

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, August 20, 2017

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Resurrection Tone: 2

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 84-86 / Red Book: 99-102

Bulletin Sponsor: In memory of +**Michael Bodnar**, offered by Gerry Lakatos (daughter).

Altar Candles' Sponsor: In loving memory of father, +**Thomas N. Yawkey**, mother, +**Yawkey**

(**Hoven**) and wife, +**Dr. Margaret Yawkey**, offered by Fr. Deacon Thomas Yawkey & Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Margaret**

Yawkey, offered by Fr. Deacon Thomas Yawkey, husband.

MONDAY, (August 21)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**John Rudosky**, offered by Rose Mary Roscoe (Sister).

FRIDAY, (August 25)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of Good Intentions for the health of **Adam Richard Zak** on his upcoming birthday (Aug. 28), offered by Fr. Michael & Pani Deborah Zak.

Sunday, August 27, 2017

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Resurrection Tone: 3

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

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

Bulletin Sponsor: **Anna Bartko's** 7th Birthday, offered by the Family.

Birthday prayers extended to **Adam Zak** on his birthday (Aug. 28), offered by the Zak Families.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Members**

of St. Nicholas Rosary Society, offered by the Rosary Society.

7:00 P.M. Great Vespers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God, with the Blessing of bread, wheat, wine & oil.

Matthew 18:21-35 – Seventy times seven: Symbolic of an unlimited amount. This parable illustrates the need for unlimited forgiveness. **Ten thousand talents** (v. 24) is an impossible sum, more than a laborer could earn in several lifetimes. **A hundred denarii** (v. 28) is a significant amount from an earthly perspective (about three months' wages), yet it is a pittance when compared to the debt owed the **king**. God not only stays the punishment we deserve, but forgives us the entire debt as well (v. 27). Because God forgives us, we in turn are required to grant the gift of forgiveness to others.

18:25 – Certain fathers give a spiritual interpretation to the punishment described here. The man represents the soul, the wife represents the body, and the children represent a person's deeds. Thus, the body and the deeds are given over to slavery, that is to Satan, so that the soul might possibly be saved.

1 Cor. 5:5 – In the Church there is protection from the destructive power of **Satan** (Matthew 16:18). This protection is here removed through excommunication in the hope that, having experienced the difference between God’s rule and Satan’s, this offender may repent and in the end **be saved**. **The flesh** (Greek “sarx”) is not synonymous with “body” (Greek “soma”). St. Paul is calling for the **destruction** not of the body, but rather of the lusts of the flesh.

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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THE CAPACITY TO FORGIVE AND THE CAPACITY TO LOVE By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

The capacity to forgive is directly related to the capacity to love. In our act of forgiving others we find forgiveness. For in the turning away from our own self-concern and our own self-will, we begin to see that our salvation is directly linked to the salvation of our neighbor. To refuse to forgive our neighbor is to cease having the capacity to love, “for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?” (1 John 4:20).

Forgiving others requires work on our part, for we must cooperate with the grace that comes as a gift of the Holy Spirit. Since we have been forgiven much, we must forgive much. The Lord Himself told us we must forgive our brother seventy times seventy – no easy feat, to be sure. Yet it is the same Lord who gives us the power and the will to be quick to forgive those who have hurt or offended us. It is this very Christ who demonstrated the importance of forgiving others when He forgave those who were crucifying Him saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34).

BECOME DISTINGUISHED, AGAIN, THIS YEAR! The Distinguished Diocesan Donors program strives to provide the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese with the necessary resources to bring a resurgence of life and an abundance of growth to its apostolates and ministries. Some of the active Apostolates and Ministries of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese include: **YOUTH** – The Apostolate for Youth serves as a catalyst for effective youth ministry on the Diocesan, Deanery and local parish levels. **CAMP NAZARETH** – As an Apostolate of our Diocese, Camp Nazareth serves as its Youth Camp, Retreat & Conference Center and strives to offer a peaceful and safe environment in which all users can deepen their relationship with God. **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION** – The Apostolate for Information technology and communication oversees all Diocesan technologies and provides support to parishes wishing to implement similar technologies. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – The Apostolate for Christian Education provides resources that foster the spiritual growth of those seeking to teach and learn about our Orthodox Faith. **CHRIST THE SAVIOUR SEMINARY** – As an Apostolate, Christ the Saviour Seminary educates and trains Orthodox men for the priesthood and provides theological and spiritual formation for those who are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith. **MISSION & EVANGELISM** – The Apostolate for Parish Growth, Mission and Evangelization oversees

missionary outreach, assists mission parishes and helps support the spiritual renewal and growth of the existing parishes of the Diocese. We invite YOU to be a part of the abundant growth!

