

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, July 10, 2016

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Tone: 2

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

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

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Helen Panichelli** (Birthday remembrance: 7/4) and on the 2nd Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord (7/10), offered by Susan Miller (Daughter).

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Peter & +Helen Mochnach**, offered by the Chuck & Robin Gilchrist.

Monday, (July 11)... 7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter & Paul.

Tuesday, (July 12)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter & Paul.

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

Friday, (July 15)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Helen Sukaly**, offered by St. Nicholas Church.

Sunday, July 17, 2016

4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Tone: 3

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

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

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Martha** and **+Joseph Lucas**, offered by **+Ernest P. Molchany, MD**.

Matthew 6:22-33 –

6:22, 23 – The mind (Greek: nous) is the spiritual **eye** of the soul; it illuminates the inner man and governs the will. Keeping the mind wholesome and pure is fundamental to the Christian faith.

6:24 – As slaves serving **two masters**, people attempt to maintain an attachment to both earthly and heavenly things. But this is impossible, since both demand full allegiance. Jesus calls **mammon** ("riches") a master not because wealth is evil by nature, but because of the control it have over people.

6:25-27 – Jesus is warning against anxiety, not against thoughtful planning. Our physical well-being is directly dependent on God, and only indirectly on **food, drink, and clothing**. Anxiety over earthly things demonstrates a lack of faith in God’s care.

6:32 – Because **the Gentiles** served pagan idols, they remained consumed by dependence on earthly **things**. Those who follow God can be freed from this dependence.

6:33 – **The kingdom of God** is the central theme of Jesus’ teaching, and **His righteousness** is the subject of the Sermon on the Mount. Calling us to be free from anxiety about earthly things, Jesus directs us to look to heaven, secure in the faith that God will provide earthly blessings.

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.

MONASTICISM IN THE WORLD

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

Monasticism within the tradition of the Orthodox Church has many expressions. Some are called to live in the wilderness as hermits, living the solitary way of life. Others, such as St. Maria of Paris and St. John of San Francisco, are called to live their monastic struggles within cities, surrounded by people. Many live with varying degrees of contact with others and the world, including friends and family, monastic brethren, etc., and do so successfully. I also personally know of monastics, both nuns and monks, who have become caretakers for members of their family out of necessity.

We have all been instructed, both as laypeople and monastics, to love God above all. The Lord went on to instruct us that we should also love our neighbors as ourselves. There is therefore no benefit whatsoever if we reach the highest perfection and precision in living by all the ascetic and spiritual “rules” if we have only love for ourselves and pride in our accomplishments. We are called to do battles with the ego, to love both God and our neighbor, and to make love the chief goal of our life. Everything else ought to be subordinated and should contribute to this: we love God and we love our neighbor.

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“... DO NOT WORRY ABOUT YOUR LIFE,”

The Gospels for the last two Sundays have shown us that, in order to follow Jesus, earthly preoccupations must be abandoned. We may ask: “But how then shall we live?” The gospel for the third Sunday after Pentecost puts us on guard against this anxiety. Jesus tells us that we must unify our inner life. There are men whom our Lord calls to follow Him in absolute poverty. The majority of men have family and social responsibilities, and have to face them through work. As far as earthly goods are concerned, our Lord does not condemn the prudence which is called for by both justice and charity, but He does condemn greed and the anxious care which indicate a lack of faith. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added to you.” Let both him whose special vocation it is to strip himself of everything, and him whose duty is to care for the material welfare of his family, be confident: the Father will not abandon them, but they must – the one and the other – seek, before all else, the kingdom of God and its righteousness in their own consciences and round about them. These are the two main ideas – first of all, the search for the kingdom of

God, and then trust in the Father's goodness for life's necessities – to take away with us this morning from the church in which we heard the gospel read.

CAMPERSHIP DONORS TO DATE: Helen & Michael Beres: \$300; Thomas Pingor: \$300; Dave & Andrea Urban: \$300; Joan Ribovich: \$100; Trona Paganico: \$100; Pani Debbie Zak: \$150; Sue Semancik: \$300; Mothers' & Daughters' Guild: \$300; Senior A.C.R.Y. Chapter: \$300; Proceeds from Candy for Campers: \$161 (\$1 per bar); Helen Revak: \$100; Ruth Krenicky: \$100; Donald Bodnar: \$100. The children of our parish desiring to participate in the Diocesan Camping Session this summer have already registered. The fee for a Diocesan camper has been increased to \$300 this year. May all parishioners donate towards the Campership Fund this year, enabling our youths of camper age the opportunity to live the faith on a daily basis among their "friends, forever" who share their precious Orthodox Christianity. Our young people will be attending the first Diocesan Camping Week: Sunday, July 17 thru Saturday, July 23 and will certainly enjoy the new facilities at C.N.

