

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Resurrection Tone: 7

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

John: 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 99-101, 164 / Red Book: 114-117, 185-186

Birthday prayers are extended to: Grandson, **Nathaniel Salio**, offered by Ruth & Alex Salio.

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**TUESDAY, (August 1)...** 7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite.

**WEDNESDAY, (August 2)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite.

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

**FRIDAY, (August 4)...** 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Darrell Grossett**, offered by Mother, Mary Ann.

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**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

## 9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Resurrection Tone: 8

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 102-104 / Red Book: 117-119

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Andrew Zatorsky, +Florence Lang & +Brandon Trimmer**, offered by Audrey Rajakovich.

**Matthew 14:14-22 –**

**14:14-21** – This miracle, reported by all four evangelists, shows **Jesus feeding a great multitude** of His people as He fed the Israelites in the desert (Exodus 16). The Church Fathers see in this image of the Eucharist, an ideal made clear in John 6. In 15:32-39, another miracle is mentioned in which Jesus feeds four thousand people with seven loaves and a few small fish. While certain modern scholars have attempted to say that these are merely the same story, the witness of the gospel is clear that they are two distinct accounts, with Christ Himself referring to both of them separately (16:8-10). **Moved with compassion** is used frequently concerning the Lord (20:34; Mark 1:41; 6:34; Luke 7:13), showing that His power and authority are extended to those who suffer.

A spiritual interpretation given by the Fathers teaches that the **five loaves** indicate the five books of the Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy), which are broken open in Christ and thus feed the universe. The **two fish** represent the Gospel Book and the Epistle Book, the teaching of the fishermen. The gathering of the leftovers by the Apostles (v. 20) shows that the teachings the faithful are unable to grasp are nevertheless held in the consciousness of the Church.

**14:19** – Jesus shows us that we should never eat without first giving thanks to God. The terminology points to the Last Supper (26:26) and leads to a eucharistic interpretation of this miracle. Just as the **disciples** distribute the bread **to the multitudes**, so also Christ feeds the Eucharist to His flock through the hands of His bishops and presbyters.

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**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:**

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF FREQUENT COMMUNION

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

Eternity is an everlasting banquet that takes place in the heavenly realm. Every time we participate in the Divine Liturgy, we are transported into a place where there is neither time nor space, and we participate in that very banquet. As we receive the Holy Mysteries (Christ's Body and Blood), our brokenness in both body and soul are treated with the healing medicine that we so very much need.

God is everywhere present and fills all things. There is nowhere He is not. Hellfire is none other than the fire of God, burning those who are unloving and unresponsive to His invitation to commune with Him. God does not send anyone to hell, for we sentence ourselves. Eternity with God necessitates a transformation of our souls, that we may be purified in order to be engulfed by God's uncreated light. Our fallen nature cannot withstand the presence of God without having been purified.

The Eucharist is the very medicine God designed for this transformation. Our response should be one of humble submission to this invitation to commune with the God who created us. Holy Communion is meant to be the agent that changes us, making us whole. The Holy Mysteries give us life. Frequent confession and communion are the means we have for change.

The Eucharist is both mystical and symbolic and is understood to be the genuine Body and Blood of Christ, precisely because bread and wine are the mysteries of God's true and genuine presence and His manifestation to us in Christ. This defies analysis and explanation in purely rational and logical terms, precisely because it is a mystery. The Eucharist is a mystery of the Kingdom of heaven, as is Christ Himself. It is "not of this world," as Jesus tells us (John 18:36).

St. John of Damascus said, "If you enquire how this happens, it is enough for you to learn that it is through the Holy Spirit... We know nothing more than this, that the word of God is true, active, and omnipotent, but in its manner of operation unsearchable."

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**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](http://www.andreahandiandi.com) Tupperware – Products that last a lifetime!

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

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 19<sup>th</sup>, Camperships have been generously offered by the ACRY (\$315), Men’s Club (\$315), Mothers & Daughter Guild (\$315), Tom Pingor (\$300), M/M Dave Urban (\$600), M/M Steve Fucsko (\$50), Trona Paganico (\$100), Helen Revak (\$150), Cheryl Tomko (\$200), Joan Ribovich (\$100), Andrea Labik (\$315), and Candy for Campers Sale (\$110). 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!

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**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT THE ORTHODOX MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN ELLWOOD CITY, PA ON AUG. 5 AND 6!**

Saturday Vigil will begin at 5:00 P.M. On Sunday, Aug. 6, the Hierarchical Liturgy is at 9:30 A.M. A picnic lunch will be served at noon. A Speakers’ Program at 2:00 will include a Dramatic Monologue by Archpriest Daniel Ressetar and Oratorical Presentations by teens. Then, the Sacrament of Holy Unction will follow at 3:00, with closing Vespers at 6:00.

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**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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**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](http://campnazareth.org) to register for the Science and Nature Camp. Email [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto: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.

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**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](http://ACRY.org) for all registration materials. Alisha (Myers) Zak.

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**SAVE THE DATES: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 FOR THE ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH PICNIC; FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 FOR THE FOOD FESTIVAL IN THE PARISH AUDITORIUM!**

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**ST. MICHAEL’S ORTHODOX CHURCH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN WOOD, PA ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 2017!**

As part of their celebration, they will have a 100 Year Anniversary Banquet the RW&BT Vol. Fire Co. Hall in Robertsedale following The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy being celebrated at St. Michael’s in Wood, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The deadline to order tickets is Sept. 1, 2017.

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**PITTSBURGH ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS WILL BE MEET ON SUNDAY, AUG. 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE SHARP EDGE BEER EMPORIUM IN SHADYSIDE!**

Guest speaker will be Father Thomas Soroka, pastor of St. Nicholas Church in McKees Rocks, who will speak on “Orthodoxy and Islam”. Bishop

Thomas of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese is scheduled to be the guest speaker on Sunday, September 10. Young adults (ages 21-39) are invited to attend these "Orthodoxy on Tap" encounters.

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