August 6th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy -
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Jesus Christ - Blessing of
Fruit



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FROM FATHER MICHAEL

CONTACTING FATHER

You may call me at either of the following numbers: 203-386-8888 or my cell phone at 203-218-1627. Contact me at any time and especially in the event of any emergencies, hospitalizations or problems that may arise.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Follow and “like” us on Facebook to keep up to date. Search “St. John’s Orthodox Church of Silver Lane” on your Facebook search engine to find our site or visit our church website at www.stjohnsilverlane.net where there is a link you can click to our Facebook site. Add these to your favorites and visit us frequently!

NICEAN CREED CHANTER SCHEDULE

The following groups and/or individuals are scheduled to chant the Nicene Creed on the following dates:

7/1 Peter S	7/22 Peter S
7/8 Congregation	7/29 Congregation
7/15 Chris G	8/5 Chris G

ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar servers are expected to be in the sanctuary at least five minutes before the beginning of any Liturgical service. Please try to arrive on time. The following altar servers are responsible for the altar on the following dates:

7/1 Stephen O	7/22 Stephen O
7/8 Magnus O	7/29 Magnus O
7/15 David P	8/5 David P

stewardship

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

Summer is here and thoughts of going on vacation are on your mind. Don't forget your church during these upcoming months, especially while you are away. Hopefully, we all have made a commitment to participate in our church stewardship offering for the year and to put aside at least our "dollar-a-day", or whatever we are able to, in order to help support the work of our church. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you with health and happiness as you vacation, but remember to make your offerings before you leave!

CANDLE DONATIONS



July 1

- Eternal Candle offered by Roger Weldon for Health & Salvation of son Private Robert J. Weldon. Many Years!

July 8

- Altar Taper Candles offered by Subdeacon Joel Pleban for the health of Josie Micco. Many Years
- Tetrapod Candles offered by Subdeacon Joel Pleban for the health of Katherine Bothos. Many Years!

July 15

- Eternal Candle offered by Carole Krochta in memory of husband Walter Krochta on the occasion of their Anniversary. Memory Eternal!
- Altar Taper Candles offered by Tom & Gail Denisky in memory of Michael Andreynak. Memory Eternal!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people listed below who are in need of our special prayers: Ann Balasa, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. Larry Barriger, Judy Berard, Fr. Thomas Blaschak, Andrea Bower, Dean Bradford (Mer. Marine), Penny Briganti, Andre Briganti, Melissa Brock, Rosemary Brown, Kimberly Calhoun, Shirley Canaan, Jean & Joseph Candela, Michael Capuano, Joyce Cayer, the child Haley and her parents Tara & Mark Chudy, Protopresbyter David Cochran, Burton Cornell, MaryAnn Damato, Ray Davidson, Jeff Delvecchio, Laura DeMayo, Karen Dobosz, Joan Dumas, Fr. John & Pani Patricia Duranko, Noreen Ehnnot, Marie Eichler, Fr. John & Pani Anna Jane Fencik, Carol & Bob Ferik, Bill Forth, Fr. John Gido, Chris, Eileen, Sarah, Nicholas & Annie Gombos, Ryan Gombos, Ken & Marie Hegyi, Tom Hetherington, Bruce Hultgren, Gus Jarosko, Maya Joyner, Jessica Keane, Peter Kepchar, Bettie Kerpchar, Barbara Kolaric, Anastasia Koss, Sarah Kotos, Michele Krochta, Subdeacon Joseph Laput, Marcia Laput, Gregory Laput, Thomas Laput, Mark Lawruszko, Irene Lombard, Elsi Lotufo, John Lovell, Fr. Robert Lucas, Arthur Macura, Fr. Daniel Mahler, Irene Maty, Don Maxton, Peter McGinnis, Frank Meyernick, Lillian Mierzejewski, Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Megan Morrissey, Fr. Ted Mozes, Philip Murphy, Melanie Ordner, Merle Palmer, John Papa, Robin Pasquino, Raymond Peterson, Verna & Michael Pistey, Roseann & John Plavnick, Adriana Pleban, Sandy Pleban, Betty Pollman, Pani Eleanor Pribish, Ostap Pryjdun, Fr. Michael Psenechnuk, Judy Restieri, Linda Rosinsky, Peter Samilenko, Pani Helen Shutack, Cheryl Schultz, Josephine Sinatro, Pani Anna Slovesko, Pani Donna Smoley, Barbara Susi, Susanne Talley, Sarah Tartaglio, Pani Peggy Teklinsky, Daniel & Sebastian Tomy, Robert Weldon, Gary Wolff, Karen Ann Yuschak, Fr. John Zboyovski, Michael, Paula, Daniel, Holly, Tiffany, Lynn, Susan, Betty, Ann, Carol, Greg, Jackie, Savannah, Rekha & Our US Military Personnel

The Holy & Glorious Prophet Elias

The Prophet Elias was one of the greatest and most holy prophets of the Old Testament. He lived in the 9th century B.C., during the reign of the sinful King Ahab, King of Israel, who worshipped the idol of Baal. Prophet Elias, also known as Elijah, was wise and faithful to the true God. God sent



Prophet Elias to speak the truth to King Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel. But to no avail. Not only did King Ahab not listen to Prophet Elias, but he threatened to kill him.

