

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Parish Council President: Tom Pingor

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**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Tone: 3

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

Birthday prayers extended to: **John Koreny** (Nov. 11), offered by Mom (Mildred Koreny) and Family and for: **Deborah Harris** (Nov. 8), offered by Noah Thorn (God-son) and: **Mary Ann Vasil** (Nov. 6), offered by Tracy Hvasta and Ernie J. Vasil.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Anna Mae Zubeck**, offered by Alan Zubeck (Son).

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**Tuesday, (Nov. 8)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Saint Demetrios, Holy Great Martyr and Myrrh-Streamer of Thessalonica.

**Wednesday, (Nov. 9)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Mary Kindya**, offered by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Beres.

7 P.M. Moleben Service of Saint Nectarios with the Anointing of the sick, in body and soul.

**Friday, (Nov. 11)...** **Veterans' Day** – 10:00 A.M. Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**deceased veterans of our parish who sacrificially gave their lives in time of war**, at St. Nicholas Cemetery in West Mifflin, PA.

**Saturday, (Nov. 12)...** 7:00 P.M. Vespers.

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**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Tone: 4

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 90-92 / Red Book: 105-107

Bulletin Sponsor: Helen Revak, in memory of husband, +**Andrew Revak**.

**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 (Genesis 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 (Psalm 9:6).

**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 the 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).

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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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### **WHAT WORKS DO – AND DON’T DO**

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

When we respond to God’s love with love, His mercy leads us into holiness, for entering into this relationship with our Creator transforms us, changes us. We were meant from the beginning to be in His image and likeness, and our positive response to the invitation to enter into divine communion leads to holiness.

We can do nothing good without God’s grace, which is why St. John Chrysostom tells us, “Faith’s workings themselves are a gift of God, lest anyone should boast.” No man can call Jesus the Christ but by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the gift of faith implants in us the grace to do good works. Can good works save us? No! God’s mercy and grace save us.

James wrote clearly about works and faith: “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2:17-18). Faith by itself, without good works, is indeed dead. Yet good works can only be done with God’s grace (Christ in us).

James also wrote, “What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily bread, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (2:14-17)

If we claim Christ as our Savior yet have no love in us and do no good works, we delude ourselves, thinking we have Christ when in reality we simply have religion. Religion is dead, but Christ in us is alive! Works don’t save us; Christ saves us. Good works are a sign that we are being transformed – made holy – because Christ dwells in our hearts. Anything good we do is because Christ is in us, and His grace abounds.

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With Your omnipotent right hand, O Christ our God, quench the fire consuming Your servants, alleviate the pain, and in Your mercy raise up from the bed of sickness: Protopresbyter Ronald Hazuda

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**SOLICITATION OF INDIVIDUAL DONORS FOR THE ICON OF CHRIST THE PANTOCRATOR!** Since no member of St. Nicholas has conveyed to Fr. Michael his or her desire to donate this magnificent "window to heaven" that will be written on the center of the nave ceiling, we humbly seek the monetary gifts of individual parishioners to finance the total church artwork expense of: \$10,400. Through the generosity of our beloved faithful, special donations' accounts already exist for the painting and iconography which would completely pay for the coloring and scaffolding of the ceiling area of the nave. As all of our parishioners have been good stewards in beautifying our sacred temple, we pray that you welcome this opportunity to give freely of your treasures to enable this sacred image of Jesus Christ, "The Just Judge" to appear as we look heavenward in God's House of Prayer. Please contribute to the Icon Fund today!

**OUR PARISH IS SEEKING A MAINTENANCE PERSON!** St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Homestead, PA is currently seeking a maintenance person. Candidates should submit a letter of interest along with qualifications/experience to the church office immediately for consideration. Thank You, Tom Pingor.

**PITTSBURGH ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS WILL MEET TODAY IN HOMESTEAD!** The Pittsburgh Orthodox Young Adults (POYA) will meet for their next "Orthodoxy on Tap" on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at Duke's Upper Deck Café, 122 West 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Homestead. Father Paul Abernathy will speak on "Healing the Broken Hearted: Orthodox Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Adults 21-39.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO ON SUNDAY, NOV. 22<sup>ND</sup> IN NORTHSIDE PITTSBURGH!** The parish will also have a Steeler Ticket Raffle (2 tickets for the Steelers vs Browns on Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, scheduled for 1 P.M.), a Chinese Auction, a Food Raffle and a variety of homemade baked goods available. Please RSVP at [fr.sleepless@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sleepless@gmail.com) or at 412-766-4691.

**THE YEAR IS COMING TO AN END, SOON; ARE YOU CHURCH DUES FOR 2016 PAID IN FULL?** Just two months remain in this present calendar year. Are your financial obligations to the parish still incomplete? If you have any questions regarding this matter, speak with Susan Semancik or Cheryl Tomko.

**ACRY CANDY ORDERS ARE DUE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>!** The sweets will be delivered for pick-up by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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