

### ***A Note from our Treasurer, Jo Ann Broda:***

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our parish in 2019. For budgeting purposes we will plan on your 2019 pledge and/or your actual donation (whichever was higher) continuing in 2020 unless you notify me of a change. Families who have not yet pledged, will be asked to make a pledge in the coming weeks so that we can rely on a steady stream of income to pay bills and further grow the church.

The budget for 2020 was approved at the annual parish meeting and represents **an increase of about 8% in spending**. In order to meet our budget plans, stewardship will need to increase either by new pledging stewards or increased family giving.

If you haven't increased your weekly/monthly donation in a few years, please prayerfully consider doing so as everything increases in cost each year for the church just as it does everywhere else. Your Time, Talent and Treasures are all part of your stewardship. If you are not able to give more, perhaps you can do more. As our Lord said "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few". There are many areas of parish life that need you!

May God richly reward us for our efforts done in His Name!

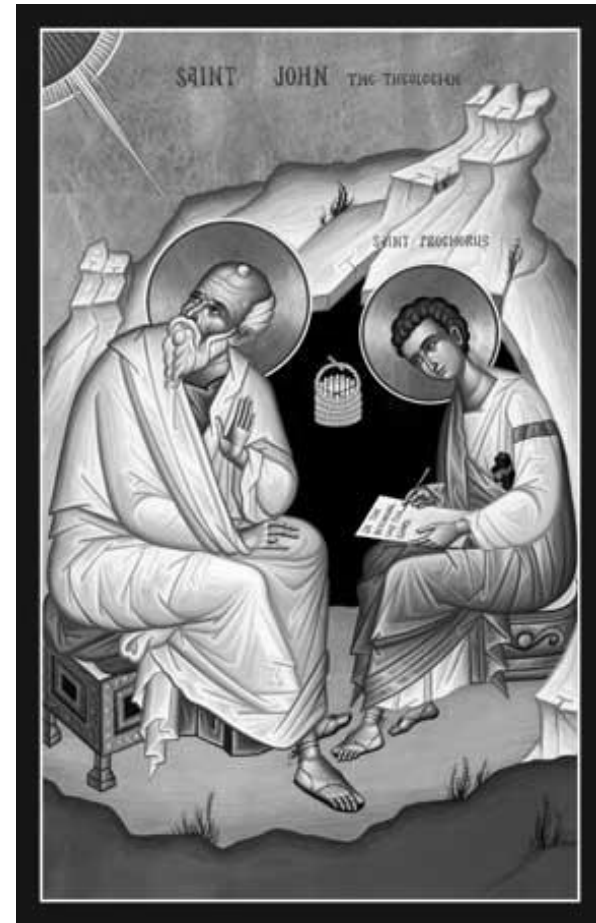
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### **Pledging Families 2019 (26 in total):**

Abaunza	Abramowich	Alexandrovich
Asendorf/Lade	Bello	Bonanno
Broda	Cachimpanis	Del Gigante
Deluca	Grygoruk	Ivanoff
Januszkiewicz	Kraus	Makarewicz
McHugh	Medvedev	Mouzykin
Pappas	Noon	Ricciardi
Samson/Ergel	Sirico	Sukhanov
Trojak-Hempton	Volisko	

## **St. John the Theologian Orthodox Church**

158 West End Avenue, Shirley, NY 11967



### **Our Vision:**

*At St. John the Theologian Orthodox Church, you will feel God's love so deeply and hear God's Word so clearly, that you will be inspired to become the saint God calls you to be.*

# Welcome To All Our Guests!

If you would like more information about parish life or membership, please see Father Jonathan. Our literature racks also contain a wealth of free information about the Orthodox Faith; please help yourself!



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Last Week's Stewardship: **\$1,926**      Weekly Goal: **\$1,500**  
Coffee Hour hosts: **Øel Gigantø Family**

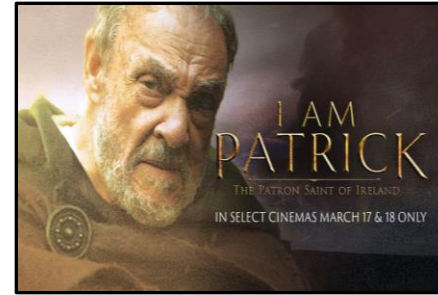
**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:** Tonight's annual celebration will be at Archangel Michael G.O. Church, Port Washington, at 6:00 pm.

