

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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October 4, 2020

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

- 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 MESSAG

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, overthrown 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 Lazarczyk, 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 **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!

