



# Weekly Bulletin

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

A Community of the Orthodox Church in America

Witnessing to the Ancient Faith in Trumbull County for over 80 Years

**Father Brian Crivella**, Pastor

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**The Friend of the Bridegroom: "He Must Increase and I Must Decrease."**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sep 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>12<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Tone 3 / Leavetaking of the Nativity of Theotokos</i> Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Matthew 19:16-26 9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sep 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Exaltation of the Holy &amp; Lifegiving Cross</i> Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 John 19:6-35 6:00 pm Vespers Liturgy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sep 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Afterfeast of the Cross / St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna</i> 5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sep 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>13<sup>th</sup> Sun after Pentecost / Tone 4 / Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i> Readings: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Matthew 21:33-42 9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / September 5<sup>th</sup>**

Attendance: (Adults: 54, Children 17)	71
Weekly Offering	\$2559.00
Candle Offerings	\$76.00
Project Mexico	\$50.00

**Church School**

After a restful summer break catechism for the children of the parish will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup>. This year Church School will be on Sundays immediately following the dismissal blessing in the classrooms.

**Church School / Youth Group Meeting!**

During coffee hour and after church there will be a meeting for the parents and anyone interested in the church school and youth group program this year.

**Adult Class on Iconography!**

Starting Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fr. Brian will begin teaching an adult class on the history, reading, and meaning of Holy Icons in the parish social hall at 6:15pm

**Memory Eternal Fr. Stacey Richter**

Fr. Stacey, a beloved priest in our diocese, unexpectedly fell asleep in The Lord last Sunday while preparing to serve The Liturgy. A card is located on the candlestand for all members of the parish who wish to sign for Fr. Stacey's family. An additional basket will be passed today for a special collection to support Fr. Stacey's wife, Matushka Trudi, and their three children.

**PRAYER CORNER + + + + +**

Fr. Mark Leasure / Brother Andrew / Julie Crivella (Fr. Brian's Mom) / Richard Alberini / Art, Connie & Sophia Cogar / Jeremiah Roscoe / Dana Ronyak / Donnie & Cherie Davidson / Jennifer Brainard / Michael, Catherine, & Zoe Stan / Dana Lutz / Ellen Marie / Leslie / Joanne Kaschak / Lilian / Alice & Matthew / Magie & Kenny Sanders / Bill Paluch / Nina Lowry / Alyssa Angle / Josephine Grabko / James Livermore / Sarah Crivella / The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy

**Newly Married:** Aaron & Tatyana Rutz

**Expecting:** Juliana, Lauren Mihalyo, Matushka Carly Koranda & Their unborn Children

**Memory Eternal:** Ted Geletka (8/20) Archpriest Sergei Glagolev (9/1) Archpriest Stacey Richter (9/5)

**Birthdays:** Kirsten Deemer (Mon), John Tutoki (Wed), Marge Petty (Fri)

**Anniversaries:** Vadim & Kathy Stehnach (Wed)

**Candle Commemorations**

<b>Theotokos</b>	In Memory of the Yedinak Family
<b>Altar</b>	For the Health of Kathy & Vadim
<b>Christ</b>	In Memory of Helen Skovran

# Remembering 9/11: Twenty Years Later



To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we remember the day as a tragedy in the truest sense of the word. It is fitting to reflect on this catastrophe with great sorrow, sobriety, and prayer.

We remember the lives that were cut short in the collapse of the towers of the World Trade Center, the damage to the Pentagon, and the wreckage of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. There were almost three thousand people who never came home, taken from their family and friends who were left to grieve and try to make sense of their loss. Many more were injured and forever scarred, both physically and emotionally. Even those who were not present at the sites of the

attacks have vivid imagery of that day come into their minds unbidden.

The repercussions of that terrible day have unfolded and consequences have been felt in all corners of the world. The pain of the terrorist attacks has led to the pain of the past two decades where we have seen “wars and rumors of wars” (Matt. 24:6).

On this somber occasion I encourage you to consider with renewed faith the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Soon we will celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

Look to the Life-giving Cross for healing, as God told the Hebrew people to look to the bronze serpent in the wilderness (Num. 21:4-9). Fixing our gaze on the Cross cures the serpent’s bite and reminds us that even great suffering cannot separate us from the love of God.

Recall that the Cross, an instrument of death, was revealed by God as the “invincible trophy” (Kontakion of the Cross) which puts evil to flight. By virtue of the Cross, the power of God is manifest and enables us to do difficult things — even forgiving those who carried out these appalling attacks.

Great tragedies in our world call us to repentance, and anniversaries like today remind us that we are sojourners and exiles here on earth (1 Pet. 2:11). We look with hope towards the Kingdom of God. Always do we, as St. Paul remarked, “desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one” (Heb 11:16).

Let us continue to remember in prayer all those who lost their lives, the survivors who continue to live with disability, the first-responders who carry emotional burdens of that day, and the families and friends of the victims who have suffered their grief over these twenty years.

May the Lord bring His comfort to all.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada