

# St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 – 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus, of Nicomedia (304). Bl. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, at Constantinople (936)**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

## Parish Schedule This Week

### Thurs. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

Vespers 6:30 PM, by Potluck dinner and Lecture/discussion by Isaac Lampart

### Friday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Liturgy 9:30, followed by coffee fellowship and open discussion w/Isaac Lampart

### Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

No Vespers, NO CLASS

### Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

Hours @ 9:40 AM , Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

**Thank you SO MUCH** to all who came and worked hard Saturday making Pierogies! God bless you all in your efforts for our parish. **Monday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** we will do kraut and cottage cheese pierogies, also at **8:00AM**. Finally **Oct 20<sup>th</sup>** we will make stuffed cabbage, beginning at **9:00AM**. Again, all help is so greatly appreciated.

**A guest lecturer**, Isaac Lampart, will be giving a talk Thursday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> following Vespers and a potluck dinner, as well as Friday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> following Liturgy. Bring a dish to share, and invite a friend! The talk is entitled: Forgiveness & Prayer in the Hesychast Saints

**We have plenty of Stuffed Cabbage left for sale, frozen. Now \$1.50 each**, to help us clear out the freezers. Available in packs of 2, 4, and 6.

**We are still in need of two people to fill the vacancies on the audit committee** for the parish. Please speak to council members if you are willing to help with this.

**Vespers and Bible Study** meets every Wednesday following Vespers. Come pray and study holy

scripture together. Invite a friend!

**Bulletin and Website Information** Please email [saintjohnnewken@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnnewken@gmail.com) with any information you need printed in the bulletin and/or uploaded to the parish website, ie Sarris candy orders, youth group activities, etc., by the Friday before the Sunday it needs to be shared.

## Sanctify our own vessel

*The greatest help and the greatest expression of love that we have to give to everyone is to sanctify our own vessel. This is why when someone repents, he becomes a sign of hope for the whole world. You have seen how when a forest is destroyed in South America, oxygen is lost throughout the world. If one person repents, if one person receives the grace of God, he supplies the oxygen of life and hope to the whole world.*

## This is the goal of life

*In the Church, one does not hear the phrase “dog-eat-dog” in the Divine Liturgy, but rather, “Eat my body, and drink my Blood”, so that you may have life. And so, man is fed heavenly food and joy; the resulting blessing is that man himself becomes Christ by grace. Then he rejoices because he comprehends that his existence, his life, and his words can feed and strengthen others. He understands that his presence and his words are food to be eaten, and drink to be consumed in order to satisfy and quench the thirst of another who is unknown and a stranger, who suffers and grieves, to quench the thirst of his true, precious, and actual self, his entire being. This is the goal of life; to reach maturity in order to give and offer oneself to others.*

## Not of this world

*Our Lord’s Kingdom is not of this world. Here we have a new sort of King, who advances in the plenitude of His power when He is naked and unarmed: a new, great King who for the first time has no enemies except enmity. He does not want to crush particular enemies in order to defeat them, but rather to annul enmity itself. This is why He allows them to overpower Him and to kill Him so as to give all the opportunity to live and enter into eternal life.*

- Elder Vasileios of Iveron -

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