**Moløiben of Thanksgiving:** In gratitude to Almighty God, we will thank the Holy Trinity today for the safe delivery of Victoria Hallford from the evil events of this past week. She is safe and healthy! Everything else can be replaced, but one's life is worth far more and is far more precious than anything else we have.



**FESTAL ICON DECORATION:** You can participate in the celebration of the Great Feasts of the Church by sponsoring the decoration of the icon for the feast. See the special page posted on the main bulletin board for that reason.  
→ *The next Great Feast is: **Annunciation:** Wednesday, 3/25; ~ **Sponsors needed!** ~*

**LET'S GROW OUR PARISH CONTACTS, INFO AND MAILING LIST!** During Lent, Parish Council members will be going around to members seeking updated info on birthday, Name Days, wedding anniversaries, and mailing lists. Thank you for your cooperation!



**WED., March 18, 6:30 pm**

**Special Lenten Parish-wide  
Family Movie Night**  
"I am Patrick" – *The Life and Times of St. Patrick of Ireland*  
Island 16 (Exit 62 LIE)  
Sign-up in the hall!

*Ladies:* The date of the **Lenten Recipe Exchange Tea** is now on **Sunday, March 23**. Matushka Irene will be hosting Coffee Hour in honor of her father's memory and would be happy if any of our ladies would like to take their dishes up to the Tea Room so we can have some social time together. The room will be decorated and tea available. Copies of Lenten Recipes will be collected and will be reproduced and available the next Sunday. This is a very casual affair and a great opportunity to rest together a bit, Mid-Lent, and get some ideas for how to make enjoyable meals during The Fast.

## This Week's Schedule

### **Wednesday, March 11**

6:30 pm – Pre-sanctified Liturgy, potluck follows

### **Thursday, March 12**

7:30 pm – Parish Council mtg.

### **Saturday, March 14**

6:00 pm - Vespers

→ **COMING UP:** Thursday, March 26: *Symposium on Human Trafficking*. St. John the Baptist G.O. Church, Blue Point

## St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia

Saint Theophylactus lived in Constantinople in the eighth century during the time of the Iconoclast heresy. The holy Patriarch Paul not having the strength to continue guiding the flock in the face of iconoclasm, voluntarily resigned his office and Saint Tarasius was chosen in his place. At that time, he was an eminent imperial counselor. Under his supervision the Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened to condemn the Iconoclast heresy. A relatively peaceful time began for the Church, and monasteries again began to fill with monks. Saint Theophylactus, a gifted disciple of Saint Tarasius, with the blessing of the Patriarch, went to a monastery on the coast of the Black Sea with Saint Michael. The zealous ascetics, by their God-pleasing labors and intense prayer, were granted the gift of wonderworking by God. During a drought, when the workers in the field were weakened by thirst, the saints prayed and an empty vessel became filled with enough water to last the entire day. After several years in the monastery, they were both consecrated as bishops by Patriarch Tarasius. Saint Michael was made Bishop of Synada, and Saint Theophylactus was made Bishop of Nicomedia. Heading the Church of Nicomedia, Saint Theophylactus cared for the flock entrusted to him. He built churches, hospices, homes for wanderers; he generously distributed alms, was the guardian of orphans, widows and the sick, and personally attended those afflicted with leprosy, not hesitating to wash their wounds. When the iconoclast Leo the Armenian came to the imperial throne, the terrible heresy burst forth with renewed strength. But the iconoclast emperor was not able to influence Saint Nicephorus who was the successor of Patriarch Tarasius, and with the other bishops vainly urged Leo not to destroy the peace of the Church. Saint Theophylactus was present at the negotiations of the emperor with the Patriarch. Denouncing the heretics, Saint Theophylactus predicted a speedy death for Leo the Armenian. For his bold prophecy the saint was sent into exile to the fortress Strobil. He languished there for thirty years until his death.

# March 8, 2020

**First Sunday of Great Lent  
Sunday of Orthodoxy — Tone 5**

**TODAY WE COMMEMORATE:**

St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (842-845). Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius (15th c.), of Múrom. Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Dometius (363). The “KURSK-ROOT” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.



