

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, June 11, 2017

1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2a Resurrection Tone: 8 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 102-104; 217-218 / Red Book: 117-119; 240-242

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +Ann Timko, offered by Trona & Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, brother, +Thomas Popovich on the 11th Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord (June 8), offered by Albert M. Popovich.

WEDNESDAY, (June 14)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +John Kindya (12 yrs.), +Mary Kindya (1 yr.), +Donald Kindya (9 yrs.), +Eleanor Kindya 7 yrs.), +Joseph & +Mary Pacolt, and +Ann Ondrejcek, offered by Lucy, Andrew, and Kelly Tomko.

7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Saint Nectarios, with the anointing of the sick, in body & soul.

SATURDAY, (JUNE 17)... 7:00 P.M. Vespers.

Sunday, June 18, 2017

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS OF CARPATHO-RUSS AND FATHER'S DAY

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M. with special petitions intoned for all the fathers and men of the parish and Panachida service for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, all the deceased fathers of St. Nicholas Church.

Bulletin Sponsor: **Dave & Andrea Urban's** 49th Wedding Anniversary, offered by the Family.

Birthday prayers intoned for God-daughter, **Susan J. Miller** (June 13), offered by Joan Ribovich

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Resurrection Tone: 1

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 81-83 / Red Book: 95-99

Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

10:37-38 – This fulfills the prophecy of Micah 7:6. In addition to its literal meaning, which has been experienced in the Church since the time of Christ, the older generation being divided from the younger generation also symbolizes (1) the rejection of the new covenant by followers of the old covenant, and (2) the spiritual struggle between our old, sinful state and our renewal in Christ.

19:28 – "Christ judges by discerning the heart, and not by examining deeds. So also the apostles are being shaped to exercise spiritual judgment concerning faith, and in rebuking error

with virtue.” (St. Ambrose). The apostles will judge not with earthly judgment, but by the witness of their own lives. Since God’s **kingdom** begins with the Resurrection of Christ, the authority of judgment has already been given to the apostles and their successors in the journey of the Church on earth (Mt. 16:19; John 20:23)

19:29 – Christ is not commanding believers to divorce spouses and abandon children. According to St. John Chrysostom, this refers to keeping faith under persecution even if it means to lose one’s family. It also means to accept that unbelieving family members may cut off ties because of the believer’s faith. Believers are promised a **hundredfold of houses** and relatives not in an earthly sense, but in a spiritual sense – the fathers and mothers of the Church, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and houses of worship and fellowship.

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.

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<http://www.campnazareth.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/acrodnews> You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

THE SAINTS: OUR FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

We Orthodox are known for our veneration of the saints, recognizing as we do the truth that there is no separation between the Church Militant here on earth and the Church Triumphant in heaven. In the Church’s services, we are not gathered together alone as mortals, but we are joined in our worship before the throne of God by the cloud of witnesses, who are joined with us in Christ.

This truth is exemplified by our use of icons depicting the saints. Their images surround us, reminding us that heaven awaits us. When we enter our temples, we venerate the icons with a kiss, not because we believe the saints reside within these icons, but because, by our veneration, we pass our love to the archetypes. This is not really any different from kissing a photo of a beloved relative. In our veneration of the icons, we are not worshiping the saints, but showing honor and love to our friends. They stand before us as witnesses to the truth that eternal life is a reality because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Because of His redemptive act upon the Cross, the saints are not dead, but alive.

The saints gaze upon the glory of Christ in the Kingdom of heaven. The great grace that resides within the saints allows them to embrace the whole world with their love; they see how we languish in affliction, and they never cease to intercede for us with God.

The saints, having won the good fight, encourage us by their example and pray for us to be victorious. Their lives give witness to the importance of living in repentance and of placing Jesus above all else, for it is in Jesus Christ that they have gained eternal life. It is in Him that we, like saints who have gone on before us, have the promise of life eternal. As our friends, the saints await the day when we will join them, and they offer their prayers for that end.

COME AND HELP US MAKE PIROHI ON THIS TUESDAY (JUNE 13) AT 6 P.M. FOR THE “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” CRAFT SHOW! We pray, hope and anticipate that our talented culinary personnel will assemble

in the parish hall this week to make a variety of this irresistible Slavic delicacy that “people cannot get enough of” and showcase this delectable Lenten food at our Craft Show on Saturday, July 22. Our men, women and teen-agers are encouraged to spend a few hours in the church auditorium advancing their own skills in producing this ethnic dish of St. Nicholas Church that is simply rated “The Best” in the Mon Valley!” Call Jean Colantoni at (412) 462-0847 and let her know if you can help.

