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Sunday, October 25, 2020

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Service of the Third Hour: 8:20 A.M

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 (Sunday); Resurrection Tone: 3; Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 (Sunday)
Hebrews 13:6-17 (Fathers); John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 87-89; 114-115 / Red Book: 102-105; 130-131

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +Ernie Vasil, on the 5th Anniversary (10/26), of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Mary Ann, Tracy & Ernie.

Thursday, (October 29)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +Peter N. Palyok, offered by Anna D. Palyok, (Wife).

Saturday, (October 31)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +Barbara Wisnosky on the First Year Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by son, Rev. Fr. Dr. Marc Wisnosky & Family.

Sunday, November 1, 2020

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20; Resurrection Tone: 4; Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 90-92 / Red Book: 105-107

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +Mildred Koreny, on the 88th Anniversary of her birth, offered by Sons: John, Don, Rob, and Gary.

Luke 7:11-16

7:11-17 – This is one of the three resurrections performed by our Lord as recorded in the Gospels. See also **Luke 8:41-56** & **John 11:1-44**. They confirm the promise given to the prophet Ezekiel that God will one day open the graves and raise all the dead (Ezk. 37:1-14). Many people have exercised authority over the living; only the Son of God "has power over both the living and the dead" (funeral service). While Christ has power through His word alone (John 11:43), here He also **touch**ed the coffin to show that His very body is life-giving. This event also prefigures Christ's own Resurrection. As Mary would weep for Jesus at the Cross, yet her tears would be turned to joy by the Resurrection, here a widow's **only son** is raised from the dead, putting an end to her weeping (Saint Ambrose)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS are 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday thru Friday.

EMERGENCY SICK CALLS can be made anytime. Please notify your Pastor when someone is taken to the hospital; Sacred Scriptures remind us to call the presbyter to anoint the sick.

MARRIAGES are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. Consult the Pastor at least 6 months in advance and before wedding reception plans have been made. Marriages cannot be celebrated during Lent or Advent, or on Fridays.

BAPTISMS are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 A.M. Two God-parents are required; at least one of whom must be an Orthodox Christian by Faith, and the other a practicing Christian. An infant's first or middle name must be a saint's name.

CHURCH FUNERALS are provided for parishioners who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations to the Parish. Otherwise, burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

FOLLOW OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE! Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddioocese> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews> You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddioocese>

THE WIDOW OF NAIN

On this 20th Sunday after Pentecost, the Church shows us Christ's compassion triumphing over death. Jesus is passing through the city of Nain; there He meets a funeral procession for the only son of a widow. Moved by the sight of the mother's grief, He tells her not to weep; then, touching the bier, He commands the young man to rise. The dead man sits up, and begins to speak. Jesus restores him to his mother, and the people, seized by fear, give glory to God.

The Epistle for today is taken from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians. The apostle declares that the 'gospel' he preaches derives from no human tradition, but that he has received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ. His calling to be an apostle is due, not to election by the twelve, but to an immediate grace from God. After his conversion, he did not confer 'with flesh and blood'; he did not go to Jerusalem to make contact with the other apostles, but lived for three years in Arabia and Damascus. Only after these three years did he go to Jerusalem to see Peter; moreover, then he only stayed with him for fifteen days and saw none of the other apostles except James. Paul's insistence on the immediate and personal nature of his apostolic calling was necessary. Certain Christian circles, especially those which were most under the influence of the 'apostolic' Church of Jerusalem, were contesting Paul's apostolate and setting up the authority of the twelve in opposition to it. This conflict had reached the Galatians and was raising divergent views with regard to practical questions, for example that of circumcision. Paul vehemently asserts his rights as an apostle. This vindication has lost nothing of its importance, for the same conflict is frequently renewed during the course of the centuries. The epistle read today reminds us how vigilant we must be never to allow the institution to extinguish the Spirit.

PLACE A HEALTHY ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS CANDIES FROM GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATES AND HELP OUR SR. ACRY CHAPTER EMPOWER THE "STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN!" Glance through the Holiday 2020 brochure, featuring all the delicious mouth-watering candy treats, and select your "favorite sweets" to entertain family and friends at the Nativity season. Encourage orders from relatives, associates at work and friendly neighbors. Our ACRY stands to make a 50% profit on the total amount of chocolates solicited, so please offer your support and indulge in the best candies that you will ever taste! And, return your completed order forms to the church, no later than Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020. If you have any questions regarding the candy, don't hesitate to call Cathy Pawlik at (412) 461-2110.

