



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church**

March 11, 2018

## Church Lectionary & Typicon



**The Third Sunday of Lent – The Veneration of the Cross  
St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza**

**Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1  
Resurrectional Tone 7**

## Church Services & Events

### Sunday, March 11

4:00 pm Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. John’s Church, Bridgeport

### Tuesday, March 13

4:00PM Teen Catechism Class

7:00PM Moleben to St. Nectarios and Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, March 14

6:30PM Presanctified Liturgy and Adult Ed

### Thursday, March 15

7:00PM On-Line Teen Discussion Group

### Friday, March 16

7:00PM Paraklis to The Theotokos

### Saturday, March 17

9:00AM Pagachi Workshop 9:00AM All Souls Sat Liturgy- Habansky Fam.

5:00PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, March 18

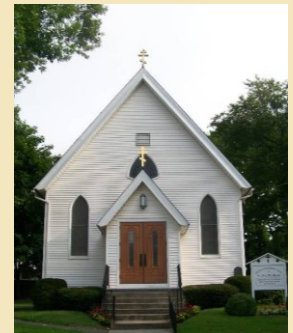
9:00AM Divine Liturgy - In Parish Retreat

10:45AM Church School

## St John’s Stewards

DATE	COFFEE HOUR	HOST	HOURS	EPISTLE
March 18	Lomme/Mihaly		Pani Carol	Cantors
March 25	Porter/LeClerc		Holly	Bill

**2018 STEWARDSHIP YTD: \$10,061.00 As of 3/4/18 Goal: \$70,000**



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# Announcements

**ADULT EDUCATION** - We are now now studying The Psalms. It takes place following Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday Evenings. Those who are interested in taking part in the class either in person or by telephone or video conferencing are kindly asked to contact Fr. Peter.

**OPEN MIC YOUTH DISCUSSION NIGHT** -On Thurs March 15th at 7:00 pm Fr. Peter will be meeting online with our parish teens for a one hour open discussion on contemporary moral issues. We will be using Zoom Video Conferencing which will enable all to participate via laptop or desktop Computer with Video cams or smart phones. Fr. Peter will send out an invitation link. They can also participate via telephone call in. Fr. Peter will be meeting with teens at coffee hour today to solicit some discussion questions and discuss the technology needed to join the meeting.

**LORD'S KITCHEN** - Our Next Meal is Mon, March 26, 2018 at Christ Church in Stratford. Please See Mary or Eve if you wish to help.

**IN PARISH LENTEN RETREAT** - on Sunday, March 18, 2018 we will welcome guest speaker Subdeacon Joel Pleban who will join us for Divine Liturgy. Subdeacon Joel will speak about his recent OCMC Mission Trip To Kenya. Following Divine Liturgy during coffee Hour, Subdeacon Joel will show pictures from his recent mission trip to Kenya and will give an overview history of Orthodoxy in Kenya and Orthodox Christian Missionary work spearheaded by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

**PILGRIMAGE TO UCONN** - On Thurs March 22, 2018, we will travel to Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel at the University of CT where we will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy with the members of the UCONN OCF and parishioners of Holy Trinity Church of Willimantic CT. Please see Fr. Peter if you wish carpool. We will join the students for a lenten meal after the service at a local restaurant.

**LENTEN READING CHALLENGE:** - We are reading *Help I Am Bored In Church: Entering Fully Into Worship In The Divine Liturgy* – A newly released book by Fr David Smith which offers four compelling reasons for going to church regardless of how we feel. It also explores six reasons people sometimes feel bored in church, five ways to think about your priest, four ways to participate more fully in services, three kinds of waiting, two kinds of prayer, and the one thing truly needful in our relationship with God. This book will help the reader see church as the best place they could possibly be—and the place they most want to be There will be an opportunity to discuss your reading at our Sunday coffee hour.. Books Are Now On Sale For \$11.00 See Fr. Peter!

**LENTEN RETREAT** Please make plans now to attend the Eastern Regional Lenten Retreat on March 24, 2018 at St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA. Cost is \$35 for adults , \$20.00 ages 13-18 and \$7.00 ages 7 and under. Bishop Gregory will be keynote Speaker for the Adults and Teens. This year's Theme is “Our Calling as Disciples and Evangelists” **Deadline is March 14th.** Please see Fr. Peter to take part.

## Feasts & Saints



### St Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza Feb 26/Mar 11

Saint Porphyrius had Thessalonica as his homeland. He became a monk in Scete of Egypt, where he lived for five years. He went on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, after which he spent five years in much affliction in a cave near the Jordan. Stricken with a disease of the liver, he departed to Jerusalem, where he was ordained presbyter and appointed Keeper of the Cross at the age of 45. Three years later he was made Bishop of Gaza. He suffered much from the rulers and pagans of Gaza; but with the friendship of Saint John Chrysostom, and the patronage of the Empress Eudoxia, he razed the temple of the idol Marnas in Gaza and built a great church to the glory of God. He reposed in 450.

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**LENTEN CHARITY SUPPORT** - There is a collection box on the Coffee Hour table in support of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. Proceeds will be earmarked to Fr Juvanal from Stratford who is doing missionary work in Guatemala.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES - None This Week**

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS 3/4/18

Pew Collection	1143.00
7 Day Candles	18.00
First Sunday Collection	173.00
Offering at Door	8.00
Lenten Services	20.00
<u>Dues</u>	225.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,587.00</b>

## Wisdom From The Fathers

And see how He also makes His discourse unexceptionable: not saying at all, "whether you will, or no, you must suffer this," but how? "If any man will come after me."

*St. John Chrysostom Homily 55 on Matthew 16, 1. B#54, p.339., 4th Century*

"I force not, I compel not, but each one I make lord of his own choice; wherefore also I say, 'If any man will.' For to good things do I call you, not to things evil, or burdensome; not to punishment and vengeance, that I should have to compel.

*St. John Chrysostom Homily 55 on Matthew 16, 1. B#54, p.339., 4th Century*

## Lenten Triodion Sunday of The Holy Cross



With the help of God, we have almost reached the middle of the course of the Fast, where our strength has been worn down through abstinence, and the full difficulty of the labour set before us becomes apparent. Therefore our holy Mother, the Church of Christ, now brings to our help the all-holy Cross, the joy of the world, the strength of the faithful, the staff of the just, and the hope of sinners, so that by venerating it reverently, we might receive strength and grace to complete the divine struggle of the Fast.