

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, October 2, 2016

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Sunday) Tone: 6 Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46 (Sunday)

Galatians 2:16-20 (After Exaltation)

Mark 8:34-9:1 (After Exaltation)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 96-98; 113 / Red Book: 111-114; 129

Floral wreath surround the Holy Cross: In memory of wife, +**Michelle**, mother, +**Mary**, father, +**Michael** and sister, +**Mary Ann Kelly**, offered by Michael Dzvonik.

Wednesday, (Oct. 5)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**John Lukac**, offered by Children.

7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving & Stewardship.

Friday, (Oct. 7)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Mary Zak & +Dolores Zak**, offered by the Fr. Michael and Pani Deborah Zak.

Sunday, October 9, 2016

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Tone: 7

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 99-101 / Red Book: 114-117

Bulletin Sponsor: **Andrea Urban's** 70th and **Melissa Ditmore's** Birthdays, offered by the Family.

Altar Candles' Sponsor: **Nick & Gerri Novotni** on their 13th Wedding Anniversary (Oct. 11), offered by Nick & Gerri.

Matthew 22:35-46 –

22:35-40 – The Pharisees had found 613 commandments in the Scriptures and debated about which one was central. Jesus sets forth the **first** and **second**, which constitute the grand summary of the Law. Though the **lawyer** has come with malice to test the Lord, we know from St. Mark's account that this man is converted by Christ's answer (Mark 12:28-34).

22:39 – This **second** commandment must be understood as written: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself**, or more clearly, "as being yourself." It is often misinterpreted, "You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself," which destroys the force of the statement. How much we love ourselves is not the standard by which Christ is calling us to love others. Rather, we are called to love our neighbor as being of the same nature as we ourselves are, as being created in God's image and likeness just as we are. As the Fathers teach, we find our true self in loving our neighbor.

22:41-46 – Christ asks this question to lead the Pharisees to the only logical conclusion: that He is God incarnate. They supposed the Messiah to be a mere man, and therefore reply that the Messiah would be a **Son of David**. David, as king of Israel, could not and would not address anyone as “Lord” except God. Yet in Psalm 109:1, David refers to the Messiah as “Lord.” Therefore, the Messiah must be God. The only possible conclusion is that the Messiah is a descendant of David only according to the flesh, yet is also truly divine, sharing His Lordship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Pharisees do not **answer** because they realize the implications and are afraid to confess Jesus to be the Son of God.

Luke 20:41-44 – The first reference to **the Lord** applies to God the Father, while the term **my Lord** refers to Christ. This question is answered in that Christ is the Son of David in His humanity and David’s Lord in His divinity.

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.

THE SAINTS: MODELS FOR OUR LIVES

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

Our Orthodox Christian life is not designed to be invented as we go. We are instructed to use as our models the lives of the saints who have gone on before us. Their lives are held up before us as examples of holiness. Their charity is to become our model of charity, their sacrifice our model of sacrifice, their asceticism our model of asceticism. Their humility must be the model by which we lead our lives. Their love of God and neighbor must become the supreme example for our own struggle to love God above all else and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Their willingness to suffer persecution for Christ’s sake must be the model by which we are willing to face persecution, and even martyrdom, for our faith.

St. Syncretica, a fourth-century desert mother, said, “Imitate the publican and you will not be condemned with the Pharisee. Choose the meekness of Moses and you will find your heart, which is a rock, changed into a spring of water.” The Pharisee was proud before God and people for his piety and accomplishments, even boldly standing in the temple in all arrogance, thanking God that he was not like other men. But the publican stood afar off, head lowered, beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). Jesus told His disciples that the publican went away justified.

We must take care whom we set as the model for our own living, that we not take as our example a person who is worldly, self-centered, greedy, unloving, or devoid of any interest in the spiritual life. Rather, we must look to the saints as examples of how to live and how to love, that we, like the publican, will stand before God having been justified.

