



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church**

February 11, 2018

## Church Lectionary & Typicon



**Final Judgement/ Meatfare Sunday**

**Removal of the Relics of Ignatius the God-bearer**

Epistle : 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Gospel : Matthew 25:31-46

Resurrectional Tone 3

## Church Services and Events

### Monday, February 12

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs/Repose Peter Sedlar  
4:00PM Community Supper - Calvary/St George Church, Bridgeport

### Tuesday, February 13

4:00PM Teen Catechism Class  
7:00PM Moleben to St. Nectarios  
7:30PM Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, February 14

6:00PM Great Vespers & Litya - Meeting of Our Lord  
7:00PM Adult Ed - Scripture Study

### Thursday, February 15

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - Feast of Meeting of Our Lord In The Temple  
10:00AM Senior's Fellowship

### Saturday, February 17

5:00PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, February 18

9:00AM Divine Liturgy with Rite of Forgiveness  
10:45AM Church School  
4:00PM Forgiveness Vespers

## St John's Stewards

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOST	HOURS	EPISTLE
Feb 18	Bilcheck	Pani Carol	Cantors
Feb 25	Booth	Holly	Bill

**2018 STEWARDSHIP YTD: \$5,862.00 As of 1/7/18 Goal: \$70,000.**



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# Announcements

**ADULT EDUCATION** - We are now now studying Holy Scripture. Our study is of a practical nature: we are learning about the basics of the Bible, its origin and how to read it with them main focus being how the bible offers answers to the struggles we face in everyday life. 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.

**SUPERBOWL OF CARING** - Many thanks to all who assisted. We collect 45 food items and \$318.00 in cash. All food is being donated to Sterling House and all cash donations will be given to Christ Church in Stratford to help defray the utilities and operational costs of hosting the Lord's Kitchen.

**LORD'S KITCHEN** - Our Next Meal is Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at Calvary/St. George Church in Bridgeport Please See Mary or Eve if you wish to help.

**PREPARING FOR GREAT LENT** - The Season of Holy and Great Lent Begins on Monday February 19, 2018! Now is the time to prepare yourself and your family for this wonderful time of year. Spend some time now to put together a personal and family game plan that works for your life situation. Consider how you will increase your personal regiment of prayer, fasting and the performance of good works.

**FIRST WEEK OF LENT - PILGRIMAGE** - During the first week of Great Lent we will be embarking on a spiritual pilgrimage with Divine Services being offered daily. Come Take Advantage of the Beauty of the Orthodox Faith and Services and Join us. On Thursday February 22 we will travel to Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel at the University of CT where we will celebrate the Great Canon Service 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 will be 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

### Removal of The Relics of St. Ignatius The God-Bearer



Saint Ignatius was a disciple of Saint John the Theologian, and a successor of the Apostles, and he became the second Bishop of Antioch, after Evodus. He wrote many epistles to the faithful, strengthening them in their confession, and preserving for us the teachings of the holy Apostles. Brought to Rome under Trajan, he was surrendered to lions to be eaten, and so finished the course of martyrdom about the year 107. The remnants of his bones were carefully gathered by the faithful and brought to Antioch. He is called God-bearer, as one who bare God within himself and was aflame in heart with love for Him. Therefore, in his Epistle to the Romans (ch. 4), imploring their love not to attempt to deliver him from his longed-for martyrdom, he said, "I am the wheat of God, and am ground by the teeth of the wild beasts, that I may be found to be the pure bread of God."

# Announcements

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 12	Father James Gleason	Birthday
Feb 16	Rick Porter	Birthday

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS 2/4/18

Pew Collection	1227.00
7 Day Candles	6.00
First Sunday Collection	174.00
Metropolitan/Bishop Fund	10.00
Lots O Luck Calendar Sales	250.00
ACRY Dues	300.00
<u>Dues</u>	230.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,197.00</b>

## Wisdom From The Fathers

He indicates the dispositions of each, calling the one kids, the other sheep, that He might indicate the unfruitfulness of the one, for no fruit will come from kids; and the great profit from the other, for indeed from sheep great is the profit, as well from the milk, as from the wool, and from the young, of all which things the kid is destitute.

***St. John Chrysostom***

*Homily on Matt. XXV, 4th Century*

For when one has pity on the poor, he lends to God; and he who gives to the least gives to God--sacrifices spiritually to God an odour of a sweet smell.

***St. Cyprian of Carthage***

*The Lord's Prayer, 33. B#41, p.102, 3rd century*

## The Sunday of The Last Judgement

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

# LENTEN RETREAT

**SATURDAY, March 24, 2018**

9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

ST. FRANCIS CENTER FOR RENEWAL  
395 BRIDLE PATH ROAD BETHLEHEM, PA

## REGISTRATION FORM

**– To Be Filled Out For Each Participant –**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Youth ages 7-18 only) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Adult Chaperone Attending With \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone of Parent/Adult Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 for adults ACROD (prior to deadline)

\$20 for adolescents (aged 13 to 18)

\$7 for children 7 to 12

Appropriate Registration fee is enclosed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Check made for total of all family members to: Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA.

Return registration w/payment to: Oleh Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Rd. Media, PA 19063

Please submit registration by March 14, 2018. After this deadline late fees of \$20 for adults and \$10 adolescents is applied.

Pictures from the Retreat can be used for publicity. Please indicate if you do not want pictures of you and/or your child used.