

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

August 18, 2019

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 14:22-34

Next Week: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:14-23

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

Services Sat., Aug. 24th **Great Vespers** **7 pm**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)

 Sun., Aug. 25th **Apostle Titus**
 Hours **9:15 am**
 Divine Liturgy **9:30 am**

Announcements:

WEDDING BANNS Announcement # 1 ~~

*Joelle Lynn Niro and Dale Edward Fisher will be united in
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 7.*

TODAY -- Come one, come all to HROC's Church Picnic at *Community Bank Park* (behind the Dairy Queen in North Belle Vernon) **from 1 pm to 5 pm**. There will be plenty of food and fun for everyone. Snacks and desserts are welcome!

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in New Salem will be holding their Annual Otpust **Sunday, August 25th** from **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' there between 1:30 and 5:30 pm.

Thanks for the canning jars! There are some fresh green beans and pickles available to whomever could use them.

Church Traditions Associated with August Holy Days:

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.

Save the Date: This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** from **12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that *we are in need of volunteers* to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! (Please see the vestibule bulletin board for a listing of all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.) Your help and cooperation are always needed and appreciated! Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

If cooking isn't up your alley, help in the form of monetary donations are also needed with restocking of supplies! A year in the life of our Parish has been busy with repasts, Presanctified Liturgy, special coffee hours, etc., and some of our festival supplies of wrapped silverware, takeout containers, plates, napkins, plastic wrap, foil, sterno, etc. have been put to good use, but have dwindled. Can you help with restocking of the necessary supplies to help this year's Festival run smoothly? Thank you in advance with your help and God Bless. See either Marie or Mary.

Don't forget! -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause.

Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!

HELP WANTED: Volunteers need to cut and trim church grass for Summer and Fall. Let a member of Parish Council know if interested.

Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

Florus and Laurus were twin brothers who worked as stonemasons in Illyria. They were commissioned to build a structure that was to be used as a pagan temple. The brothers took the money given them for their work but gave away the sum to the poor. The temple was built and the statues of the pagan gods duly installed. The brothers, however, were grieved that their efforts would be used to further the worship of idols. They entered the site at night and pulled down the statues with ropes. When the sacrilege against the pagan gods was discovered, the authorities were enraged, and Florus and Laurus and all the poor who had helped them were arrested. The brothers were martyred by being thrown down a well. They suffered in the second century. Their relics, discovered to be incorrupt, were later taken to Constantinople.

Collection: August 4th: \$1,775 August 11th: \$1,623