

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, July 8, 2018

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Resurrection Tone: 5

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

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

Bulletin Sponsor: **Kylie Fischer's** 13th Birthday, offered by Parents: Michael & Kira Fischer.

Birthday prayers are intoned for: **Dacia Thorn** (7/2), **Kaitlyn Thorn** (7/5), and **Kylie Fischer** (7/9), offered by Trona & Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Dennis Miller** (Husband) and **+Helen Panichelli** (Mother), on the 4th Anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Susan Miller & Family.

Monday, (July 9)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Andrew & +Anna Hreha**, offered by Anna Hreha Wife)

Wednesday, (July 11)... 6:15 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.: Hearing of Confessions.

7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter and Paul, with the Blessing of Bread, Wheat, Wine & Oil.

Thursday, (July 12)... 9:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy on the Holy Day of the Prime Apostles Peter & Paul.

Saturday, (July 14)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Michael & +Anna Puchy**, offered by the Family.

Sunday, July 15, 2018

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Third Hour: 8:20 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 soul of God's departed servant, **+Helen Sukaly**, offered by St. Nicholas Church.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Mary Labik**, offered by Andrea Labik.

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.

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. According to Cyprian, God’s judgment will not be merely of outward appearances, but will penetrate much deeper into the heart of man. He sees the heart and mind of every person, and He will judge not only our deeds, but even our words and thoughts; (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.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN WE’RE BROKEN
By Abbot Tryphon in “The Morning Offering”

It is only human to become despondent when we fail in keeping to our moral, ethical, and spiritual standards. Our Orthodox Faith teaches that we must be compassionate towards others, loving, quick to forgive, and always demonstrating to the world that we belong to Christ. Yet we also know we fail, most of the time, in living up to the standards of the Gospels; we appear to be no different from the pagans.

Over and over, we sink into the muck and mire of sin, becoming broken, downtrodden, and sick. In our brokenness we betray the Gospels, our own standards of behavior, and the expectations of others. We know the truth of the words, “No one is good but One, that is God.” (Matt. 19:17) because we fail over and over in our seeming inability to live as we believe.

Nevertheless, even as we struggle with our sins, we must remember that God specifically created us for participation in His Divinity. We have been called by Him and have become a royal people, specifically created to share fully in the life of God. The key to this life in God is repentance. Even in our brokenness, we must not give in to despondency, for our Savior is quick to forgive. When we find ourselves falling short of the glory of God, we must turn toward this very God in repentance.

During those times when we fail in our Christian vocation, we must embrace the hope that comes with a repentant heart and see in our brokenness the reminder that we must always keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge that we have a God who is quick to forgive. Despair is the enemy of our salvation, because in despair, the evil one would have us believe there is no hope – and therefore no salvation. We must turn our gaze toward our co-suffering Savior, the One who lifts us out of our brokenness, making us whole and granting us forgiveness and life.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING! Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church shall conduct its monthly Church Officers’ Session this month on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Auditors will meet at 6:30 P.M. All parishioners are welcome to attend these monthly board meetings, and, although only parish leaders can vote, anyone can participate and express their opinions.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – ANNUAL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING! There will be a meeting of the Annual Fall Food Festival committee on Wednesday, July 11th at 6:00 P.M., prior to the

Vespers service at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons should attend this kick-off session to our festival, which is our major church fundraiser for the year. Please volunteer and support this event. Come with your ideas and suggestions to enhance the experience for our attendees. Thank you, Tom Pingor, Church President.

OFFER A CAMPSHIP (\$315) OR ANY GENEROUS SUM OF FINANCES TO SEND ALL OF OUR CHILDREN OF CAMPER AGE TO NAZARETH THIS SUMMER FOR THE DIOCESAN CAMPING

SESSIONS! The youths make “friends forever” at Camp and live an authentic Orthodox Christian life-style. Camperships generously offered this year have been graciously received from: Dave & Andrea Urban - \$300; Sue Semancik - \$300; Sr. A.C.R.Y. Chapter - \$315; Tom Pingor - \$300.

WE NEED YOUR CULINARY SKILLS IN MAKING THE IRRESISTIBLE PIROHI ON TUESDAYS (JULY 10 AND 17) IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6 P.M.!

