

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1*  
Image of Christ “Not-made-by-hands”

- 9:10am - Hours
- 9:30am - Divine Liturgy  
1 Cor. 4:9-16  
Matt. 17:14-23

### *Schedule of Services*

**Tuesday, August 18**

- 9:00am - Akathist to Saint John, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

**Friday, August 21**

- 9:00am - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

**Saturday, August 22**

- 5:00pm - Great Vesper.

**Sunday, August 23**

*Leavetaking Dormition*

- 9:10 – Hours
- 9:30 – Divine Liturgy



### WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

We humans have been fumbling & bungling through life ever since Adam and Eve. Even after we learn our lessons, we often need to re-learn the same lessons. History also repeats itself & we keep re-inventing the wheel. Thus, human life is a constant series of mistakes & repeat offenses. Then came Jesus Christ. He met a man whose son had a demon. The disciples had the power to cast out demons, but their faith wasn't strong enough to cast this one out. They fumbled. The son father fumbled as he tried to rid the demon. Only the Lord Jesus fixed all this and cast out the demon, ending with a lesson for His disciples to fast and pray in order to cast out the worst demons in us. But St. Paul shows us what Christ has done for us. In today's epistle, St. Paul talks about how he and the apostles suffer countless hardships for the Faith. In fact, St. Paul is hated, beaten and works extra hard for all of the churches under his care. His churches are safe and sound, while he takes all the blows for them. In this way, he is a father to them. This fatherhood is much different from the fumbling fatherhood before Christ. By the Holy Spirit, the apostles learned to cast out demons with prayer,

fasting & other struggles. And by their work for God, they have made us safe and established a solid Church. They give us godly examples of how not to fumble against demons and not having enough faith. The Savior's resurrection and the Spirit's descent began this strength & security, so we Christian children may become holy parents as we all grow in faith. Learning a lesson from Christ about that father & son, the apostles prayed & fasted to perfection, so we can cast out sins without bungling it. And St. Paul says we can do this if we truly imitate Christ & His disciples.



### *Intercessory Prayers*

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Dorothy Fabian, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycsik, Kathleen Lazorczyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

### *Birthday Greeting*

Happy Birthday go out this week to **Samuel Czech – 17; Peter Czech – 22; and Narilyn Stagen** who celebrated her birthday yesterday – 15. May God continue to bless them with good health and long life for many years – Mnogaya Lyeta!

### *Our Parish Life*

♦ As people of faith, we must always be aware of the importance of acting in a socially responsible way; to give good example to others; and to act with charity toward all during this pandemic. Everything possible is being done to provide the church's sacramental life in a timely and reasonable way. The current situation remains very dangerous and fragile; while much has been achieved, there remains the potential that the gains could be lost by a second, more virulent wave.

♦ We can now worship together again; however, do to social distancing, we are limited to 55 parishioners in the church. It should go without saying that anyone feeling sick or not yet comfortable with attending should stay home and watch the livestream. Also, there will continue to be **NO COFFEE HOUR** to minimize any risk.

♦ **The sacrament of Holy Confession.** As we return to church, confession by appointment is now available. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. If you prefer, you can still take part in the Sacrament **via phone**; call Fr. Maryan to set up a time for both options.

♦ **The flowers** adorning the Plaschanitza of Dormition Mother of God on the center tetrapod were given by **Helen Margitich**. Flowers before icons of Jesus Christ & Holy Theotokos were given by **Maryann Stagen, and Matushka Svitlna**. Thanks and God Bless them.