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August 23, 2026

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Martyr Lupus

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Fri., Aug. 28th	**Vespers with Litya of Feast of the Beheading of Prophet and Forerunner St. John the Baptist**	**7 pm**
	Sat., Aug. 29th	**Feast of the Beheading of Prophet and Forerunner St. John the Baptist** *(St. John the Baptist, Canonsburg)*	**9:30 am**
		Great Vespers with Confession	**6 pm**
	Sun., Aug. 30th	**Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner; Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople**	
		Moleben for Students Beginning Instruction	**9 am**
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 *(Resurrection)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-42 *(Resurrection)*

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)* Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy. **Tone 1 Troparion** *(Feast)* In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.	**Tone 3 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power. **Tone 2 Kontakion** *(Feast)* Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.	**Tone 3 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! *(Ps. 46:6)* *V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)* **Tone 3 Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Theotokos)* My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. *(Lk. 1:46-47)*

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

Therefore, whether *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel

(Matthew 19:16-26)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, **"Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."**

He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, ***"'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,'***

'Honor your father and your mother,'* and, *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"

Jesus said to him, **"If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."**

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, **"Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.**

"And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"

But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, **"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."**

Announcements:

A Note from Fr. Evan:

As part of our due honor, love, care, and reverence for the Mysteries, each person receiving Holy Communion is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice). I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Evan

COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – AUGUST 29.

This holy day is always observed as a solemn fast. Furthermore, it is a pious custom of the faithful throughout the Orthodox world to avoid eating any food served on a dish, plate or platter on this day out of respect for St. John. His head was retrieved from his place of execution at Salome's request and presented to Herod on a platter at his birthday banquet.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

In addition to the 2 pews in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a few other items: 1 wooden chest, misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

Did you lose something? If so, see Marie Dudzinski who is safely keeping it.

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

Note <u>Date Changes</u>!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:
Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Aug. 29th	**Potato & Cheese Perohi & Noodles**
Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***