

## SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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Martyr Agathonicus

Sunday September 4, 2016

1 Cor. 9:2-12, Matt. 18:23-35

Tropar and Kondak Tone 2

Next week we will begin to have the Sunday Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Hours and Confessions at 9:30 AM.

**Strict Fast** is observed on the feast of the *BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, Sunday, September 11* (Aug. 29). Strict Fast means no meat, dairy, wine or oil. Also, in commemoration of the way that St. John was martyred, pious Orthodox will not eat from a plate but only from a bowl, will not use knives to eat with, and will not eat foods that are round or come as a 'head' (cabbage, lettuce, etc.).

**Blessing of Students and Teachers** – We will have a blessing of students and teachers on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the beginning of the new school year.

The **3-D program** benefits our Camp Nazareth and other worthwhile diocesan institutions. The contribution requested to be made a Distinguished Diocesan Donor is still only \$100. With your contribution you will be invited to the annual dinner. If you wish to donate and have not done so yet, you can send your donation directly to the diocese. You should make out your check to "ACROD", and mail it to Orthodox Diocese of Johnstown, 312 Garfield St., Johnstown, PA 15906. Make sure to note that this is for the 3D program. If you wish to bring a guest to the dinner, the cost is \$30 per guest.

"Do not rest your heart on temporal rewards. If it were good to do so, that human nature which God's Son assumed would have thus set its heart. Do not fear insults, crosses and death; for if they did man harm, the humanity which God's Son assumed would not have endured them."

St. Augustine of Hippo

**Birthdays** – Sherry Orsargos 9/10

"If we are on the watch to see our own faults, we shall not see those of our neighbor. It is folly for a man who has a dead person in his house to leave him there, and to weep over his neighbor's dead."

St. Moses the Ethiopian

**Church Slavonic Classes:** Father John Brancho will offer classes in Old Church Slavonic at the Seminary on Fridays from 1 - 3:30 PM. Classes begin on September 12th through December 19th. Fee is \$200 for the fall semester for the 3-credit class. To enroll, please contact Fr. Brancho at (814) 539-5043.

"A terrible accident has a power to awaken us to the realization of the existence of various calamities and dangers surrounding us, from which the Providence of God preserves us. At the same time it convincingly persuades us to acknowledge our own infirmity and weakness and to seek the Father's protection and His most powerful defense, which affirms us in the Wisdom and the Word of God, which came down from above by the will of the Heavenly Father under a curtain of flesh like ours, woven by the Divine Might from the Immaculate Virgin, for our salvation. He became man and taught us to pray that we be not led into temptation. This reminds us from what Father we have our existence, and this in turn should make us seek our heavenly Fatherland and our eternal inheritance."

— St. Herman of Alaska

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