To escape, Prophet Elias fled to a mountain. There he stayed and hid in a cave. Every day, God sent a crow with meat and bread to feed Prophet Elias. He would drink from a nearby stream. But there was a drought in the land. Prophet Elias had prophesied that it would last for 3 years as a punishment for the faithlessness of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. So in time, the stream dried up.

With no water, Prophet Elias had no choice but to leave his mountain hideout. On his way, he met a poor widow with her only son. The unfortunate woman accepted to give Prophet Elias a place to stay, despite her poverty. She had only a little flour and oil with which to make all their food. However, Prophet Elias miraculously increased the amount of flour and oil so that all three people had enough to eat for a long time. Then, when the widow's son fell ill and died, Prophet Elias performed a second miracle and brought him back to life.

The drought, though, continued. For three whole years, not a drop of water fell. The people suffered and many died from hunger. God sent Prophet Elias to appear before King Ahab. Upon seeing Prophet Elias, the sinful King Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" Prophet Elias responded, "I have not troubled Israel; but you and your people have because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." [3 Kings 18:17, 18 (LXX)] To show them that the Lord is the true God and that Baal is truly false, Prophet Elias offered King Ahab a challenge. He told the King to gather his people and priests the next day. Prophet Elias and the priests of Baal would each make offerings to their own God. No one would have fire. Then they would let the true God send fire from the heavens to light the wood and make the burnt offering.

King Ahab accepted the challenge. The next day they all gathered on Mt. Carmel. The priests of King Ahab made their offerings upon their altar. They danced around their altar, pleading with Baal to send fire from the heavens. But nothing happened.

Then, Prophet Elias drew near to his altar and made his offering. He ordered the people to pour water abundantly on the wood. Before the crowd, he knelt and prayed to the true God, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, I ask you O Lord, hear my prayer and send fire upon this sacrifice that all may know that You are the Lord God of Israel" [3 Kings 18:36 (LXX)] Prophet Elias had barely finished his prayer when a great fire descended from the heavens and consumed the wood and the offering.

When the gathered crowds saw the miracle, they believed in the true God. Prophet Elias then prayed for rain, and a great rain fell. All the people glorified the true God.

Finally, when his earthly life was over, God decided to bring Prophet Elias close to him without his tasting death. One day, when Prophet Elias was resting near the Jordan River with his disciple Elisha, who was to become a prophet also, a fiery chariot descended from the heavens and took up Prophet Elias. As he was ascending to the heavens, he threw his cloak down to Elisha. With this cloak, Prophet Elisha performed many miracles as well. *We celebrate the memory of Prophet Elias, as well as his presence among us, on July 20.*

CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED PRAYERS

ROBERT WELDON the son of our parishioner Roger is leaving this coming Tuesday, July 3 from Chicopee, MA, to Fort Jackson, SC, for Army Basic Training. It makes my heart proud...GO ARMY!! What a fitting time for him to begin his service to his country as we all celebrate our country's independence this week on the 4th of July. We all will pray for his health and success in defending our country and our freedoms.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9th: Sharon L
30th: Melissa T

16th: Emilia O

DON'T FORGET

- **If you would like to request a panahida service** on a Sunday, please add it to the panahida listing on the back table in church.
- **Please refrain from texting and phone calls during church.** There's a time and place for that ... and it's not during church services. If you must take a call, we ask that you step downstairs so as not to disturb everyone else.
- **If you or a family member goes into the hospital,** please have someone contact Father Michael immediately. Hospitals no longer give out patient information when priests call to ask if a parishioner is a patient.
- **If you would like to have Altar Candles, Eternal Light, or side Iconostas Candles lit in honor of or in memory of family or friends,** please register on our signup sheet in the back of the church. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated.
- **Annual Dues** is \$170.00 per person 18 years of age or older who is not attending college as a full time undergraduate student and not enlisted full time in the military.

OFFICERS MEETING

The monthly meeting of our church officers will take place on Sunday, July 15th after Fellowship Hour in the church hall. All officers are asked to attend.

