



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church**

July 29, 2018

## Church Lectionary & Typicon

### NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**The Priest-Martyr Athenogenes**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel : Matthew 14:22-34

**Resurrectional Tone 8**



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## Church Services and Events

### Wednesday, August 1

6:30PM Daily Vespers 7:00PM Adult Education

### Thursday, August 2

9:00AM Liturgy St Elias and Repose of Guman/Fedor Families

### Friday, August 3

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - Rep +Anna Chornock

### Saturday, August 4

5:00PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, August 5

9:00 AM Divine Liturgv

## St John's Stewards

Date	Coffee Hour	Host	Hours	Epistle	Church Cleaner
Aug 5	Ivers/Pierce		Holly	Bill	Cleaning Service
Aug 12	Lomme/Mihaly		Pani Carol	Matt	Cleaning Service

**2018 Parish Stewardship Offering (As of 07/22/18)**

YTD: \$38,687.00 Goal: \$68,000.00

**Be a Good Steward Help Your Parish Carry Out Its Vital Mission!**

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# Announcements

**PARISH SURVEY** - All parishioners have received a copy of our parish survey. As of this writing only 6 people have returned the form. Perhaps this seems like a daunting task as the form is several pages long. Feel free to fill out those areas that are applicable or for which you feel strongly about. It is to be completed by all parishioners, including youth. Please place the completed forms in the metal collection box on the candle desk or mail them into the Church by Aug 15, 2018.

**ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION** - Our Weekly Scripture Study Class has resumed and takes place on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm. It is preceded by Daily Vespers.

**VOLLEYBALL** - All youth, young adults and young at heart are cordially invited to take part in a pick up volleyball game after Church on Sundays beginning on Aug 5. Please bring a change of clothes to Church. Please do not wear your volleyball attire to Liturgy.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** - Our next meal will be Monday July 30th at Calvary St. George Church in Bpt. Please see Mary or Eve if you wish to make brownies for dessert and/or help.

**CHURCH HALL CHAIR REPLACEMENT - THANK YOU PARISHIONERS!** We have received sufficient pledges to purchase new chairs for the Church hall. The molded plastic chairs received the most votes, so we will be going with that. Please see Tom Decerbo to fulfill your pledge and make payment. You may also place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your Name and Chair Pledge Payment and put it in the collection basket or in the metal donation box on the candle desk. Once we have received all the money pledged, they will be purchased. While we be using many of the existing chairs for our church picnics, a number of these chairs will be available for purchase at a suggested price of \$5.00. If anyone is interested in purchasing chairs, please see Tom Decerbo.

**CHURCH DUES** - In preparation for the Semi-Annual Meeting Our Church Treasurer will be compiling a list of those parishioners who are records indicate have not yet paid their Annual parish dues. We will send out a reminder via email/or US Mail to those on this list. If you receive a notification, if you have already paid your dues, we ask for your forgiveness and will be happy to correct our records. As a reminder Church dues are \$75.00 per adult member. As always if you are experiencing a financial hardship please speak to Fr. Peter so that they can be waived if necessary.

**SEMI ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Sunday July 29 Following Liturgy - All Parishioners are urged to be in attendance so that a quorum can be reached. This is the Third of Three Announcements as required by our Parish By-Laws.

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 31 Kathy Kravec

Birthday

## Lives Of The Saints



### THE HOLY MARTYR ATHENOGENES OF HERACLEOPOLIS (July 16/29)

Athenogenes the Holy Martyr of Heracleopolis. This Saint was from Sebastia of Cappadocia and, according to the Synaxaristes, became Bishop of Pidachthoa. He and ten of his disciples were tortured and beheaded by the Governor of Philomachus in the times of Diocletian. There is a second Martyr Athenogenes commemorated today, mentioned by Saint Basil in Chapter 29 of his treatise "On the Holy Spirit"; it is said that as this Athenogenes approached the fire, wherein he was to die a martyric death, he chanted the hymn O Joyous Light in praise of the Holy Trinity (see also Mar. 11).

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## FINANCIAL STATISTICS 7/22/18

Pew Collection	1384.00
7 Day Candles	12.00
<u>Chair Pledge Payments</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,596.00</b>

## Wisdom of the Fathers

So absolutely nothing does it avail to be near Christ, if not being near Him by faith .... Signifying therefore that not the assault of the wind, but his want of faith had wrought his overthrow, He said, "Wherefore did you doubt, O you of little faith?"

### ***St. John Chrysostom***

*Homily 50 on Matthew 14, 4th Century*

So that if his faith had not been weak, he would have stood easily against the wind also. And for this reason, you see, even when He had caught hold of Him, He suffers the wind to blow, showing that no hurt comes thereby, when faith is steadfast.

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Let those of us with children give heed to their upbringing, and, in general, let everyone have an interest in those they live with and regard their neighbor's welfare as their own greatest asset, so that each person may be instructed in the way of virtue and thus succeed in avoiding an experience of evil, and, by opting for virtue, win much favor from on high. May it be the good fortune of us all to attain this, thanks to the grace and loving kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **St. John Chrysostom**, from Homilies on Genesis, Vol. III

It is in the renewing of the mind, and the peace of the thoughts, and the love and heavenly attachment for the Lord, that the new creation - the Christian - is distinguished from all the men of the world. This was the purpose of the Lord's coming: to vouchsafe these spiritual blessings to those who truly believe in Him. Christians have a glory and a beauty and a heavenly wealth which is beyond words, and it is won with pains, and sweat, and trials, and many conflicts, and all by the grace of God.

- **St. Macarius the Great**

