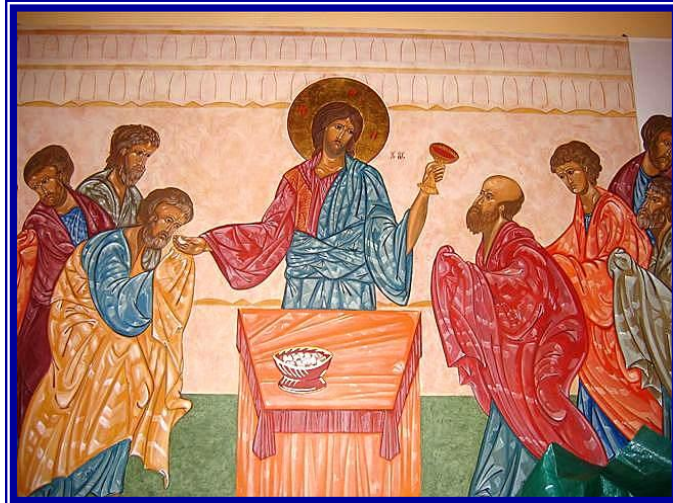


# Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Diocese of New York and New Jersey  
Orthodox Church in America

855 Goodman Street South Rochester NY 14620



## 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING

Orthodox Church in America

Diocesan Authority

**His Grace, +Michael**

Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey  
-- Hierarch/Archpastor --

Diocesan Chancellor

**Very Reverend Joseph Lickwar**

Dean, Upstate New York Deanery

**Very Reverend Alexey Karlgut**

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Parish Rector

**Very Reverend Ken James Stavrevsky**

Attached Clergy

**Reverend Proto-Deacon Stephen Sweet**

2010 Parish Council

**Gus Platas (Warden) Sean McNulty (Assistant Warden)**

**Janet VanDuyn (Treasurer) Amy LaMay (Secretary)**

Director, Liturgical Music Ministry

**Bonnie Ann Maye-Schwarz**

Tonsured Readers

**Douglas Schwarz, Robert Mitchell VanDuyn, Mark Bailey**

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& New Jersey

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## I. Preamble

The name of this parish is *Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church*. The parish was founded on May 17, 1964 as a community of Orthodox faithful committed to: the use of the English language for all liturgical services, ethnic diversity, and welcoming all who seek Christ and His Holy Church. The parish was incorporated by registration with the County Clerks Office (pursuant to Article 5-C of the Religious Corporations Law), Monroe County, State of New York, on December 30, 1966 under the corporate name of *Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Catholic Church*. The parish is under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of Washington and New York (the Diocesan Authority) of the Orthodox Church in America. These by-laws shall be in conformity and compliance with the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America adopted by the Second All-American Council of October 1971 as amended by subsequent and future All-American Councils. A copy of the current Statute of the Orthodox Church in America is attached as Appendix I. All provisions contained therein are hereby affirmed and integrated into these by-laws; in the event of incongruity, the provisions of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America shall take precedence over that which is contained herein. Reference in these by-laws to “the Statute” shall refer to the currently adopted and governing Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. Subsequent reference in these by-laws to “the parish” shall refer to the body incorporated as Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Catholic Church in Monroe County, State of New York on December 30, 1966 and henceforth known as *Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church*.

## II. Vision, Mission and Objectives

**Our vision:** to be a living manifestation of the Body of Christ filled with grace, truth and love. **Our mission:** to be a community of Orthodox Christians faithful to the doctrines, teachings, and traditions of the Holy Orthodox Church under the ecclesiastical authority and guidance of the Diocese of Washington and New York, Orthodox Church in America. **Our objectives:** (1) to celebrate, witness and proclaim the fullness of our Orthodox faith to all who seek Christ and His Holy Church; (2) to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength; (3) to love one another; (4) to conduct the services, sacraments and rites of our faith in the English language; (5) to welcome visitors; (6) to show hospitality to strangers; (7) to comfort the afflicted; (8) to assist those in need; (9) to grow in our faith as individuals, as families, and as a parish; (10) to lead all to the knowledge of the truth and the way of salvation; (11) to defend, support and strengthen the one, holy, catholic and Apostolic Church; (12) to look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

# **Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING**

September 19, 2010

### **AGENDA**

- ▶ **Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King"**
  
- ▶ **Call to Order and Assignment of Officers** (Fr. Stavrevsky)
  - **Recorder:** Amy LaMay
  - **Parliamentarian:** Lawrence Dunn / John Dyranka
  - **Chair:** Gus Platas
  
- ▶ **Rector's Report** (Fr. Stavrevsky, *text provided*)
  
- ▶ **Report of the Parish Warden** (Gus Platas, *text provided*)
  
- ▶ **Financial Auditors' Report** (Margaret Cavalcanti & George Kuyon, *statement provided*)
  
- ▶ **Treasurer's Report: current/2010 fiscal year budget** (Janet VanDuyn)
  
- ▶ **Election of 2011 Parish Council members: Assistant Warden and Treasurer**  
(ATTACHED)
  
- ▶ **Election of Lay Delegate and Alternate Delegates:**
  - Diocesan Assembly (Nov 9, 2010) ~ New York City NY**
  - All-American Council (October 31-November 4, 2011) ~ Seattle WA**
  - Janet VanDuyn, *Delegate*    Thomas Gervais, *Alternate*    Gus Platas, *Alternate*

- ▶ **Election of Auditors for 2011**
    - Margaret Cavalcanti and George Kuyon
  
  - ▶ **Proposal: Seminarian Scholarship** (Fr. Stavrevsky)
  
  - ▶ **Treasurer's Report: *proposed 2011 fiscal year budget*** (Janet VanDuyn)
  
  - ▶ **Amendment to Parish By-laws:** (Fr. Stavrevsky)
    - PARAGRAPH I, PREAMBLE**
    - The parish is under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Diocese of ~~Washington and New York~~ **New York and New Jersey** (the Diocesan Authority) of the Orthodox Church in America.
  
