

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



*Icon of Saints Adrian, Natalie and Joseph -- August 26th*

# August 26, 2012

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY MARTYRS ADRIAN, NATALIA, HIS WIFE AND 23 OTHERS WITH THEM

### TONE 4

#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29 – BEHEADING OF THE GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIZER JOHN

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – THE BEGINNING OF THE INDICATION, WHICH IS THE NEW YEAR; OUR VENERABLE FATHER SYMEON THE STYLITE AND ARCHIMANDRITE, AND HIS MOTHER, MARTHA; SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS IN MIASENA; THE HOLY MARTYR AITHALAS, DEACON IN PERSIA; THE FORTY HOLY MARTYRED WOMEN AND DEACON AMMON, THEIR TEACHER; THE HOLY MARTYRS CALLISTA AND HER BROTHERS, EVODUS AND HERMOGEN IN NICOMEDIA; THE RIGHTEOUS JOSHUA, SON OF NUN

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy Health & Blessings Kanyk & Tooma Families; Req: Alexandra Tooma

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE HOLY MARTYR MAMAS; OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN THE FASTER, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners



### Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

### Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, [stjohnthebaptizer.org](http://stjohnthebaptizer.org).

Last week's bulletin listed a \$2500.00 "Gift to the Parish." This was the generosity of Mary Hojsan of blessed memory who designated this gift in her will.

### Eternal Memory!

## God's Extended Hand

URGENT ANNOUNCEMENT Re: FOCUS San Diego Dinners: If we don't gather teams of people to open God's Extended Hand (1625 Island Ave SD 92101) and prepare and serve dinner each Wednesday, many poor & homeless people will go without dinner! There is an urgent need for those who are able to serve with volunteers from other parishes on Wednesday 8/29. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED for:

- Food Prep & Cooking (4-6 people): 2:00-6:30 PM,
- Doorman & Floorman (2 trained men, & 1 or 2 others who want to learn): 4:00-7:15 PM
- Serving & Clean Up ( 8-10 people): 6:20-8:00 PM.

For more info, or to volunteer, please contact Patty: [pattydiaz@focusna.org](mailto:pattydiaz@focusna.org) or 858-679-9283. You may also contact Fr. James. May God bless you for giving of your time and energy for His work!

## Faithful Citizenship Quiz

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/all-catholics/faithful-citizenship-quiz-questions.cfm>

Are you a faithful citizen? Test your knowledge of the issues and the Church's position on them by taking our quiz.

**1) How many unborn children have lost their lives to abortion since Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in 1973?**

- A) 9 million
- B) 27 million
- C) 53 million
- D) 89 million

**2) How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells harvested from human embryos that were destroyed to obtain them?**

- A) 0
- B) 12
- C) 45
- D) 73

**3) How many successful treatments for "incurable" diseases have been developed using stem cells from adult tissue sources, causing no harm to the stem cell donor?**

- A) 0
- B) 12
- C) 45
- D) 73

**4) How many U.S. children live in a household that is "food insecure," which means it can't provide enough food for its members at some point during the year?**

- A) 2.2 million
- B) 8.2 million
- C) 12.2 million
- D) 16.2 million

**5) The official poverty rate in America is:**

- A) 9.8 %
- B) 11.5 %
- C) 15.1 %
- D) 22.4%

**6) How long has the average jobless worker been unemployed?**

- A) 6 months
- B) 9 months
- C) 10 months
- D) 12 months

**7) According to a 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., what percentage of American adults believed it is important to make sure that health care professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections?**

- A) 28%
- B) 42%
- C) 65%
- D) 87%

**8) How many patients who are hospitalized in the United States each year are cared for in a Catholic hospital?**

- A) 1 in 9
- B) 1 in 6
- C) 1 in 5
- D) 1 in 3

**9) According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of Obstetrics & Gynecology, what percentage of practicing ob/gyns performs abortions?**

- A) 14%
- B) 25%
- C) 50%
- D) 70%

**10) Children raised in intact married families are less likely to:**

- A) Be physically and sexually abused
- B) Use drugs or alcohol
- C) Become pregnant/impregnate someone as a teenager
- D) All of the above

**11) According to a study by the University of Chicago. . . which factor best predicts that a boy will exhibit good behavior in 5th grade and avoid being suspended in 8th grade?**

- A) Attending a high-quality elementary school
- B) Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother
- C) Receiving instruction from a caring and competent teacher
- D) Attending a high-quality preschool

**12) Children in single-parent families comprise \_\_\_\_\_ of all American children, yet they account for \_\_\_\_\_ of all poor children.**

- A) 27%, 62%
- B) 31%, 49%
- C) 39%, 71%
- D) 42%, 50%

**13) Unauthorized immigrants take advantage of our welfare system to their own advantage and at the taxpayer's expense.**

- A) True
- B) False

**14) Undocumented immigrants pay taxes.**

- A) True
- B) False

**15) Studies show that unauthorized immigrants provide a net gain of how much to the Social Security system each year?**

