



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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**Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church**

September 23, 2018

## Church Lectionary & Typicon



**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross**

**Virgin Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora**

Epistle : Galatians 6:11-18;  
Gospel : Mark 3:13-27

**Resurrectional Tone 8**



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## Church Services and Events

**Sunday, September 23**

12:00PM Church Picnic

**Wednesday, September 26**

6:30PM Great Vespers & Litya 7:30PM Adult Education

**Thursday, September 27**

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - Elevation of The Cross – Strict Fast Day

**Saturday, September 29**

9:00AM Pagachi Workshop

5:00PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 30**

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

10:45AM Church School

## St John's Stewards

Date	Coffee Hour	Host	Hours	Epistle	Church Cleaner
Sept 30	Decerbo		Holly	Bill	Cleaning Service
Oct 7	Ivers/Pierce		Pani Carol	Matt	Cleaning Service

**2018 Parish Stewardship Offering (As of 09/16/18)**

YTD: \$48,209.00

Goal: \$70,000.00

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# Announcements

**CHURCH SCHOOL** - The 2018-2019 Church School Year began last Sunday. Parents are kindly asked to be sure that their children will be in attendance each week. Thank you to our teachers for their willingness to teach our children.

**CHURCH PICNIC** - Our Church Picnic is today. Many thanks to Picnic chairmen, Jean Lomme and Marcia Leonetti for all their efforts in organizing the picnic and all who assisted. Special thanks to all who will be working at the grills and cleaning up after the picnic.

**NEW: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE FUND** Our monthly Property Maintenance Fund Collections are now targeted towards specific needs. As announced at the Semi-Annual Meeting we have two pressing projects at the parish Rectory: Replacing the Front Door and sidelights (Original Doors from the 1890's) and the Garage overhead doors. The total cost is approximately \$5500. (\$4000 for Front Door and \$1500 for the garage doors). Please keep this in mind when making your monthly property maintenance fund donation. The August Collection netted \$448.00. We are pleased to announce that we have received an anonymous donation of \$2100 and an additional \$2166.00 in memory of Lawrence Beck and Mildred Paproski. Additional donations of any amount will gratefully be accepted. We are most grateful to our parishioners for all their efforts in maintaining and improving our Church properties over the years. How blessed we are to have such a beautiful parish complex which is truly our little slice of Paradise, the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. AS OF 9/09/18 TOTAL = \$4,714.00.00, GOAL = \$5500. WE ARE ALMOST THERE - only \$784 to go! WILL YOU HELP US REACH OUR GOAL?

**PARISH SURVEY** - All parishioners have received a copy of our parish survey. As of this writing only 9 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 next Sunday.

**ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION** - Our Weekly Scripture Study Class will resume this Wednesday, September 19, 2018 following Great Vespers for the Elevation of the Cross. If you are unable to attend on site, please let Fr. Peter know so he can give you the credentials to participate via Video chat or phone conferencing.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER** - Our next meal will be Monday Oct 15th at The Lord's Kitchen, Christ Church, Stratford, CT. Please see Mary or Eve if you wish to help.

**CHURCH HALL CHAIR REPLACEMENT** - THANK YOU PARISHIONERS! We have purchased the new chairs and they are in the Church hall. If anyone would like to purchase one of the old metal folding chairs, please see Tom Decerbo. A donation of \$5.00 per chair is requested.

**CHURCH DUES** - As a reminder Church dues are \$75.00 per adult member. If you have not already paid your annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. As always if you are experiencing a financial hardship please speak to Fr. Peter so that they can be waived if necessary.

## Lives of The Saints



### Holy Virgin Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora

September 10/23

These Martyrs, sisters according to the flesh, were from Bithynia. They lived in virginity on a mountain near the Pythian hot springs of Bithynia, devoting themselves to asceticism and prayer. Betrayed to the local governor, Fronto, they were subjected to frightful tortures, and so gave up their holy souls into the hands of God. They contested for the Faith during the reign of Maximian, in the year 304.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** - NE Deanery DDD Dinner - Sunday Oct 21 at Robertos Restaurant in Monroe, CT.

**SPECIAL THANKS!** - On behalf of Pani Carol and myself, I would like to thank all of the members of our parish family for your kindness, generosity and love expressed to us last weekend at my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood celebration. A special thanks to the Anniversary Banquet committee for putting on such a wonderful dinner and celebration. May Grant All Of You Many Years!

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 23	Hunter Stirna	Birthday
Sept 24	Lorraine Roman, Nick Gachi	Birthday
Sept 25	Amanda Stirna	Birthday
Sept 28	Barbara Gregory	Birthday

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS 9/16/18

Pew Collection	1234.00
7 Day Candles	9.00
Third Sunday - Metropolitan Fund	182.00
Donation Towards \$25th Anniversary	300.00
Food Fest Sponsorship	100.00
<u>Donation IMO Joseph Krisak</u>	<u>70.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,895.00</b>

## From The Fathers – On Humility

Nothing done in humility for the sake of God is bad. But things and pursuits differ. Everything not strictly necessary is a hindrance to salvation - everything, that is to say, that does not contribute to the soul's salvation or to the body's life. For it is not food, but gluttony, that is bad; not money, but attachment to it; not speech, but idle talk; not the world's delights, but dissipation; not love of one's family, but the neglect of God that such love may produce; not the clothes worn only for covering and protection from cold and heat, but those that are excessive and costly; not houses that also protect us from heat and cold, as well as anything human or animal that might harm us, but houses with two or three floors, large and expensive;...not friendship, but the having of friends who are of no benefit to one's soul; not woman, but unchastity; not wealth but avarice; not wine but drunkenness; not anger used in accordance with nature for the chastisement of sin, but its use against one's fellow-men.

**St. Peter of Damaskos** *Book 1: Treasury of Divine Knowledge, Philokalia Vol. 3*