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Sunday, July 2, 2017

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Dacia Paganico** (July 2) and **Kaitlyn Thorn** (July 5) offered by Trona and Family.

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Resurrection Tone: 3

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 87-89 / Red Book: 102-105

WEDNESDAY, (July 5)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving and Stewardship.

THURSDAY, (July 6)... 7:00 P.M. Great Vespers on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, with the Blessing of bread, wheat, wine and oil.

FRIDAY, (July 7)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

Sunday, July 9, 2017

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the 3rd Hour: 8:20 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Altar Candles' Sponsor: In memory of +**Dennis Miller** and +**Helen Panichelli** – 3rd Anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Susan Miller & Family.

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Kylie Fischer** (July 9) offered by Trona and Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Andrew** and +**Anna Hreha**, offered by Anna Hreha (Wife)

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of +**Anna Timko**, offered by Grandchildren.

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Resurrection Tone: 4

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

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

Matthew 8:5-13

8:5 – A centurian (a Gentile) commanded 100 men in a Roman legion. Jesus is the Savior of all, and in Him ethnic distinctions are void.

8:7 – **I will come** has been read as a question by many Greek scholars: "Shall I come?"

Regardless, Jesus is ready to deal graciously with this Gentile and even to enter his house, which would make Him unclean in the eyes of the Jews.

8:8, 9 – **The centurion** expresses unusual faith in calling Jesus, who is a Jew, Lord. The statement, "**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,**" is frequently quoted in liturgical texts as an ideal expression of humility.

8:10 – Twice in the Gospels, it is said of Jesus that **He marveled**: (1) at the unbelief in His hometown of Nazareth (Mk. 6:6), and (2) at the belief of this foreigner

8:11, 12 –Here Jesus nullifies any idea of ethnic superiority. The rejected **sons of the kingdom** are both the Jews who deny Christ and those raised in the Church who do not live their faith; **outer darkness** and **weeping and gnashing** are descriptions of the state of the unrighteous dead in Sheol (Hades) in the Jewish tradition (Enoch 103:8). They are common expressions in Matthew (13:42, 50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30), and also occur in Luke (Lk. 13:28).

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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FREEDOM

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

It would seem to be a genetic trait of us humans to desire freedom. We want to live in a free society, to have freedom to make our own choices and freedom from the tyranny of others. Yet we fail to realize that the freedom we desire from the innermost part of our being is not really freedom in and of itself. The true desire for freedom is the desire for God.

God yielded to us a piece of His divine authority, which instilled in us this sense that freedom is something good. In this freedom we are given the power to voluntarily approach God, offering our freedom in sacrifice to Him. For at the moment we submit our freedom to God, we become truly free, for we have been freed from the bondage that has kept our true nature conquered to sin and death.

St. Theophan the Recluse wrote, "Therefore, if you have mastered yourself, now give yourself to God. When you sinned, you not only lost yourself, but in losing yourself you took yourself away from God. Now, having returned from the captivity of sin, after you have mastered yourself, return yourself to God."

This then becomes the moment of true emancipation, for we will have found freedom from all that has separated us from our true selves, and we will have become one with God.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 22, 2017 FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW IN ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH AUDITORIUM FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.!

Tables are available for direct sales and craft sales. Contact Andrea Zober at (412) 461-6215. Visit your favorite Vendors and start your holiday shopping early. Have lunch at Café Nikolai where your favorite Slavic foods will be served to satisfy hungry patrons. A Bake Sale and raffles shall complement the exciting show. As this is a parish fund raiser, we are kindly asking donations from our beloved congregation for the bake sale. Please notify your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers of this attractive event at our church on Ann Street in Homestead and invite them to come and participate in this pleasing activity. Your word-of-mouth is our best advertising tool! We're expecting a huge turn out!

SECOND BANS OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED for ANGELA SUDIK of our parish and BRIAN LUCHINI of Pittsburgh who will be united as husband & wife at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 15, 2017 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh (Oakland) at 3 P.M. If anyone has an objection to this wedding taking place, please, notify Rev. R. Michael Zak, immediately and state your reason(s) for the cancellation of this Mystery!

PURCHASE TUPPERWARE SUPPLIES THIS MONTH AND PERMIT OUR CHURCH TO REAP 40% OF THE PROCEEDS! Andrea Zober will be doing the Tupperware Fund Raiser for the month of July. She will have flyers and brochures available in the parish hall, starting in this month. The fund raiser line earns 40% for the church and 10% from the full line. Andrea Zober (Phone: 412-461-6215). Visit her at www.andreahandiandi.com Tupperware – Products that last a lifetime!

COME AND HELP US MAKE PIROHI ON TUESDAY (JULY 11) 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 in two weeks 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.

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

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’ll find God everywhere.” Our Sunday School children will always remember the generosity of the “People of God.” Since the beginning of January of this year through Sunday, June 19th, Camperships have been generously offered by the ACRY (\$315), Men’s Club (\$315), Mothers & Daughter Guild (\$315), and David Urban (\$100). Have your name appear on this distinguished list in this year proclaimed by His All-Holiness, Bartholomew I as the “Year of Protection of the Sacredness of Childhood.” Nowhere will our young people be as safe than at Camp Nazareth!

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.

SCIENCE AND NATURE CAMP @ CAMP NAZARETH – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 12! Camp Nazareth is pleased to announce its FIRST EVER Science and Nature Camp. Camp participants will learn all about Astronomy, Biology, Earth Science, Geology, Meteorology and SO MUCH MORE! Presentations and activities will be given and led by the Carnegie Science Center, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Jennings Environmental Center, as well as local high school teachers and college professors. Participants will have the opportunity to use telescopes, microscopes, and water quality management technology as well as explore the trails, waterfalls, streams and geography of the Camp. Special emphasis will be placed on appreciating the beauty of nature and the wonder of the fields of science they will study. The Science and Nature Camp is a resident (sleepaway) Camp for ages 8-18. It will take place on the 289 beautiful acres of Camp Nazareth property, located at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA. Visit campnazareth.org to register for the Science and Nature Camp. Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information. Learn more... In addition to the Science and Nature program, participants will enjoy the many amenities Camp Nazareth has to offer including a Junior Olympic-size swimming pool, the new High and Low Ropes Course, including a 750 foot Zip Line, climate-controlled cabins, sports fields and basketball courts, a large Rec. Room, a volleyball court and more.

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS MONASTERY IN SAXONBURG! On September 9th, the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery is having a dinner to raise funds to build a new monastery. On June 15th, the monastery was struck by lightning that caused the main building to catch fire. As a result, the Orthodox nuns have no place to sleep and are in need of mobile homes to be set up on the property until their building can be repaired. Many of the electrical wires are frayed and there is significant water damage. While insurance should cover the cost of the damages, it won’t cover the cost of temporary housing which will be a large expense. To facilitate their efforts, the banquet committee is actively raising funds and support. Our Orthodox parishes can help by passing a basket for immediate financial help for temporary housing. Donations can be sent directly to the monastery at 121 St. Elias Lane, Saxonburg, PA 16056. If

anyone has questions or would like more information, they call me at 412-417-4706. Thank you! In Christ,
Zelfa Khalil.

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