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Sunday, October 8, 2017

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (1ST LUKAN SUNDAY)

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Resurrection Tone: 1

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

Bulletin Sponsor: **Andrea Urban's & Melissa Ditmore's** Birthdays, offered by the Family.

Wedding Anniversary Prayers intoned for: **Nicholas & Geri Novotni** on 14th Anniversary of Matrimony (Oct. 11).

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Emma Fischer**, offered by the Family and: **Janice Kerr**, offered by the Family.

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 souls of God's departed servants, **+Mary Dzvonik & +Mary Ann Kelly**, offered by Michael Dzvonik.

WEDNESDAY, (Oct. 11)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of St. Nectarios, with the Anointing of the sick, in body and soul.

FRIDAY, (Oct. 13)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Pauline & +John Abaray**, offered by the Children.

7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy

Mother of God.

SATURDAY, (Oct. 14)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God.

Sunday, October 15, 2017

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (2ND LUKAN SUNDAY)

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Resurrection Tone: 2

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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

Altar Candles' Sponsor: **Robert & Trona Paganico's** 48th Wedding Anniversary (10-18-'17), offered by Children & Grandchildren.

Wedding Anniversary Prayers intoned for: **Robert & Trona Paganico** on their 48th Anniversary of Matrimony (Oct. 18, 2017).

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Sarah Merritt** (Oct. 14), **Breanna Merritt** (Oct. 16) and **Jacob Pido** (Oct. 22), offered by Gaylene Merritt.

Luke 5:1-11

5:1 – The **Lake of Gennesart** is also known as the Sea of Galilee. It is about 13 miles long and 7 miles wide.

5:3 – Sitting was the traditional position for a teacher. **Seated** is the traditional Jewish position for teaching with authority. Some early Christian preachers (for example, St. John Chrysostom) sat while the people stood.

5:4 – **Launch out into the deep.** St. Ambrose sees the spiritual meaning of this command as an invitation to give one's life over to the deep mystery of the knowledge of the Son of God.

5:6 – The Lord draws people to Himself by things that are familiar to them. As He drew the Magi with a star (Math. 2:2), as He would draw tax collectors by a tax collector (5:29), here He draws the fishermen with **fish**.

5:8 – Peter's cry in the face of divine power is not a rejection of **Jesus** (contrast 8:37). Rather, being suddenly cast in the light of Christ, holy people such as **Peter** become keenly aware of their own unworthiness (compare Is. 6:5; Rev. 1:17).

5:10 – The great **catch** of fish (v. 9) is an image of the apostles bringing mankind to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and it fulfills the prophecy of Jer. 16:16. In the festal hymn of Pentecost we sing to Christ, "Through the fishermen, You drew the world into Your net."

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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LITTLE BY LITTLE, WE MAKE PROGRESS IN HOLINESS

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

In our struggle to cooperate with God's grace, the transformation of our souls that leads to holiness can seem daunting. We feel discouraged when we struggle to change our bad behaviors or to overcome sins that seem to follow us like bad debt. We feel overwhelmed and wonder if we will ever have victory. During times like these, it is good to remember the words of St. Peter of Damaskos: "It is through victories in small things that the Fathers won their great battles."

Holiness is not just about the saints, whose icons we venerate and whose lives we read. Holiness is better understood as wholeness, being made whole, or healed. We seek healing from the darkness and estrangement we've inherited as a result of the Fall. We seek out the God of righteousness, who alone can heal us of our infirmity. As Christ increases in us, our fallen nature decreases. We replace our fallen self by keeping God's commandments and loving God before all else. When we do so, the ego is trampled down and we become children of the Most High.

Our goal is to acquire the Holy Spirit, from whom comes true repentance and a humble and contrite heart. This relationship that brings healing also brings healing for the world. St. Seraphim of Sarov said that if you acquire inner peace, a thousand around you will be saved. As Christians we must focus on cooperating with God's grace, the transformation by the Holy Spirit will make us worthy of eternity with God.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN RANKIN INVITES YOU TO THEIR FALL BAZAAR, TODAY! The Pittsburgh Deanery parish, located at 146 Third Avenue in Rankin, PA, will hold its annual fall bazaar on Sunday, October 8 following Liturgy from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be a variety of foods, including Slavic Specialties for eat-in or take-out, Bake Sale, Children's Games, Beverages, Raffles, Crafts and Bingo. Plenty of parking is available. For additional information, please call Fr. Nik at 412-271-2725.

SAVE THE DATES: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 FOR THE FOOD FESTIVAL!

