

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 4, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8
Hieromartyr Hierotheus; Martyrs
Domnina & Bernice (Veronica).

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
followed by Panikhida.
2 Cor. 6:16-7:1
Luke. 6:31-36

Schedule of Services

Tuesday, October 6

- 7:00 pm - Akathist to Saint John,
Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Friday, October 9

- 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Most
Holy Theotokos:

Saturday, October 10

- 5:00 pm - Great Vesper.

Sunday, October 11

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



WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAGE

The only sitting power in the world are a Greek miracle
on Ukrainian land.

In the Cathedral of Kharkov, the amazing powers of the
patriarch of Constantinople Athanasia of Tsaregradsky
are resting. According to the eastern tradition, he was
buried in a sitting position. For the Slavs, it's something
unseen. The Patriarch sits in a cozy corner of the
cathedral. It's brisk. Yes slippers are stapling
regularly... Just like alive.

Pilgrims the appearance of these relics is not only
spiritual joy, but also a great surprise. After all, we are
all used to relics lying down. Yes more often in coffins.

And it is more common for us to apply not to the holy
one, but to the glass or to the cover of the same coffin.
Here the glass is always open and believers fall heads
directly to the hands of Patriarch Afanasia. Groups of
pilgrims come from the most remote corners of the
world. People bring their biggest sorrows, requests,
troubles. But there are also those who go to Athanasia
Tsaregradsky with gratitude.

And the life of Patriarch Afanasia talks about how
loved Holy people in life, how he helped others, how
he gave away what he had.

Born into a rich and famous family,
overthrew from the patriarchal pulpit and
ended life in the small town of Lubna, so far
from his homeland, he certainly does not
need our earthly gifts.

But how else do we, stupid and material,
express our gratitude and love?

Even Kharkiv residents sometimes tell that
something more opens up to spiritual eyes.
This is how one woman went to the relics of
St. with some serious problem for about half
a year. Cried at the relics, cried. And at some
point he says: "what is it, on the power of the
mitre?". There is always a mitra on the
patriarch. And they never filmed it. But the
flame prayer of a woman seems to have
opened her soul to the face of the Holy. And
instead of mitra, she saw Afanasius of
Tsaregradsky himself.

The priests changing the Holy cloth told that
the soles of his slippers were stopped as if he
walked with feet on the ground...



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 Kovalycaik, Kathleen Lazorczyk, Dennis
Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabkozi, Helen
Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva
Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

Birthday Greeting

Happy Birthday go out this week to Daniel
Kary – 10; and Marie Baron – 10. May
God continue to enrich them life with the
fullness of joy and happiness for many years
– Mnogaya Lyeta!

Our Parish Life

◆ Today following Divine liturgy we will
serve Panakhida in memory of Rosanne
Dornic Dangelewicz requested from the her
Son Michael Dangelewicz. May her memory
to be eternal!

◆ The flowers adorning the icon of the
Protection the Most Holy Theotokos on the
center tetrapod were given by Maryann
Stagen. We sincerely thank her with prayers
for God's blessings always.

◆ The Diocese of NY and NJ mark **Church
Musician Appreciation Day** on Sunday,
October 4, 2020. Truly, we need to nurture
and encourage our church musicians – and
thank them on this day for their pious work.
Today we offer special thanks to all our
singers, readers, especially our choral
director Maryann Stagen, for their talent,
respect, love, singing the responses and the
liturgical music at the Church Services. With
your melodious voices, it made one feel like
being in a cathedral, it is so beautiful!
Thank you all most sincerely for coming and
brightening our Church with your beautiful
singing. May God's blessings be upon all of
you – Mnogaya Lyeta!