WEDNESDAY BINGO

Come down to our weekly Wednesday Night BINGO in the Church Hall. BINGO begins at 6:45 p.m. with a "Winner Take All" game at 6:30 p.m. for early arrivals! We have free coffee and soda available during BINGO along with snacks. Hot dogs are available for a donation from 5:00 pm to the start of BINGO.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Stay in touch with our church family by sending a card or note, calling or visiting them. Let them know they are being prayed for and that they are missed and thought of often!

- Pani Helen Shutack, 229 Walnut Street, Apt 1, Royersford, PA 19468

WELCOME SUMMERTIME DINNER AND BINGO

Are you ready for summer? Join us for a roast beef dinner celebrating the start of the summer months on Sunday, July 1st at 4:00 pm in our air-conditioned church hall! After dinner, you might want to stay and play some bingo with us as well. Contact Carole for reservations to eat in or take out and to volunteer to help serve/cleanup.

CHURCH EXTERIOR FUND RAISER

At our last officers meeting, we agreed that the church exterior is in need of repairs. The board approved moving forward with high pressure washing to remove the peeling paint and dirt, scraping and painting of the structure, repair and re-caulking of every window and covering with aluminum siding in certain areas is the recommended course of action. This would beautify the exterior of the building and prevent possible future damage to the interior of the church caused by water leaking through the windows. The cost is approximately \$6,000.00.

We need your help in raising the funds necessary to proceed with this renovation project. We are asking you, dear parishioners and friends of St. John's, to look deep into your heart and soul and prayerfully consider making a donation to help us maintain our church building for the glory of God and His worshipping community. Suggested donations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or whatever you can offer would be greatly appreciated...no amount is too little!

Checks may be made out to: St. John the Baptist

Orthodox Church. In the "Memo" line designate your donation for "Exterior Church Renovation" and drop in the collection basket or mail to our parish address. Watch our fund raising thermometer grow in the church hall!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

We'd like to gather our parish family and friends to go see a movie in July. Tuesday night is discounted movie tickets at Bow Ties Cinema in Trumbull and we have tentatively selected Tuesday, July 10th as the night to go around 7 pm (movie time to be locked in on July 8th). Let us know if you would like to get out of the heat and join us for an evening out at the movies!

HELPING OUR FRIENDS ON JOHN STREET

We are looking for some help to provide assistance to our friends who live on the streets of Bridgeport by providing a nourishing lunch (grinders, bottled water, snack bags, fruit) and some personal items (socks, t-shirts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc.). Could you reach into your heart and help by donating the personal items or snack bags, fruit, bottled water, etc. or make a monetary donation so someone could shop for these items? Could you be one of 13 volunteers to go down to John Street on July 22nd after church to distribute these items? See Debbie S before July 1st to sign up!

OCMC COLLECTION

The OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) will be supporting several youth and teaching mission teams to Kenya later in the year. The children of our Orthodox brothers and sisters need our help and we have an opportunity to do so. This is a time when many clothing and department stores are offering significant clearing sales on their winter clothing. The children of the Orthodox schools and orphanages are in desperate need of suitable clothing and Subdeacon Joel is asking you to consider purchasing a new pair of pants or new shirt to be brought over to these children by a mission team next time you are clothes shopping. For a \$5 or \$10 purchase at the store, you can make a significant difference in the well-being of one of our fellow Orthodox brethren. Having personally walked with these children through the mud wearing ragged clothing and no shoes, Subdeacon Joel witnessed their need first hand and implores you to consider sharing our good fortune with those innocent yet devoted children. Please contact Subdeacon Joel Pleban with any questions.

CAMP NAZARETH

The Deanery Bus is leaving from St. John's Church (Bridgeport) parking lot promptly at 9:30 am on

Sunday, July 15th. Please make sure you are not late to the bus so it can get to that beautiful place in among the mountains on time! The bus returns on the evening of Saturday, July 21st at Adzima's Funeral Home parking lot in Stratford after 7:30 pm.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH

Attending camp? Volunteering in a diocesan event? Working this summer? Going on a special trip? Please share with Fr. Michael, including a photo, by July 27th so that we can include you in our August bulletin and by August 25th so we can include in our September bulletin.

CARING FOR METROPOLITAN ORESTES GRAVESITE

Weekly upkeep assistance is needed at Metropolitan Orestes and Pani Yolanda's gravesite at St. John's Cemetery in Stratford. Watering flowers and plants, pruning, and weeding once a week. We are asking each ACRY household to sign up for a week or 2 through the end of November. See sign-up sheet in church hall.