- A) \$8 million
- B) \$100 million
- C) \$650 million
- D) \$7 billion

**16) Torture is intrinsically evil.**

- A) True
- B) False

**17) What percent of victims maimed or killed by landmines and cluster munitions are civilians?**

- A) 20%
- B) 40%
- C) 70%
- D) 90%

**18) Life-saving poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease and poverty makes up what percent of the U.S. federal budget?**

- A) 1 %
- B) 4 %
- C) 11 %
- D) 16%

**19) Which of the following are effects of climate change:**

- A) Increased temperatures
- B) Rising sea levels
- C) Changes in rainfall that contribute to more frequent and severe floods and droughts
- D) All of the above

**20) People with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity.**

- A) True
- B) False



Don't argue with an atheist, don't argue with an angry man, don't argue with a bitter man. Don't argue with an atheist because man is by nature devout. Don't argue with an angry man because man is by nature peaceful and calm. If you argue with an angry man, you argue with the devil. Don't argue with a bitter man because man is by nature grateful, and thankful to God. What you should do is by acts of love and mercy pray that God would enlighten the person. You are not going to convince them by argument and logic.

– Saint Nikolai Velomirovich

## Faithful Citizenship Quiz: Answers

### 1) ANSWER: C) 53 million.

There is currently no federal requirement to report abortions, and state reporting requirements also vary from one state to another. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute (GI) use different methods of data collection: GI (originally founded as Planned Parenthood's research arm) obtains its numbers from direct surveys of abortion providers, while CDC surveys state health departments. GI's figures, the basis for this estimate, are considered more complete.

### 2) ANSWER: A) 0.

While at least two companies have started early clinical trials using cells derived from human embryonic stem cells, one trial was discontinued after disappointing early results, and no trial has shown benefits for patients in peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature.

### 3) ANSWER: D) 73.

To see a list of the 73 conditions that have shown patient benefits from human adult and cord blood stem cells with citations to the peer-reviewed medical and scientific literature documenting these benefits, go to <http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/treatments.htm>

### 4) ANSWER: D) 16.2 million.

According to the USDA ... , over 16.2 million children lived in food insecure (low food security and very low food security) households in 2010.

### 5) ANSWER: C) 15.1%.

The official poverty rate in America is 15.1% – the highest level in 17 years. (United States Census Bureau (“Census”) annual report for 2010)

### 6) ANSWER: C) 10 months.

Approximately 24 million people (23.8) are unemployed or underemployed--a real unemployment rate around 15 percent and the average jobless worker has been unemployed for forty weeks – 10 months.

### 7) ANSWER: D) 87%.

In an April 2009 survey by The Polling Company, Inc., 87% of American adults believed it is important (and 65% saw it as very important) to “make sure that health care professionals in America are not forced to participate in procedures and practices to which they have moral objections.”

### 8) ANSWER: B) 1 in 6.

Catholic hospitals care for 1 in 6 patients in the United States each year, and provide the full continuum of health care through more than 2,000 sponsors, systems, facilities, and related organizations, employing 725,000 individuals.

### 9) ANSWER: A) 14%.

According to a study released in the September 2011 issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, the journal of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, only 14% of practicing ob/gyns perform abortions.

### 10) ANSWER: D) All of the above.

Social science research continues to affirm the benefits children receive by being raised by their own married father and mother, each of whom brings unique gifts to the shared task of parenting, that is, fathering and mothering. For an overview of pertinent research and more background on the Church's teaching about the importance of fathers and mothers, see: <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/children-faq/>

### 11) ANSWER: B)

Being raised in an intact home with both his father and mother. In addition to confirming again that both moms and dads matter for children, this recent study is unique because it illuminates the crucial influence that fathers have on their sons. The researchers found that even when controlling for school quality and other external factors, the presence or absence of a father at home was the biggest single correlate with a boy's ability to interact appropriately with peers and adults. A similar effect on girls was not found. For more info see: <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/children-faq/#q4>

**12) ANSWER: A) 27%, 62%.**

Sadly, children in single-parent homes are much more likely to suffer poverty than children being raised by their father and mother – not only material poverty, but also the poverty of lacking one of their parents, usually their father. Strong marriages are the foundation of a strong society. Read more on the relationship between marriage and the common good at: <http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/the-common-good-faq/>

**13) ANSWER: B) False.**

On a federal level, and with very few exceptions (for example, prenatal care), unauthorized immigrants are ineligible to receive assistance through means tested public benefits. On a state level, individual states have to make an affirmative legislative decision to provide services to the unauthorized populations; the default position is such that the unauthorized population is prohibited from receiving such benefits.

**14) ANSWER: A) True.**

Undocumented immigrants pay taxes. Between 50-75% of undocumented immigrants pay federal, state and local taxes. Further still, undocumented workers pay sales taxes where applicable and property taxes—directly if they own and indirectly if they rent.

**15) ANSWER: D) \$7 billion.**

7 billion dollars is the number commonly cited by experts as the amount that unauthorized immigrants contribute to the Social Security trust fund annually. Because they are unable to collect social security due to their unauthorized status, this money helps to ensure the funds long term viability for future generations of retirees.