  - ▶ **Liturgical Music Ministry Report** (Bonnie Ann Maye-Schwarz)
  
  - ▶ **Maintenance and Capital Improvement Report** (Bill Cavalcanti)
  
  - ▶ **Bookstore Report** (Charlie Cowling)
  
  - ▶ **Closing Remarks** (Fr. Stavrevsky)
  
  - ▶ **Prayer: "Many Years!"**
  
  - ▶ **Adjournment**
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**Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church**  
Rochester NY

**Nominees to the 2011 Parish Council**

**Parish Council, Assistant Warden**

(for a term of one year, followed by a one year term as Warden)



**Thomas Gervais**

**Parish Council, Treasurer**

(for a term of two years)



**Janet VanDuyn**

***Continuing for a one-year term on the 2011 Parish***

**Sean McNulty**  
Parish Council Warden



**Amy LaMay**  
Parish Council Secretary



### **III. Membership**

1. **“Voting Members”** must fulfill the requirements contained in the Statute (Article X, Section 5) and:
  - a. be eighteen years of age or older;
  - b. be sacramentally active through participation in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confession;
  - c. have a current parish membership information form completed and filed;
  - d. financially support the work of the parish;
  - e. be involved in the life of the parish for a period of at least six months; and
  - f. not claim voting membership in another parish of the Orthodox Church in America or a parish under the ecclesiastical authority of another canonical Orthodox jurisdiction established in the United States of America.
2. **“Non-voting Members”** are
  - a. Orthodox Christians who attend the worship services of the parish on a frequent and regular basis; or
  - b. individuals who have been formally entered into the catechumenate.
3. **“Friends of the Parish”** are those who attend and/or support the parish while not fulfilling the requirements of voting or non-voting membership.
4. **Revocation of Voting Member Status.** The parish council may initiate action to remove the status of voting member from a person who:
  - a. knowingly defies the teachings or canons of the Orthodox Church; or
  - b. obstructs the decisions duly rendered by a general parish meeting, the parish council, the Rector, or the Diocesan Authority; or
  - c. causes turmoil, conflict or disruption so as to adversely affect the spiritual life of the parish.Any action to remove an individual from the status of voting member will, upon approval of the parish council, be referred to the appropriate Diocesan Authority for adjudication and resolution.

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## Parish Warden Report

Annual General Parish Meeting

19 September 2010

I have been a member of St. John's since 1999, and joining this parish has been one of the best things that's happened to me. I was welcomed into this parish by Dorothy Staschak and Mitch VanDuyn, and I've felt at home ever since. We are a community of Orthodox Christians, with a palpable feeling of love and fellowship.

This year has been a wonderful year for our parish. We have seen our parish grow in new members, especially members with families. We have also seen our parish grow in new programs, like our family vespers night thanks to Sean McNulty and those parents who support him.

We were blessed with two visits from our Bishop Michael, once in February before his consecration and another in June after his consecration. What a blessing for us to have such a humble, loving Bishop leading our Diocese, especially one who so obviously loves our children!

We are also so very blessed by having Father Ken and Matuska Natalie in our midst. The more I serve with Father Ken the more I love and appreciate him. On a personal note, when my mother died this past April 30, Father Ken and Boris crammed into Father's mini-car and drove 255 miles to my hometown to be with my family and me, and to assist with my mother's funeral. I didn't ask them to come, but they just did...that shows the love and commitment of Father Ken and Boris, and they are representative of the love and commitment of our parish. Father Ken also drove to Michigan in July to help with the baptism of Tonya's Dave...he didn't have to, but he did. In addition to being our friend and our spiritual shepherd, Father Ken's experience and talents have been recognized by our Bishop Michael, and he has been elected to the position of Secretary to our New York State Deanery. He also serves as Director of Communications to our entire Diocese. Thank you Father Ken!

We are also blessed to have our Deacon Stephen with us. I was privileged to be here in 1999 when Deacon Stephen was ordained, and I was again privileged to be here in June when Deacon Stephen was recognized for his spiritual service and elevated to Protodeacon by Bishop Michael.

And our choir! I have been spoiled by Bonnie and the choir. Every time I visit another church I can't help but compare them ... we are so blessed, and I know I speak for everyone when I say that we can't really thank them enough.

This is truly a parish of doers. Tom and John at the candle stand; our readers Mitch, Doug and Andrea; our altar servers; our children who help with our offerings and with communion; our bell ringer Boris; our coffee hour and special events organizer Marge; our chief photographers Boris and Petr; our counters Donna, Annie, Elaine, Tom, John, Bill, and Amy; Charlie for our bookstore; John, who keeps our kitchen supplies stocked; Jan and Mitch for printing our bulletins; and everyone who helps with dinners, coffee hours, and the maintenance of our church.

And thanks to our dedicated Parish Council: Sean, Amy, and Jan, who help keep our physical church going and our finances in order. And thanks to Bill, our head of buildings and grounds, who's been busy this year with our outside door and window refurbishing.

It is not enough to just say "thank-you" to everyone, but my thanks are sincere and from the bottom of my heart. It has been my privilege to serve you and our parish as warden this year.

Yours In Christ,

Gus A. Platas  
Warden, Parish Council