THANK YOU TO

- ❖ All who worked at, baked, donated books and attended our Food and Book Sale
- ❖ The women who prepared and served a delicious Father's Day Brunch
- ❖ David Andrenyak for a special donation to our parish
- ❖ Church exterior fund raiser donors: Sandy Pleban
- ❖ **Our Stewards, God's Gardeners, snow removers, grounds and church cleaners!**

CHURCH SHOPPING WISH LIST

Donations of the following new items would be greatly appreciated for church:

- Paper Towels
- 2 liter Bottled Soda
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Large Bags of Pretzels, Chips, & Cookies
- White Luncheon Napkins



Thank you to everyone who donated items this past month!

NATIONAL ACRY CONVENTION

Holy Ghost ACRY in Phoenixville, PA, will be your host for the 2018 National Senior and Junior ACRY Conventions over Labor Day Weekend! Information on the weekend events is available on the ACRY web-site (www.acry.org). See Peter Samilenko to register for meals so we can send in one form and to purchase patrons/boosters in support of the event before July 23rd.

TRINITY TOURNEY 2018

Golf Tournament to Benefit the Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Building Fund
Date: Thursday July 19, 2018
At Beekman Country Club, Hopewell Junction, NY

Tournament Player Registration

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____

(Eve.) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of Players registering: _____

Are you a single golfer? _____

(We will assign you to a foursome)

Name of players in your group/foursome:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Enclosed please find my entry fee(s).

_____ x \$175.00 Men/Women = \$ _____

_____ x \$150.00 Junior (Under 18 yrs) = \$ _____

NEW! \$625.00 for Pre-paid Foursome

Please make all checks payable to: Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 74 Joe's Hill Road Danbury, CT 06811

Total \$ _____



I would like to make an additional tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$ _____

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS



YES! I would like to support Diocesan Ministries & Apostolates! Enclosed is my check made payable to "Distinguished Diocesan Donors:"

\$100 Entry \$250 Bronze \$500 Silver

\$1,000 Gold \$10,000 Platinum

Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____

Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Parish _____

312 Garfield Street Johnstown, PA 15906

St. John's Mill Hill



Sunday, August 12

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**St. John's "Glevenaks' Grove"
Beaver Dam Road, Stratford**

Come and join us for a good, old-fashioned Church picnic at the Grove, with plenty of the food you love, ice-cold drinks and delicious home-baked goods, games and raffles and fellowship!



August 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

74 Joe's Hill Rd. Danbury, CT

Race to benefit **The Healing Hearts Center for Grief and Loss** Danbury, CT www.healingheartsct.org

Sponsored by **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**

www.holytrinitydanbury.org

Register online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Danbury/PerogieDash>

SAVE THE DATE

August 2018

12th: Lazy Days of Summer Dinner and Bingo

September 2018

9th: Back to School Dinner and Bingo

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Envelope (Curators):

07/01: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Mercury)

07/08: Dues & Weekly Offering (Roger)

07/15: Air Conditioning & Weekly Offering (Wendy)

07/22: Weekly Offering (Sharon)

07/29: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Melanie)

08/05: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Mercury)

Note: There is only one collection basket after the sermon. All envelopes for the day can go in that basket.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

07/01: Wendy G

07/08: Elle H

07/15: Sandy P

07/22: Melanie O

07/29: Michelle T

08/05: Carole K

08/12: Sharon L

Bingo Workers:

07/04: NO BINGO

07/11: Chris, Carole, Roger

07/18: Chris, Carole, Debbie, Roger

07/25: Chris, Carole, Roger

08/01: Wendy, Carole, Sharon, Debbie

GODS GARDENER PROJECTS

Please support these projects that parishioners sponsor for the benefit of our parish operating fund:

Monthly Breakfast (Oct-Jun):

Join us for breakfast buffet after Divine Liturgy in the church hall on the first Sunday this month! \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, free for under 5.

Recycle Used Printer Cartridges:

Drop off unwanted ink jet cartridges in the labeled boxes in our church hall instead of having it pollute our landfills. Staples will give us a credit for each cartridge that will be used to defray the cost of printing our bulletin!

Pampered Chef:

Stock up on favorite must have kitchen items & seasonings from Pampered Chef. 15% of the sales price goes to St. John's. Free shipping for purchases through God's Gardener. Free Pampered Chef product for any order over \$75.00. Earn even more for St. John's and yourself if you collect \$200 in orders from your friends and family. See or call Mercury @ 203.449.0115 for the new catalog with fabulous new Pampered Chef products!

Recycle Clothes, Lines, Shoes and More

Bring your useable clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillow cases, blankets, curtains, towels, & stuffed animals to our St. Pauly Textile Drop-Off Shed to help our church. St. Pauly send it to people who need it here in the United States & all over the world.