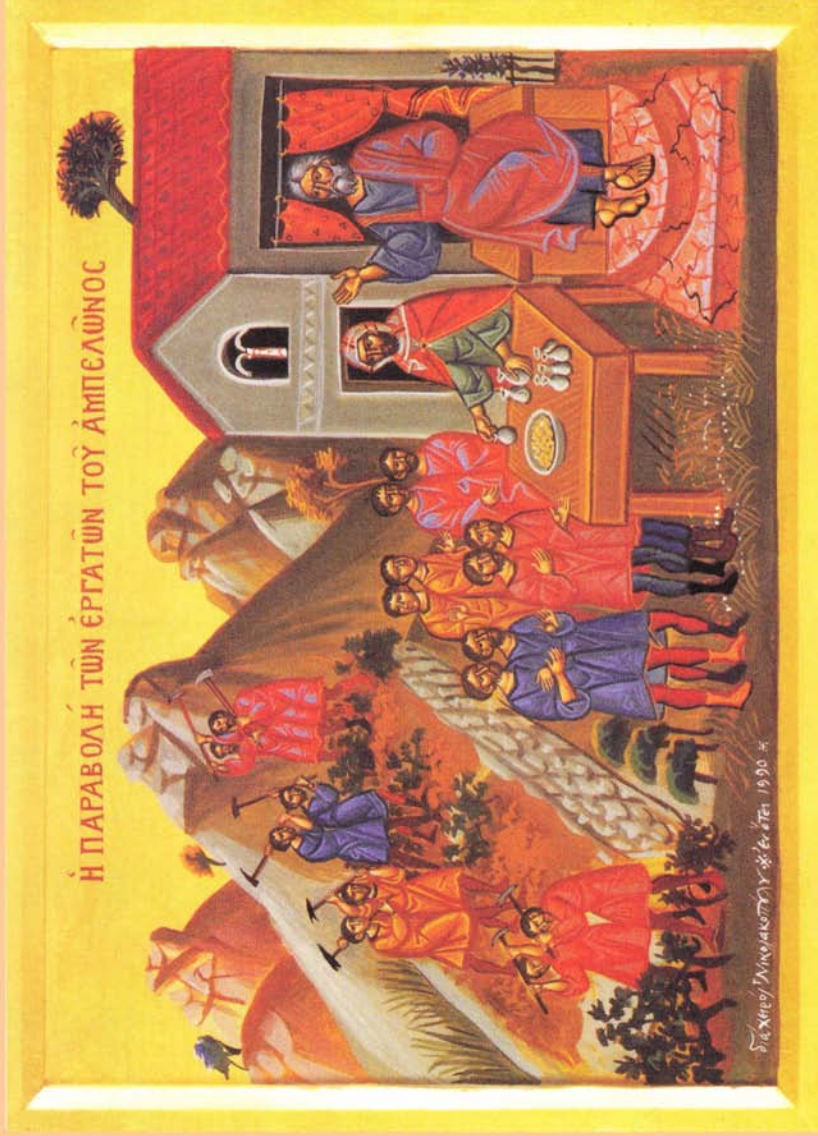


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Parable of the Tenants and the Vineyard

August 22, 2010
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 4

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 – 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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*Remember in your prayers*



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the

following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Natalie, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, Sonia Shashkewych, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

*Remember Those In The Armed Forces*

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hryniw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the *Liturgies to Fr. James*.



**50th Anniversary**

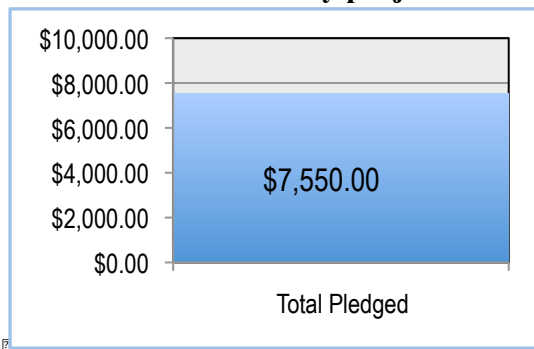
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of November 20 – 21. Bishop Richard has confirmed his attendance so planning is underway. Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

***May his memory be eternal!***

***Вічна Память!***

Peter Bumbar, one of the founding members of our parish, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday August 7th. He was laid to rest this past Thursday at Holy Cross Cemetery. Please remember Peter in your prayers as well as his entire family.