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED! We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death and sickness notices, and other pertinent information via email. Our high school Sunday School class has volunteered to collect these email addresses. If you have not already provided your email address, we invite you to do so. Email addresses can be submitted by writing it on the sheet in the vestibule, giving it to any high school Sunday School student or by emailing Bob Bartko at RABartko@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation.

2021 A.C.R.Y. LOTS-O-LUCK CALENDARS! The calendars are available for your purchase. They are \$25.00 each and make wonderful gifts for Christmas. Due to the Coronavirus, please contact Carol Dunn at (412) 422-8093 or Cathy Pawlik at (412) 461-2110 to purchase your tickets.

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES OR COME TO CONFESSION... make reservations to share in "Heavenly worship" at St. Nicholas Church on every Lord's Day during the liturgical year. Phone (412-461-3264) or e-mail (frmzak@gmail.com) Fr. Michael to indicate your and your family's intentions to attend the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Father Zak will hear confessions following any listed divine services. Or, you can call or e-mail your pastor for an appointment at the church for the Mystery of Penance, with the safe distancing practice in place. You must wear a mask before entering the church.

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS' FUND IS BASICALLY OUR ONLY SOURCE OF CAMP NAZARETH INCOME! The 2020 Fund Drive is still under way and will continue through the end of November. Although there will be no Fall DDD Dinners this year, we encourage as many of our parishioners and church organizations as possible to participate. Gifts of \$100 or more are asked. Proceeds from the DDD benefit Camp Nazareth, and because Covid has cancelled all events and programs to be cancelled, this "Gem" of our Diocesan Apostolates is dependent upon your giving to the "Bishop's Club." Checks are payable to: Distinguished Diocesan Donors and may be given to our parish financial officers. May the Lord bless you and yours during these stressful times!

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH – FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: Throughout the year our church conducts a number of fundraising activities to supplement the donations received from parishioners which we use to meet our various obligations, such as pay the bills, donations to various charities, upkeep and maintenance costs, and etc. This year, due to the Coronavirus, we have been unable to conduct events such as ethnic food sales, various raffles, Purse Bash, Christmas in July, and now our Annual Fall Food Festival is in jeopardy. At our last executive board meeting in August, the board came up with the idea that we may be able to have an ethnic food sale, later in the year in time for the holidays in which we would sell stuffed cabbage, kielbasa & sauerkraut as orders and takeout only. We are searching for parishioners who would be willing to give of their time to come to church a few days / evenings over the next couple of months to help make these foods as a fundraiser for our church. We are especially looking for someone who would be willing to lead this effort. If you are interested, please contact Tom Pingor.

YOUR EXCEPTIONAL STEWARDSHIP IN THE CHURCH HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE KEY TO HAVING A SUCCESSFUL "FALL FOOD FESTIVAL" AT ST. NICHOLAS PARISH! Since our beloved church family has not be able to stage any significant fund-raising projects due to the dreaded Coronavirus pandemic that still engulfs us, your commendable monetary gift in the designated "Fall Festival Donation" envelope is certainly appreciated by every member of our Orthodox Christian community. Consider your personal financial assistance that you have so generously contributed to this notable event in past years and contribute a worthy sacrificial token that is counted among your treasures given to the church freely and gladly as stewards of Christ's Bride, The Church!

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES AT ST. NICHOLAS CEMETERY! Father R. Michael will conduct a memorial service at the Cemetery Grotto for Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Please come to the cemetery for the service and pay your respect to our veterans. Virus mitigation will apply (masks and social distancing). Thank you... Tom Pingor.

WHILE FATHER ZAK GOES ON VACATION THIS WEEK, CONTACT FR. MARC IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF AN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRIEST! Your Pastor & Pani will be going on a one-week vacation, starting Thursday, Oct. 22nd and returning to Homestead on Thursday, Oct. 29. In case the need arises for you to contact an Orthodox clergyman, phone Rev. Fr. Dr. Marc Wisnosky at (412) 378-6765.

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