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“Help me, O Lord, to be strong enough that even in my weakness, my hope in You will be a sign of strength to those who are at my side.”

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THIS MORNING'S MEETING AT 11:30 IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING IS FOR: PARENTS OF CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS, CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS! The session will be short in time, but very important in contents for the welfare of our religious education program.

OUR PARISH IS SEEKING A MAINTENANCE PERSON! St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Homestead, PA is currently seeking a maintenance person. Candidates should submit a letter of interest along with qualifications/experience to the church office immediately for consideration. Thank You, Tom Pingor.

MAY THE LORD GOD GRANT TO HIS SERVANTS, ROBERT & MARY LOU LENART ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, MANY YEARS OF GOOD HEALTH, PEACE AND HAPPINESS! As we enjoy this morning's coffee social, hosted by the couple, we pray the Robert & Mary Lou are bestowed "every good and perfect gift from above." May their union as one in Christ continue forever and ever!

DONATE WELCH'S FRUIT SNACKS FOR THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS! Fr. Michael is, once again this year, serving as a Tutor in Reading for the First Grade students at Barrett Elementary School in Homestead. Every Wednesday afternoon for approximately two hours the pupils are mentored by adults of the local churches in reading and comprehending the text assigned. The youngsters are treated to snacks before the session starts and enjoy the fruit snacks immensely. Please bring the boxes to the parish hall and place them in the designated container.

GRACIOUS WORDS FROM AN APPRECIATIVE PARISHIONER! To the God-loving people of St. Nicholas: Thank you for your beautiful cards, phone calls and especially for your prayers for my recovery, and thank-you Fr. Michael for visiting and giving me Holy Communion. May God bless you all with good health, peace and happiness! Your friend, Michael Dzvonic

ANNUAL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 21-22, 2016! Attention all church members: Please sign up to participate in the annual church fundraiser – The Fall Food Festival. Sign-up sheets are in the hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare food such as pirohi, stuffed cabbage, soup and haluski. Look for times to come down to the parish hall and lend your support. Also, we need volunteers to work in the kitchen during the festival, help with the bingo, basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and bake sale. So please sign-up as soon as possible. Also, place a family ad in the Fall Festival Program Book that will be published for the event; Michele Tomko will inform you of the monetary amount to become a Festival Sponsor, Friend or Pledge. Write your name on the List of Patrons (\$5) or Boosters (\$2) on the table in the auditorium.

PICK UP YOUR LETTER, FALL FESTIVAL FOOD AND BINGO TICKETS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE IN THE PARISH HALL! If you have not already done so, please stop downstairs following the Liturgy this morning to pick up your share of Bingo & Food tickets for this month's Festival. Certainly your support and stewardship at this main fund-raising event of our parish is vital. Enable our religious community to stage a successful festival for the glory of God and the enjoyment of all patrons.

WALK FOR MISSIONS 2016 ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH IN SOUTH PARK AT 1 P.M.! The Mayan people of Guatemala are entering into the Orthodox Christian Faith in rapid fashion because of the missionary efforts of dedicated clergy & laity in that poverty-stricken country. Offer to walk for the evangelizing of these humble and God-fearing individuals. Raise pledges and use the Walk for Missions form attached to last Sunday's bulletin. Bring your pledge forms and collected money to the South Park Ethelbert/Harbor Shelter area at 1 P.M. Lunch and light refreshments will be served following the Walk.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS OR ADULT PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE CANDY TREATS FOR TRICK OR TREATERS IN HOMESTEAD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON OCT. 30! Working with the Presbyterian Church and another local parish, a "Trunk or Treat" affair will be staged in the parking lot of the parish across the street from ours. This shall take place during the afternoon hours (not determined, yet) on the day before Halloween. And the kids of the local community will have a "boo-tiful time masquerading in the downtown area, receiving due rewards for their effort. Speak with Father Zak if you or a parish group wish to perform this service.

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