**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project**



**Have You Seen?**

We are currently looking for the black binders of music for the Parastas service, which seem to have gone missing. If you may have inadvertently taken one home, please, bring it back to be kept in the church.

Thank you!



The Beheading of St. John the Forerunner is the commemoration of the martyrdom of John the Forerunner. It is a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint.

It is commemorated by the Church on August 29.

Although the Forerunner was beheaded in the Spring, around the time of the Passover, this feast was fixed for August, when a church was dedicated in its honor.

The accounts about the martyrdom of John the Baptist are provided by Ss. Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29). It was in the 32nd year after the Birth of Christ.

### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,  
 But the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.  
 You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets,  
 For you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold.  
 Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,  
 You proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh,  
 Who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

### **Kontakion (Tone 5)**

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner,  
 Became an act of divine dispensation,  
 For he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior.  
 Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder,  
 Loving not the law of God, nor eternal life,  
 But that which is false and temporal.

## **On the Raising of Children**

*Your children will always be sufficiently wealthy if they receive from you a good upbringing that is able to order their moral life and behavior. Thus, strive not to make them rich, but rather to make them pious masters of their passions, rich in virtues. Teach them not to think up illusory needs, reckoning their worth according to worldly standards. Attentively watch their deeds, their acquaintances and their attachments—and do not expect any mercy from God if you do not fulfill this duty.*

– St. John Chrysostom

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- ❖ Most people come to church because of a personal invitation.
- ❖ Only 2% of church-going people invite someone to church in a given year. That means 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year!
- ❖ 7 out of 10 unchurched people have never been invited to church in their whole lives.
- ❖ 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited.
- ❖ The top "rational" reason adults seldom or never attend church is they don't agree with organized religion or what they preach (24 percent).
- ❖ The top "practical" reasons for hardly attending or missing church altogether, 21 percent said they don't have time or they don't get around to it.
- ❖ Children and youth who attend religious services weekly, exhibit fewest behavior problems, are more likely to have high-quality relationships with their parents, and are more likely to exhibit positive social behavior, including showing respect for teachers and neighbors, getting along with other children, understanding other people's feelings, and trying to resolve conflicts with classmates, family or friends.
- ❖ September 12, 2010 is National Back To Church Sunday! Who will you invite?

**Святкуємо 50-років!**

***Celebrating 50 Years!***

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***Vines in the Vineyard***

You need only to look at the vine to be reminded of your own nature, that is, if you observe it intelligently. No doubt you remember the image used by the Lord in which He says that He is the vine and the Father the vinedresser. Each of us who have been grafted onto the Church by faith He calls branches, and He urges us to bear much fruit so as not to be rejected as useless and thrown onto the fire.

Throughout the Scriptures the Lord continually likens human souls to vines. Clearly it is human souls that He calls His vineyard, and the hedge He has put round them is the security of His commandments and the protection of the angels; for *the angel of the Lord will encamp around those who fear him*. Moreover, by establishing in the Church apostles in the first place, prophets in the second, and teachers in the third, He has surrounded us as though by a firmly planted fortification.

He also requires that we allow ourselves to be weeded. To be spiritually weeded means to have renounced the worldly ambitions that burdened our hearts. Anyone who has renounced the love of material things and attachment to possessions, or who has come to regard as despicable and deserving of contempt the poor, wretched glory of this world, is like a weeded vine. Freed from the profitless burden of earthly aspirations, that person can breathe again.

*St. Basil the Great*