



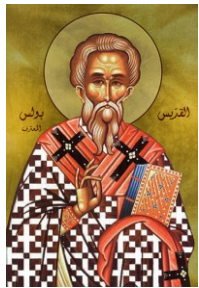
# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church**

Nov 19, 2017

## Church Lectionary & Typicon



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**St Paul The Confessor**

**Epistle : Ephesians 2:14-22    Gospel: Luke 8:41-56**

**Resurrectional Tone 7**



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## Church Services and Events

### Sunday, November 19

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

10:45AM Church School

### Tuesday, November 21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - St. Michael, Rep. Fr. Joseph Mihaly and Vasil Petrik

7:00PM Teen Catechism Class

### Wednesday, November 22

7:00PM Thanksgiving Service

### Saturday, November 25

5:00PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, November 26

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

10:45AM Church School

## St John's Stewards

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOST	HOURS	EPISTLE
Nov 26	Stirna/Meyernick	Holly Bilcheck	Serge
Dec 3	Stokely	Pani Carol	Bill

**2017 STEWARDSHIP    YTD: \$56, 409.00 As of 11/5/17    Goal: \$68,000.00**

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# Announcements

## Today's Saint

**ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION** - Our Orthodox Boot Camp Adult Education discussion on the Assembly of Bishop Study on best practices for growing parishes has concluded. We will begin again, the first Wed in December with a Scripture Study. Fr. Peter is asking that you contact him with suggestions of what aspect of Scripture that you would like to study. Again, it will be possible to participate via video conferencing or by telephone.

**ACRY** - All members are asked to kindly see Holly Bilcheck to pay their annual Dues by Dec 15th.

**GIVING TREE** - Our annual Christmas Outreach Project will involve providing personal care items for the needy of Stratford, donating and preparing food for a Christmas Dinner at the Lord's Kitchen on Wednesday Dec 20th. We will also be assisting a needy Family in the Greater Stratford Community. To participate, please select one or more items you would like to donate from the "Giving Tree" in the Church hall. With the exception of certain items of prepared food we are asking for cash donations of varying amounts to cover the personal care items which the Church has already bought in bulk at an incredible savings. Please be generous. See Fr. Peter with any questions.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** - Our next meal will be Wed Dec 20 at Christ Church in Stratford. Please See Mary or Eve to help. Help is needed preparing some of the food at home, and donations are being sought to cover cost of meal ingredients. See The Giving Tree.

**PARISH TAG SALE** - Many thanks to Tom and Che Decerbo for doing an outstanding job procuring and pricing the sale items, and chairing the tag sale and all those who assisted at the sale. It was a huge success.

**CHRISTMAS PASTRY ROLL WORK SESSIONS** - Help is needed making pastry rolls on the following days: Sat Dec 2 & 9 and Wed Dec 13th. Please see Pani Carol to offer your help.

**UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME** - Those who signed up will be travelling to the XL Center in Hartford this coming Sunday to watch a UCONN Women's Basketball Game vs Notre Dame. Many thanks to Holly Bilcheck for organizing and coordinating this event.

**LEAF RAKING SESSION** - We are asking all able body parishioners and especially our youth to assist with clearing the Church property of leaves on Sunday Dec 10th. Following Divine Liturgy. Many hands will make light work. We should complete the entire property in a matter of a couple hours. Please let Fr. Peter know if you can help.

**CHURCH SECURITY** - At the November Parish Council Meeting it was decided that for security reasons the side door to the Church will be locked at all weekday services, and at 9:15 am on Sunday Mornings. No key is needed to exit the Church. The front door will remain unlocked as usual.

**EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES** – We have instituted a parish email system. For correspondence with Fr. Peter please use the following email address: [priest@sjoc.org](mailto:priest@sjoc.org)  
For parish bulletin or monthly newsletter submissions or questions please use [news@sjoc.org](mailto:news@sjoc.org)

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 20	Dan Paproski, Rachel Reeves, Samantha Schulte	Birthday
Nov 21	Millie Krisak	Birthday
Nov 22	Florence Gachi	Birthday

**St Paul Confessor of Thessalonica.**  
became the secretary of Alexander, Patriarch of Constantinople, a deacon, and then the successor of Saint Alexander in about 337. Because of his virtue, his eloquence in teaching, and his zeal for Orthodoxy, the Arians hated and feared him. When the Arian Emperor Constantius, who was in Antioch, learned of Paul's election, he exiled Paul and proclaimed the Arian Eusebius Patriarch. Saint Paul went to Rome, where he found Saint Athanasius the Great also in exile. Provided with letters by Pope Julius, Paul returned to Constantinople, and after the death of Eusebius in 342, ascended again his rightful throne; the Arians meanwhile elected Macedonius, because he rejected the Son's con-substantiality with the Father (and the divinity of the Holy Spirit besides). When Constantius, yet at Antioch, learned of Paul's return, he sent troops to Constantinople to drive Paul out. The Saint returned to Rome, where Saint Athanasius also was again in exile. Constans, Emperor of the West, Constantius' brother, but Orthodox, wrote to Constantius that if Athanasius and Paul were not allowed to return to their sees, he would come with troops to restore them him-self. So Paul again returned to his throne. After the death of Constans, however, Constantius had Paul deposed. Because of the love of the people for Saint Paul, Philip the Prefect, who was sent for him, was compelled to arrest him secretly to avoid a sedition. Paul was banished to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia; a town through which his most illustrious successor, Saint John Chrysostom would also pass on his way to Comana in his last exile. In Cucusus, about the year 350, as Saint Paul was celebrating the Divine Liturgy in the little house where he was a prisoner, the Arians strangled him with his own omophorion, so much did they fear him even in exile. His holy relics were brought back to Constantinople with honour by the Emperor Theodosius the Great.