**WE ARE PRAYING FOR:**

**HEALTH:** Archpriest John, Mat. Linda, Alla, Evelyn, Callie, Salvatore, Robert, Carol, Gary Andrew, Mary Ann, Valerie, Constantinos, Lyudmila, Carl

**SHUT-INS:** Patrick, Angela, Eugenia, Nina

**END-OF-LIFE:** Elizabeth

**NEWLY-ILLUMINED:** Child Michael

**CATECHUMENS:** Michael, Theresa, Amira

**NEWLY-DEPARTED:** Archbishop Varlaam, Sophie, Sophie

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jerzy Grygoruk, Lisa DeLuca, Peter Maslakov

*Don't see a parishioner in church? Give them a call, or go visit them! There are many reasons why people may not be in church (not all of them reasonable or legitimate), but unless you call or go visit them, you'll never know their needs or how to pray for them!*

*The following translations of today's Scripture readings is provided for the spiritual benefit of our Slavic-speaking parishioners, guests, and friends. All parishioners are reminded that Scripture readings for every day of the week (including, of course, Sunday) can be found in the parish wall calendar, of which several are still available in the parish hall during Coffee Hour!*

**Epistle: Hebrews/ К Евреям 11:24-26, 32-12:2**

Верою Моисей, придя в возраст, отказался называться сыном дочери фараоновой, и лучше захотел страдать с народом Божиим, нежели иметь временное греховное наслаждение, и поношение Христово почел большим для себя богатством, нежели Египетские сокровища; ибо он взирал на воздаяние. И что еще скажу? Недостанет мне времени, чтобы повествовать о Гедеоне, о Вараке, о Самсоне и Иеффае, о Давиде, Самуиле и (других) пророках, которые верою побеждали царства, творили правду, получали обетования, заграждали уста львов, угашали силу огня, избегали острия меча, укреплялись от немощи, были крепки на войне, прогоняли полки чужих жены получали умерших своих воскресшими; иные же замучены были, не приняв освобождения, дабы получить лучшее воскресение; другие испытали поругания и побои, а также узы и темницу, были побиваемы камнями, перепиливаемы, подвергаемы пытке, умирали от меча, скитались в милотях и козьих кожах, терпя недостатки, скорби, озлобления; те, которых весь мир не был достоин, скитались по пустыням и горам, по пещерам и ущельям земли. И все сии, свидетельствованные в вере, не получили обещанного, потому что Бог предусмотрел о нас нечто лучшее, дабы они не без нас достигли совершенства. Посему и мы, имея вокруг себя такое облако свидетелей, свергнем с себя всякое бремя и запинаящий нас грех и с терпением будем проходить предлежащее нам поприще, взирая на начальника и совершителя веры Иисуса, Который, вместо предлежавшей Ему радости, претерпел крест, пренебрегши посрамление, и воссел одесную престола Божия.

**Gospel: John/От Иоанна1:43-51**

На другой день [Иисус] восхотел идти в Галилею, и находит Филиппа и говорит ему: иди за Мною. Филипп же был из Вифсаиды, из [одного] города с Андреем и Петром. Филипп находит Нафанаила и говорит ему: мы нашли Того, о Котором писали Моисей в законе и пророки, Иисуса, сына Иосифова, из Назарета. Но Нафанаил сказал ему: из Назарета может ли быть что доброе? Филипп говорит ему: пойди и посмотри. Иисус, увидев идущего к Нему Нафанаила, говорит о нем: вот подлинно Израильтянин, в котором нет лукавства. Нафанаил говорит Ему: почему Ты знаешь меня? Иисус сказал ему в ответ: прежде нежели позвал тебя Филипп, когда ты был под смоковницею, Я видел тебя. Нафанаил отвечал Ему: Равви! Ты Сын Божий, Ты Царь Израилев. Иисус сказал ему в ответ: ты веришь, потому что Я тебе сказал: Я видел тебя под смоковницею; увидишь больше сего. И говорит ему: истинно, истинно говорю вам: отныне будете видеть небо отверстым и Ангелов Божиих восходящих и нисходящих к Сыну Человеческому.