

# St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

January 30, 2011

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

### *\*Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple\**

Tuesday, Feb 1 – Festal Vespers with Litiya - 6 pm

Wednesday, Feb 2 –Divine Liturgy - Feast - 9 am

Thursday, Feb 3- Akathist – Kursk Root icon - 10 am

Saturday, Feb 5 - Great Vespers 4 pm

Sunday, Feb 6 - Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Miracle Working Kursk Root Icon !-** Joyfully some of us were able to be in attendance with His Grace, Bishop Tikhon to venerate and participate in the Akathist to the Kursk Root icon of the Theotokos last evening at Holy Trinity parish in Miners Mills. Despite the treacherous roads the Church was filled nearly to capacity. This icon just had its 715<sup>th</sup> birthday in September. It is the icon that healed St. Seraphim of Sarov from a childhood disease and the icon before which St. John Maximovitch was praying when he reposed and which he often carried with him. A copy of this icon was placed on the true image and is available here in the Church for veneration.

**\*\*\*A SPECIAL AKATHIST** will be celebrated before the copy of this icon on **Thursday** morning at **10 am here at St. John's** for those who would have liked to have been able to venerate it last night but missed because of the snow.

**Superbowl Raffle TODAY!** - Reminder that TODAY we will hold our Superbowl Raffle for \$100 in Weis gift cards and \$100 in a prepaid VISA card. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$20 gift cards as well. ALSO a newly announced 4<sup>th</sup> prize is a wine and cheese basket.

**Enhanced Superbowl Potluck NEXT WEEK!: (This was incorrectly announced as Jan 30<sup>th</sup>!)** On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Superbowl potluck following Liturgy. In similar fashion to our Thanksgiving potluck, there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for food items. See Mary Ann Oram with questions.

**Winter Retreat 2010:** The annual Orthodox teen retreat sponsored by the Diocese is being held in Dalton at the Fatima Renewal Center from February 4-6. Any students in grades 7-12 are invited and encouraged to attend. Information is available on the back table. Please prayerfully consider sending your child. This is an opportunity to meet other Orthodox teens from throughout the Diocese, have really excellent time, and spend some quality time with Bishop Tikhon.

**Love to the Power of TEN in 2010:** Don't forget to keep bringing in your number 10 cans to feed the hungry at the St. Vincent's soup kitchen in Wilkes Barre. We've given nearly 300 cans and other items so far. Let's make it be a thousand by next Christmas! **\*\*Also please keep Hal in your prayers. He is the Director of the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and suffers from end stage Leukemia\*\***

**Memory Eternal:** We will celebrate a litiya for the departed after Liturgy for the memory of Frank Fedock requested by M/M Brian Rhoads.

**In the Home Stretch!** - By the grace of God we are OVER 90% with the Church Painting Project. So far we only lack \$1900 to bring us to our goal. Haven't gotten your star yet? Get 'em while they're hot!

**Pierohies are Coming!** - Mark your calendars – We pinch cheese rogies on Monday 3/28 and tater rogies on 4/4. Orders in by 3/19 – Call 829-3832 to place orders.

**Please join us downstairs after Divine Liturgy for our weekly potluck coffee hour!**

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## Memory Eternal!

<b>Departed:</b>	Jan. 30	Michael Lesko (1967) Stephen Lesko (1968) Frank Antonoff (1983)
	Feb. 2	John J. Mikitka (1999)
	Feb. 3	_____ (1963)
	Feb. 5	Peter Lipinski (1982)

## Many Years!

<b>Birthdays:</b>	Feb. 5	Helen Connor (1952)
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Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

+ Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred St Basil (January 1), others honored St Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted St John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to St John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another."

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose January 30 for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

## Glory to God for All Things!