YOUR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS INSURE SUCCESS AT OUR PARISH'S 2ND CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016!

This summer fund-raising event is being staged in conjunction with the Homestead "Community Day" celebration and we hope to draw many people to our St. Nicholas Church auditorium to add to the festivities taking place in Frick Park. A bake sale is on the agenda, so we implore all of our talented bakers to offer a luscious dessert of their choice to entice customers. Café Nikolai will be re-created, featuring appetizing foods and ethnic delicacies, such as Pirohi. We're seeking those special crews of parishioners and their friends to make the irresistible potato-cheese dumplings. Call Jean Colantoni at 412-491-7090 and inform her of your availability in making the pirohi. All faithful members are kindly asked to share their time, talents and treasures for this pleasing activity of the church and to increase the parish treasury during the summer months.

THE MEN'S CLUB IS IN NEED OF YOUR MAINTENANCE SKILLS! The Men's Club meeting will start at 8 P.M. on Monday, July 11 (since Vespers are scheduled for 7 P.M.). Also, the Men's Club will be rebuilding the wall between the church and Sunday school building on Saturday, July 16th. The men will be gathering at the church between 7:30-8:00 A.M. All are welcome to help. If the wall project is physically too much for someone, then, we could use additional people to help pull the weeds behind the Sunday school building. The Men's Club will provide lunch for all the workers. Interested individuals should see Brian Smoley, George Matey or Dave Urban. Thank you! Brian.

ANNUAL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL – OCTOBER, 2016! The Church Board is seeking one or two persons to volunteer as chairperson or co-chairpersons of the Annual Fall Food Festival, to be held one weekend in October, 2016. This fund-raiser is an important activity to generate much needed funds for the church. If you are interested, please communicate your interest to a parish officer as soon as possible. Also, if you would like to be a member of the Fall Food Festival Committee, please inform the parish board members as well. Thank you, Tom Pingor, Church President.

ASSIST JOHN FEDORNOCK IN HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT MAINTAINING OUR CHURCH CEMETERY!

Hello, my name is John Fedornock of troop 230 in Harrison City. For my Eagle Scout project, I am painting the fence and entry gate, as well as the brush around the fence, at our church cemetery. I am asking for donations in financial support, and later will be seeking your time and labors as well, as I attempt to complete my project. On a Saturday (tbd) we will be looking for volunteers to help with painting. Students will be able to earn service hours for school as well. Please see me for more information or if you would like to make a donation. Thank you for your support in this worthwhile project.

TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER! From the exclusive Tupperware Fund Raising Catalog, 40% of the total sale will be given to our church. Please share this catalog with all of your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Everyone will find something of interest and Tupperware makes a great gift. Most products come with a lifetime guarantee. Use an individual order form for each customer, return with payments on or before Sat., July 23, 2016. See Andrea Zober for the booklet and return all orders to her. Each Tupperware party dated from this fundraiser (with our regular full line catalog), our St. Nicholas Church will receive an additional 10% per party book.

POYA GATHERING TODAY AT THE SHARP EDGE, 302 South St. Clair St. in Pittsburgh AT 6:30 P.M.!

Fr. Radu Bordelanu, Ph. D. will deliver the talk. He is the Assistant Priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, and Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University. Fr. Radu will speak on the issue of unity in our Orthodox communities in light of the Holy and Great Council in Crete, June 2016. There is a \$10 cover charge and appetizers will be served.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE TRULY WELCOMED BY FR. PAUL, PANI ELEANOR AND RUTH ANN HERBERT!

Fr. Paul has been transferred to St. Luke Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. However, he will be moved to another facility, soon. Doctors are working towards strengthening him for the possibility of surgery, while keeping him under observation. Good wishes may be sent to the Herbert home: Very Rev. Proto. Paul Herbert, 221 West Patterson Street, Lansford, PA 18232

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