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Sunday, July 16, 2017

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Anniversary prayers intoned for: **Elmer & Eleanor Konar** on their 63rd Anniversary of Holy Matrimony (July 17), offered by children and grandchildren.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Alex Arendas**, on the 1st Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord (July 17), offered by the Arendas Family.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

Resurrection Tone: 5

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 93-95 / Red Book: 108-110

MONDAY, (July 17)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Martha & +Joseph Lucas**, offered by Ernest P. Molchany MD.

THURSDAY, (July 20)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Fr. Peter & +Pani Emily Molchany**, offered by the Vicar General and his wife.

SATURDAY, (July 22)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Margaret Harris**, (July 23), on the 10th Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Daughter, Deborah Harris.

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Resurrection Tone: 6

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

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

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants: **+Peter Mochnach, +Helen Mochnach, +Charles Gilchrist, Sr., & +Mary Lou Gilchrist**, offered by Chuck & Robin Gilchrist.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+John, +Margaret & +Johnny Harris**, on the 10th Anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Deborah Harris.

Matthew 9:1-8 –

9:1 – Jesus' own city is Capernaum (4:13).

9:2-8 – As shown by the healing of the **paralytic**, faith is an indispensable condition for salvation. Faith is collective as well as personal, for the faith of the paralytic's friends helped in his healing (v. 2). Three signs of Jesus' divinity are shown: (1) He knows the secrets of hearts; (2) He forgives sins, a power which belongs to God alone; and (3) He heals by the power of His word.

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>

“HAVING THEN GIFTS DIFFERING...”

In today's epistle lesson, we see that St. Paul does not limit the individual gifts of the high functions, such as to prophesy, to teach, to preach, to administer: he considers that giving alms and works of mercy are also ministries which correspond to a special grace. "He that gives, let him do it with simplicity... he that shows mercy, with cheerfulness." These last two points, simplicity in almsgiving, and cheerfulness in works of mercy deserve to be meditated on seriously by everyone. From this, St. Paul goes on to the duties that are common to all: love, zeal, hope, patience, perseverance in prayer, hospitality. He concludes by advising us to bless, and not to curse, our persecutors. This epistle, besides the general duties to which it calls us, raises the question of our own special "gift" or "ministry". I must examine before God what my own particular vocation is, what gift I have received to share with others. But I can also bear in mind that every action which immediate circumstances necessitate, and every situation in which I am placed by the divine will at any moment, constitutes in itself a sort of temporary vocation and ministry. There is a special grace corresponding to each minute of my life, if that minute is offered to God. No detail of life is without importance or without a blessing, as long as one knows how to see, in that detail, the reflection of a divine gift calling, on man's part, for a loving and trustful response.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

It is a terrible temptation to wish for our enemies' destruction. Our Lord instructs us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us or persecute us. To wish their destruction is to ignore the love God has for us, even though our sins have made us His enemies.

Our salvation is not accomplished in a vacuum, for all of humanity is the beneficiary of Christ's redemptive act upon the Cross. Christ died for all of us, and our salvation is interconnected to that of all humanity. We should be just as concerned for the salvation of our neighbors as we are for our own.

When we see people filled with hate and far from God, we should pity them and pray for them. To wish ill upon them is not in keeping with our Lord's commandment. Love must reign in our lives, and the salvation of others must be a central theme in our own prayers.

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!

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!

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), Tom Pingor (\$300), M/M Dave Urban (\$200), and M/M Steve Fucsko (\$50). 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.

REGISTER FOR THE ACRY CONVENTION, HELD DURING THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SEPT. 1-4, 2017) Registration for the ACRY Convention, hosted by the St. Nicholas ACRY on Labor Day Weekend, is now open. We have secured a rate of \$99/night at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriot in Robinson. Meal packages and individual meal tickets are available to those wishing to attend the event. The agenda includes a Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper Saturday Night, Sunday Brunch at the hotel and the Grand Banquet Sunday night. We are also looking for Patrons, Boosters, and Memorial listings for the Commemorative Booklet. Please see Cathy Pawlik for more information and to register. We also welcome you to visit the ACRY website at ACRY.org for all registration materials. Alisha (Myers) Zak.

PIRATE’S FAITH NIGHT! St. John’s North Side Parish is organizing tickets for this year’s Faith Night which is Thursday, August 17th (with the game starting at 7:05 vs. the St. Louis Cardinals, followed by presentations by the coaches and players about living their faith). We have a block of tickets reserved in SECTION 325. Tickets are \$20 each and you will get a **Pirate hat**. Tickets need to be reserved by SUNDAY, JULY 16TH by contacting Wendy Martellotti at 412-583-6254 or martellotti11@verizon.net.

If there is anything we can gain from the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, let us take a lesson from their icon: let us make it our main task to humble ourselves, to forgive our deep disappointments with others, to ask forgiveness of those we have hurt, and to be reconciled in Christian love.

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