

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, November 5, 2017

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (5TH LUKAN SUNDAY)

Deacon's Service, with distribution of Holy Communion: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Resurrection Tone: 4

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

Pancakes & Sausage Breakfast, hosted by the Senior A.C.R.Y. Chapter #11, served in the parish auditorium following the Deacon's Service. A free-will offering shall be in effect for the repast.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Mathilda Benson**, on the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by her son, Bernie; +**Donald Grossett**, offered by Mary Ann Grossett (Wife) and +**Anna Mae Zubeck**, offered by Alan Zubeck (Son).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Great Martyr, Saint Demetrios.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 11... 10:00 A.M. Memorial Service on Veterans' Day at St. Nicholas Church Cemetery in West Mifflin, PA.

2:00 P.M. Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, uniting Alicia Obringer & Nicholas Kerber as one in Christ, and husband & wife.

Sunday, November 12, 2017

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6TH LUKAN SUNDAY)

Matins: 8:00

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Resurrection Tone: 6

Gospel: Luke 18:26-39

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

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Michael Fischer** on his 41st birthday on Nov. 11, offered by Kira Fischer & Children.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Helen Beres** on the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord, and +**Michael Beres**, on the 80th day of his falling asleep in the Lord (Nov. 17), offered by the Beres Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Ann Timko**, offered by Trona & Family.

Luke 16:19-31 –

16:22 – Abraham's bosom means heaven. Abraham is mentioned among all the righteous because in stark contrast to the rich man, Abraham showed hospitality to strangers (Gen. 18:1-8). The **rich man... was buried**. The Fathers see this as illustrating the state of his merciless soul,

buried by the pleasures of the flesh. He was already buried in life by “couches, rugs, furnishings, sweet oils, perfumes, large quantities of wine, varieties of food, and flatterers” (St. John Chrysostom). That the rich man remains unnamed indicates that he is ultimately forgotten.

16:24-26 – The rich man’s appeal to **Abraham** as a spiritual **father** is not rejected. Rather, Abraham accepts this role, calling the rich man **son** and showing himself to be compassionate even towards the most wretched of men. The **great gulf** is not a geographical divide, but the complete separation between virtue and wickedness, a separation that cannot be overcome after death. Note that torments have not changed the rich man’s heart, as he still sees **Lazarus** as a servant existing for the sake of his own comfort. Finally, this account by Christ reveals the communion of the saints: a man, not even a believer, calls out from Hades and converses with Saint Abraham!

16:27-31 – Some Fathers see this parable being set after the final judgment, citing the punishment and reward being received by the two men respectively. Others see this parable set at a time after death but before the second coming of Christ, as evidenced by the man interceding on behalf of his brothers who are still living. The torment he is experiencing would be but a foretaste of his final state. From this perspective, we learn that souls of the departed have awareness of and concern for the state of those still alive on earth, but also that the intercessions of a wicked man are heard, but avail nothing.

16:31 – “The ignorance of Scripture is a great cliff and a deep abyss. It is impossible for anyone to be without benefit if he reads continually and with attention” (St. John Chrysostom). Furthermore, the rebellious were not persuaded even when people did **rise from the dead** (Math. 28:11-15; John 12:9-11)

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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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 finances toward this Yearly issue that should occupy a space in your home. See Cathy Pawlik!

ACRY TIDBIT: Lots O’ Luck Calendars are here; they are \$25.00. Please see Carol Dunn to buy the item.

THIRD AND FINAL BANNES OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED FOR: Alicia Obringer of our parish and Nicholas Kerber, who will be united as one in Christ in the Mystery of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 2 P.M. in St. Nicholas Church. If anyone has a reason why this marriage should not take place, then, bring the objection to the attention of the Pastor: Father R. Michael Zak, immediately.

PITTSBURGH P.O.Y.A. WILL NEXT MEET ON SUNDAY, NOV. 12TH AT 6:30 P.M.! The Pittsburgh Orthodox Young Adults (POYA) will meet for their next “Orthodoxy on Tap” on Sunday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will again be held at the Sharp Edge Beer Emporium, South St. Clair Street, Shadyside. Special guest will be His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisedek of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania who will speak on “Monastic Spirituality for Everyday Life”.

HELP CREATE GIFT BASKETS FOR EACH CLASSROOM AT BARRETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HOMESTEAD

BEFORE THANKSGIVING! On the advice of one of the first grade teachers at Barrett (Beth Caterall), the following items would be most appreciated by the teachers: **Tissues** (need 28 boxes), **Clorox Wipes** (need 28), **Glue Sticks** (several in a package) (need 15), and **Vitamin C Drops** (need 15). The Tutors will assemble these baskets on the last day of Reading Club before Thanksgiving, which is Nov.15. Please donate any of these items & place the supplies on the table of the stage area in the hall.

EXHIBIT THE GENEROSITY OF ST. NICHOLAS BY ATTENDING THE CHARITY DINNER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, BENEFITING CHRIST THE SAVIOUR SEMINARY! Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Deanery, the holiday feast will take place at the Edgewood Country Club, located at 100 Churchill Drive in Pittsburgh, PA. Doors open at 2:30 P.M.; Dinner is at 3:00 P.M. and ticket prices are \$30.00 for Adults; \$10.00 for Children under 12 years of age. See Jean Colantoni to secure your ducats. A gala St. Nicholas

Day raffle drawing shall be held after the repast. Please consider donating a holiday gift for this Prize selection. And, inform Father Michael of the Nativity present that you will offer.

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