

# Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

August 26, 2018

**Epistle Reading:** 1 Corinthians 16:13-24      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:33-42

**Next Week:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:1-14

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

**Services:** Wed., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>      **Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
Hours      **8:45 am**  
Divine Liturgy      **9 am**

Sat., Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>      **Great Vespers**  
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)      **7 pm**

Sun., Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Martyrs Mamas & Parents Theodotus & Rufina**  
Hours      **9:15 am**  
Divine Liturgy      **9:30 am**

## Announcements:

### Looking ahead on the Church's activity calendar for the next month:

- ❖ **TODAY** ~~ Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem will be holding their Annual Otpust starting at **12 Noon to 6 pm**. Delicious food will be offered, baskets raffled, hourly prizes and games of chance. A D.J. will be 'making music'.
- ❖ **Sat., September 8<sup>th</sup>** ~~ Birth of the Holy Theotokos; *Hours 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 9 am*. Following Liturgy, there will be a picnic to celebrate the Theotokos' Birthday. The only "presence" needed is you! More information and details to follow as plans are finalized.
- ❖ **Sun., September 9<sup>th</sup>** ~~ Usually the first Sunday after Labor Day we usually transition to a 10 am start, however, due to the Baptisms and Chrismations, we will be starting at 9:30 am.  
The Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation of **Leah Rylee MacPherson** and **Brandon Lee MacPherson**.  
**Alecia MacPherson's** and **Nicholas Zimmerman's** reception into the Church through the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Chrismation.
- ❖ **Sun., September 9<sup>th</sup>** ~~ First Session of Parish Church School will be *starting at 9:15 am*
- ❖ **Sun., September 9<sup>th</sup>** ~~ "St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet," the annual parish festival of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Greensburg from **11:00 am to 4:00 pm**. The traditional Middle Eastern foods for which they are famous will be featured and are itemized on the flier

posted in the vestibule bulletin board. Please consider patronizing this fine event, as a number of St. Michael parishioners regularly attend our Fall Festival.

- ❖ **Sun., September 16<sup>th</sup>** ~~ HROC's Moleben of the Academic Year (inaugurating the Parish Church School)
- ❖ **Fri., September 14<sup>th</sup>** ~~ Feast of the Elevation of the Cross: *Hours 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 9 am*

### COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.



It all started with the reupholstering of the pews, new carpeting and tiling the middle isle of the sanctuary; then a fresh coat of paint in the downstairs social hall....

Our Parish Council may seem ambitious, but there are many repair projects that need to be kept up with in order to keep our Church looking its best and functioning smoothly. At this month's Parish council meeting, discussion was held regarding some upcoming and potential projects which are on the horizon to be handled within the next 9 months. However, none of these projects can be tackled without all parishioners' hands-on support through prayers, brawn, and hard work, but also through fund raising efforts to help offset the cost of these much-needed repair projects. Below is a listing of such projects:

1. Lifting sidewalks, caulking, and sealant: estimated cost \$2,500 (*awaiting further bids*)
2. Removal and replacement of parking lot: estimated cost \$110,000 (*awaiting further bids*)
3. New basement ceiling lights and ceiling tiles (**work currently in progress**): materials and installation donated by parishioner -- **THANK YOU for the donation of your time and materials. Also, THANK YOU to those helping with this project.**
4. Cleaning of outdoor sheds and reorganizing shed storage area. **Work has been completed – THANK YOU to those who helped with this project.**
5. New lighting in the sanctuary and new electrical box.
6. Air conditioning unit repair or replacement.
7. Sound system update.
8. Any updates to rectory house and grounds.

**Collection:** August 19<sup>th</sup>: \$1,084

**Please see the reverse side of the Candlelist for more announcements!**