We desire all parishioners to sign their names to the papers in the auditorium highlighting the designated areas of the Festival, where they can be good stewards of giving their time, talents, and treasures toward this annual fund-raising activity of the parish. In regards to the Food Festival Basket Raffle, Pani Debbie is receiving Basket Donations for the 2-day affair. You can donate a whole Basket or items to use in making up a Basket or cash towards purchasing items. Also, if you were absent from the Liturgy last Sunday, please stop at the church office in the auditorium and pick up your allotment of the festival food and bingo tickets. And, insure that your name is listed in the colorful Food Festival Program Booklet as a Patron for \$5.00 or Booster for \$2.00. Sue Miller will be happy to receive your monetary contribution.

HAVE YOUR NAME APPEAR IN THE ACRY ANNUAL, OUR DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK, AS A PATRON (\$6), BOOSTER (\$3), OR MEMORIAL LISTING (\$6)!

This informative journal represents the activities of the past year and important calendar and contact information for you in the coming year. By supporting this publication, you enable the National ACRY to reach out to those in need. Please submit your monetary gifts toward this Yearly issue that should occupy a space in your home library. See Cathy Pawlik!

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL 7K WALK FOR MISSIONS AT SOUTH PARK, SPONSORED BY THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD, TAKES PLACE TODAY!

Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Mission work of Father John and Presbytera Sandy Chakos. Walker with highest collected funds – Will receive a Fleet Feet Shoes Certificate. Here's What To Do: Raise pledges. Make checks payable to: ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD. Register at WALK: 1:00 October 8 at South Park Children's Playground Pavilion, (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., 15129). Bring you pledge forms and collected money. WALK BEGINS AT 2:00. Complimentary Refreshments before the Walk and a Light Lunch after the Walk. FREE T-shirt for children 8 years and under who raise \$25 or others who raise \$50 or more. Mail balances by Oct. 30 to: Walk For Missions, c/o Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Walker Pledge Forms can be picked up in the vestibule of the church. The young people of our parish are especially encouraged to walk for Orthodox Missions.

ST. JOHN'S EAST PITTSBURGH ETHNIC FOOD FEST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, FROM 11 A.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.!

The St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in East Pittsburgh (211 Cable Avenue) will hold their Annual Ethnic Food Fest on Saturday, October 28th, from 11 am until 5 pm. There will be Stuffed Cabbage (holupki); Kraut or Potato Pirohi; Haluski (cabbage and noodles); Kolbasi and Baked Goods for purchase. Beautiful Raffle Baskets chances will also be available. Eat in or Carry-out: call in advance that day to have your order ready for you at 412-829-2261.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 15 AT 11:15 A.M. IN THE CHURCH

AUDITORIUM! St. Nicholas Church will hold a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 15 after the Divine Liturgy at approximately 11:15 A.M. All church members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. The meeting should last about 15-20 minutes. Thank You, Thomas Pingor, Church President.

ALL IN GOOD TASTE – DARK RUM & CIGAR TASTING TO BENEFIT IOCC – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 P.M. AT LEAF AND BEAN IN MCMURRAY, PA 15317!

The facility is located at 3525 Washington Road in McMurray, PA 15317. Tickets are \$50. Each guest will receive three cigars and three dark rums to sample. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Advance registration required to guarantee availability. Kindly register before Oct 10 at iocc.org/pittsburgh or contact Kevin: 724-344-5610 – kevinsreck@gmail.com Sponsorships also available.

VISIT OF THE IVERON ICON OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 7 P.M. AT THE SAINT SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF MCKEESPORT & DUQUESNE.

The church is located at 901 Hartman Street, McKeesport, PA, and the telephone number is (412) 672-1872. Come And Bask In The Presence of Her Holy Icon! (Refreshments will be offered after the Akathist)

ACRY TIDBIT: Lots O' Luck Calendars are here; they are \$25.00. Please see Carol Dunn if you would like to make a purchase. Thank You!

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 18-35) RETREAT AT CAMP NAZARETH, OCT. 27-29, 2017!

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh and the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese are pleased to announce their second co-sponsored Young Adult Retreat entitled "Trusting the Process". The Retreat will take place Friday, October 27 – Sunday, October 29 at Camp Nazareth, located in Mercer, PA. The weekend event will feature Keynote addresses given by Mr. Jacob Saylor, the Pastoral Assistant at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Mr. Saylor has worked extensively in the field of Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministry and will offer a unique perspective on the cosmic process of salvation. The weekend event will be filled with learning, fun, fellowship, worship, and time for reflection and rejuvenation! This retreat promises a spiritually uplifting experience! Visit either pittsburgh.goarch.org or acrod.org for more information and to register for the Retreat. If you ever struggle with "staying on track", or if you ever feel

like you don't know where you're headed in your life, then don't miss out on this unique retreat! It will give you some great insight and tools to help you navigate even the roughest times. Register today!!

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