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August 25, 2019 — Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Intention: Repose of Dr. BASIL Nakonechny (req. by Andrew and Maureen McCauley)

Troparia:

1. *Resurrection (tone 2)*, p. 72
2. *St. George*, p. 25
3. Kontakion, of the Nativity: Through your holy birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anne were delivered from the shame of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. Your people, redeemed from the debt of their sins, cry out to you to honor your birth: "the barren one gives birth to the Mother of God the Sustainer of our life!"

Prokeimenon: My strength and my courage is in the Lord, / and He has been my Saviour.

Epistle: I Corinthians 9:2-12 (Today: Francisco Roxas. Next Sunday: Marcelino Roxas)

Gospel: The Unforgiving Servant, Matthew 18:23-35

Ushers: George Baho, Anthony Geiger (Next Sunday: Mark Spankowski, George Baho)

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: John & Alice Herro, Bill Koutris, Nick Langenfeld, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Leah Schwalenberg, Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasenor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo.

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$160; candles=\$14; ordinary collections=\$649. Thanks for your generosity!

Schedule for This Week

Monday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Tuesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Wednesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour
6pm Great Vespers

Thursday: *Beheading of the Forerunner (Strict Fast)*
7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Friday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers

Sunday: *New Church Year*
9:45am Orthros (Matins)
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Michel Aboul-Zelof (8/26) and (Said Audi (8/29). May God grant you many years!

Our Observance of John's Death

Because John, whom the Lord Himself had called the greatest man born of woman, was killed as a result of Herod's birthday revels, the Byzantine Churches observe the day as a strict fast: no parties, no luxury foods, no drink. We see where these things can lead. A number of popular local customs have arisen to mark this day among various Eastern Christians. In various places people may: 1) Avoid eating anything on round plates, since Salome asked for John's head "*on a platter*" (Mark 6:25). Use bowls instead. 2) Avoid eating any round fruits or vegetables (they resemble a head). 3) Avoid eating anything that requires use of knives or anything that cuts. 4) Avoid eating or drinking anything red (they remind us of blood).

A contemporary way to observe this commemoration might be to fast and pray for those who have died senselessly at the hands of others through terrorism, armed conflicts or senseless violence. Think of them as John's "companions in suffering".

Upcoming Events

September 8th: Feast of the Nativity of our most Holy Lady the Mother of God

September 14th: Exaltation of the Cross

September 28th and 29th: Doors Open Milwaukee

September 29th: Middle Eastern Dinner