**16) ANSWER: A) True.**

Torture is an intrinsic evil because it is a violation of the dignity of the human person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Even those who may have done evil never shed their intrinsic dignity.

**17) ANSWER: D) 90%.**

Ninety percent of people killed or maimed by land mines and cluster munitions are non-military civilians. In addition, 30-40 percent of those killed or maimed by landmines are children. The United States and Cuba are the only countries in the Western Hemisphere who have not yet signed the Mine Ban Treaty which bans the use of landmines.

**18) ANSWER: A) 1%.**

Life-saving poverty-focused international assistance that fights hunger, disease and poverty makes up less than 1% of the U.S. federal budget. These life-saving programs include agricultural assistance for subsistence farmers, vaccines for preventable diseases, assistance to orphans and vulnerable children, disaster assistance in places like Haiti, peacekeeping forces to protect innocent civilians in troubled areas such as Sudan and the Congo, and support to migrants and refugees fleeing conflict or persecution in nations such as Iraq.

**19) ANSWER: D) All of the above.**

Increased temperatures, rising sea levels, and changes in rainfall are all impacts of climate change, and they affect people living in poverty the worst, even though these people contribute the least to climate change. In many poor countries, these impacts of climate change have led to increasingly limited access to water, reduced crop yields, more widespread disease, increased frequency and intensity of natural disasters, and conflict over declining resources—making the lives of the world's poorest people even more precarious.

**20) ANSWER: A) True.**

In 2008, the Census Bureau started collecting statistics on disability status as a way to study the intersection of poverty and disability. The data clearly demonstrate that people with disabilities have a much more difficult time finding the resources they need to live in dignity. In 2010, 28 percent of people with disabilities lived in poverty, a rate over twice as high as people without a disability (12 percent).

### Sunday offering for August 19

Amount	Number
\$10.00	2
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	3
\$40.00	1
\$50.00	2
<u>\$1500.00</u>	<u>1</u>
\$1765.00	10 Parishioners

Parishioner Total: \$1765.00

Average / parish household (39): 45.26

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: (\$360.00)

### *From the Sayings of the Fathers*

What is a merciful heart? It is a heart on fire for the whole of creation, for humanity, for the birds, for the animals, for demons, and for all that exists. By the recollection of them the eyes of a merciful person pour forth tears in abundance. By the strong and vehement mercy that grips such a person's heart, and by such great compassion, the heart is humbled and one cannot bear to hear or to see any injury or slight sorrow in any in creation. For this reason, such a person offers up tearful prayer continually even for irrational beasts, for the enemies of the truth, and for those who harm her or him, that they be protected and receive mercy.

– *St. Isaac the Syrian, 7th century*

### **Fast Day – August 29th**

On Wednesday, August 29th, we remember the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. This is a day of fast and abstinence.

### ON THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE LITURGY

*St. Maximos the Confessor*

It is necessary for every Christian to spend time in the holy church of God, and never to miss the celebration of the Divine Liturgy – for here, the holy angels have custody – they register the people going in each time and offer their angelic intercessions on their behalf. Each person who is found present at the Divine Liturgy, the grace of the Holy Spirit transforms, remolds, and truly remodels into a more divine image, conforming to Himself.

### **The Church New Year – September 1st**

Every time we enter upon another year whether it be civil or ecclesiastical we have the opportunity to reflect upon the past and make changes for a better future. Let us ask ourselves: What practical changes can I make which will allow the Lord to act more in my life? Can I do more in my spiritual life – prayer, study, almsgiving, stewardship? Can we do more as a community – outreach, charity, evangelism? How can I personally and we collectively play a part in making this coming year better than the previous year?

### ***Please Note:***

When you go on vacation, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. The summer months are most difficult due to the decrease in attendance. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.



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***His Body, His Blood***

Because we are composed of a dual nature, soul and body, we need a dual birth and dual nourishment. We receive our birth by means of water and Spirit, that is, by Holy Baptism. We find our nourishment in the bread of life, that is, in Jesus Christ himself. When the moment arrived for Him to undergo death for us of His own free will, on the night in which He was to be handed over to His enemies, He established a new covenant with His disciples, and through them with all those who believe in Him. He washed his disciples' feet, offering in this a symbol of Holy Baptism. Then, breaking the bread, He gave it to them saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body which will be broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.' In the same way He gave them the cup with the wine and the water saying: 'Drink, this is my blood.' If sky, earth, water,

iron and air have been created by the Word of God, so much more certainly this noble being called humanity has been formed by Him. And if the Word himself became flesh by the pure blood of the Virgin, will He not be able to make the bread His body and the wine and water His blood? In the beginning God said: 'Let the earth bring forth green grass.' And so after that the earth, watered by the rain, in obedience to God's command, brings forth its fruits. Then God said: 'This is my body, this is my blood,' adding: 'Do this in memory of me.' After that, all the mystery takes place, thanks to His all-powerful Word, and proclaims its faith in the Lord. It is a new kind of planting. The rain comes down on it, that is to say, the power of the Spirit comes down, and overshadows it.

*St. John of Damascus*