“AS WE FORGIVE THEM”

“... Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.” This petition from the Lord’s Prayer is illustrated by the parable from the Gospel for the eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. We shall underline two very striking points in this parable. God does not forgive our debts because we forgive those of our debtors. Certainly, there is a continuity, a sequence, a parallel (“as we forgive...”) between the forgiveness which we receive from God and that which we accord to men, but the second is not the cause of the first. God, in His generosity, takes and keeps the initiative of forgiveness. When we ourselves forgive others, it is not “our” own forgiveness we grant them. We allow the divine forgiveness which we ourselves have received to “pass through” and beyond us, we make ourselves its instruments: for all forgiveness comes from God. And also, we do not only forgive others because they are men, just as we are, but because we are all servants of the same King. Let us, today, examine every fold of our heart, every corner of our mind, lest some trespass, some injustice that we have not forgiven lies there. We have no right to try to bring to a halt in ourselves the forgiveness that flows from the Cross with the blood of Our Saviour. We must allow it to flow freely; we can make it flow on to others, and especially on to those who may have harmed us. If I do not, how shall I dare to say the Lord’s Prayer through to its end? The forgiveness that God grants me, I can send on beyond myself. May it reach those to whom I would extend it, and then come back and remain with me. Amen!

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!

St. John the Baptist’s annual garage sale has hundreds of items under a buck! The year, we have A LOT of Crafting Supplies along with Baby Items, Home Accessories, Kitchenware, Books, CD’s, DVD’s, Clothing, and much, much more! Our Ethnic Food Kitchen will also be open with Eat-In or Take-Out available. Cash Only – Rain Or Shine – No Early Birds – “Look For The Golden Domes!” Call 412-766-4691 With Any Questions!

APPRECIATIVE WORDS FROM ONE OF OUR BELOVED PARISHIONERS: Dear Father Zak: I wanted to thank all of the faithful of St. Nicholas Church who sent me get-well cards and the gracious parishioners who prayed for me. Thank you! Betty Wuchevich

SAVE THE DATES: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 FOR THE ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH PICNIC – Susan Miller will be handling the Chinese Auction again this year for the picnic. She will be accepting any donations, starting today following the Divine Liturgy; **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 FOR THE FOOD FESTIVAL!**

ST. MICHAEL’S ORTHODOX CHURCH 100TH 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 Robertsdale 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.

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS GREEK ORTHODOX MONASTERY DINNER BANQUET ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH AT ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL IN PITTSBURGH AT 4 P.M.!

With the Blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Savas, Gerontissa Theophano & her Sisterhood warmly welcome you to: The 4th Annual Dinner Banquet in Memory of Gerontissa Taxiarchia. New Caterer! This year’s event catered by George Loutsion. 3:00 P.M. Vesper Service. RSVP Online Now: 2017DinnerBanquet.eventbrite.com RSVP Deadline: September 1, 2017. Fish and Chicken entrees: \$100 per ticket. The Monastery is located at: 121 St. Elias Lane, Saxonburg, PA. Phone: (724) 352-3999

PITTSBURGH ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS WILL BE MEET ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE SHARP EDGE BEER EMPORIUM IN SHADYSIDE!

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.

COME, HELP US MAKE PIROHI ON TUESDAY, AUG. 22nd, AT 6 ‘O CLOCK! It is time to get ready for our fall food festival. Lend us your culinary talents for an evening of fun and work. Let’s make October’s festival one of the best we have ever had! With your help, we can do it! Let Jean Colantoni know if you are willing to give us a helping hand. Phone her at (412) 491-7090.

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