Come as good stewards in the House of the Lord and enjoy the fellowship of our church family members, as we prepare to supply Café Nikolai with a variety of this Slavic delicacy.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW IN ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL ON SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

This exciting mid-summer event will feature over (20) of your favorite vendors and crafters. Plus, a Russian Auction (filled with fascinating and unique prizes), Café Nikolai (well-stocked with our parish’s mouth-watering pirohi) and Raffles galore where all participants are bound to win something. Invite your family members, neighbors and friends at work to stop over at our church auditorium for a lively affair that appeals to everyone! Also, for this entire month of July, Andrea Zober shall be selling a huge selection of Tupperware products, where a healthy percentage of the sales will be deposited in the church coffer. And, a Bake Sale is on tap for the Show. Our many talented bakers within the parish are kindly asked to contribute pastries of their choice to satisfy the sweet tooth of our patrons. Bring the “goodies” the day of or on the Friday before the Christmas in July event.

FAITH NIGHT AT PNC PARK IS FRIDAY, JULY 27TH AT 7:05 P.M.!

Our Pittsburgh Pirates will battle the New York Mets. Our sister parish of St. John the Baptist on the North Side is organizing a group plan of ticket sales in section 204 of the ballpark. For \$30 you will have a discount on concessions and all-you-can-eat-snacks. Please contact Wendy Martellotti at 412-583-6254 or martellotti11@verizon.net to reserve your ticket by July 8th. Let’s Go Bucs!

RESERVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE PITTSBURGH DEANERY PICNIC IN SCHENLEY PARK (OAKLAND SECTION OF PITTSBURGH)

FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 5 P.M. It will be a covered-dish format where faithful of the five parishes in the Pittsburgh District will sign their names as participants and list what food entrées they will be offering for the picnic. A children’s playground is close to the site, and we hope to have entertaining “Rovin’ Musicians” offering plenty of good songs and delightful music to dance to.

LET’S FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE DUQUESNE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIS SUMMER TO GIVE TO THE STUDENTS WHEN THEY START BACK IN AUGUST!

Our parish is working with F.O.C.U.S. America to supply needy elementary & middle school students backpacks, filled with specific school supplies, to further their education, in financially-depressed districts. Ask our projector coordinator, George Matey and assistant, Jean Colantoni, how you can help! The cost of the contents needed for 1 backpack is approximately \$20.00. Tell George or Jean that you would like sponsor a backpack for an elementary student in the Duquesne School District this fall and give from “the bottom of your heart.”

ST. JOHN’S (EAST PITTSBURGH) OPEN – AUGUST 11, 2018!

It’s that time of year again! Time for the often imitated, never duplicated, St. John’s Open. We hope you can join us for our “43rd Anniversary”. On Saturday, August 11, 2018 we to gather at Valley Green Golf Course in Greensburg to enjoy the fellowship, the weather, and the golf, no matter what score we shoot. FUN is the name of this game and we want everyone to have some. So mark that date on your calendar so you don’t forget and be left out. This year’s tournament will be a team event. We will also have a SHOT GUN START, with all golfers teeing off at the same time. This will also help reduce the length of time spent at the course. The fee this year will be \$89.00/golfer – as long as you pay by August 1, 2018. After that date, the fee will be \$95.00. But, in either case all monies must be paid by August 7, 2018. Additionally, due to the high number of golfers that participate in the St. John’s Open, WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE THE FIRST 80 PAID GOLFERS! So get your group together and mail your check, made out to: St. John’s Orthodox Church and send to: Denny Harms, 200 Dundee Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122. REMEMBER, the fee pays for the green fees, carts, drinks, snacks, steak dinner, and prizes. DON’T DELAY – ACT TODAY! Pick your foursome or threesome or twosome or just yourself and we will team you up with some great people dedicated to good, clean fun. We will award a cash prize to the winning team. Winning team is determined by the Lowest Gross Score. In the event of a tie, the First Tie-Breaker used will be determined by lowest number of putts for 18 holes. If

necessary, Second Tie-Breaker will be determined by cutting a 52 deck of cards (one card per team).
Highest Card Wins. Come and enjoy a great time with great people. Call Bob P. at:412-952-6962.

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