FATHER'S DAY "STEELER TAILGATE" LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY (JUNE 18) FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY. All parishioners and guests are invited to join us in this free-will offering repast, sponsored by our St. Nicholas Mothers & Daughters Guild. Along with a delicious meal, all fathers will receive a ticket for several Steeler, Pirate and Penguin raffle items. Please plan to join us for this festive event, as we render due honor to the "Dads" and men of our church on Father's Day!

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE DRIVE! The Church Board is seeking new members to participate on the By-Laws Committee. As presented at the Annual Church Meeting in February, we intend to evaluate and update our parish by-laws to ensure that they are in line with the new Diocesan By-Laws, passed at the SOBOR last fall (2016). If you are interested in being a member of the By-Laws committee, please communicate your interest to a church board member as soon as possible. Thank you! Tom Pingor

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2017! To our High School and College graduates and Parents: Please supply Fr. Michael with the following information by Sunday, June 18th. High School Students: your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, where you will attend college in the fall and your intended major in college (or undecided at this time). College Students: Graduate and Post-Graduate: your college/university, your field of study and degree you have earned. St. Nicholas Church will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 25th. Attend the Divine Liturgy on that Lord's Day so that a group photo may be taken.

OUR YOUNG WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENCOUNTER THIS MONTH! The Annual Young Women's Encounter is quickly approaching and is scheduled for June 25-28 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. The staff excitedly looks forward to again spend time nurturing the faith of the young women of our diocese. As the final plans are now being arranged, our church encourages the young women (ages 12-18) to register for this event ASAP as space is limited and filling up quickly. Below is a link that is shared directly with the parents of the young women of St. Nicholas to register online. Thank you for your cooperation. In Christ, Pani Eleni Stagon.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee2rpmnw1fb7244b&llr=oblwu7zab>

KEEP OUR YOUNG CHILDREN CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH BY SENDING THEM TO CAMP NAZARETH THIS SUMMER!

Our Pittsburgh Deanery Diocesan Camping Week at "our home, away from home" is scheduled for July 23-29. Offer a campership to our young people of age, "who are the present leaders of our parish," and enable them to live for a week or two or three their Orthodox Christian faith amongst their peers who share their sacred beliefs and become "friends forever." Submit whatever financial gift that you can sacrificially offer and permit our precious youths to experience "the time of their young lives" in an environment where "you find God everywhere." Our Sunday School children will always remember the generosity of the "People of God."

GARAGE SALE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN NORTH SIDE PITTSBURGH -FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) AND SATURDAY (AUGUST 26) FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. EACH DAY! Save the date! St. John the Baptist (2688 California Ave., Pgh., PA 15212) will have their Annual Garage Sale. The Ethnic Kitchen will be open for Eat-In or Take-Out. Tax-deductible clean donations for the garage sale will be accepted beginning on Sunday, May 21st.

DURING THE RETREAT, DIOCESAN ALTAR BOYS WILL ENJOY A SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER AT OUR CHURCH (JUNE 27) AND SEE A PIRATES' GAME AT P.N.C. PARK! Our "Knights of the Altar" should go ONLINE and register by the deadline of Monday, June 12. If Fr. David Cochran, the Retreat Master, does not receive a boy's registration by tomorrow, the "Knight" will NOT be able to travel to the baseball game in Pittsburgh. "Encounter 2017" takes place from Sunday evening, June 25th (Registration is from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M.) until Wednesday, June 28th. The Retreat takes place at our Christ the Savior Seminary, Cathedral, and Education Center in Johnstown and SS. Peter & Paul Church facilities in Windber, PA. St. Nicholas Church is underwriting the cost for the parish "Knights," so if parents are registering their sons, they can just check the "pay by check" option.

CALLING ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL! Do you work in the medical field? Have you ever wondered if you can offer your medical skills in a region of the world where access to primary care is limited? Have you heard God speak in your heart about serving Him but you really weren't sure whether that was practical? If so, OCMC Health Care Teams need you! By participating on an OCMC health care outreach, you will treat illnesses, care for the poor and needy, offer public health training and be a witness of our Orthodox Faith. Health care providers are needed! Participate in an outreach of the local Church in Guatemala or Indonesia, and serve as a living witness of Christ, our Lord and Savior. If God is calling you, then call the OCMC today (904.829.5132 ext. 141) to see how you can be part of a Health Care Outreach Team.

Surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers, the Church wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state: that, on the

contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

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