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Weekday Cantors – Donald Bodnar Jr. & Michele Tomko

Parish Council President: Tom Pingor

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Sunday, July 31, 2016

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 (Sunday) Tone: 5 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 (Sunday)

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 93-95; 164 / Red Book: 108-110; 185-186

Birthday prayers intoned for **Eva Bishop** on her 2nd birthday (8/5), offered by Michael Dzvonic.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Florence Koscik**, offered by daughter, Beverly Packy.

Monday, (Aug. 1)... 7 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah (Elias) the Tishbite.

Tuesday, (Aug. 2)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah (Elias) the Tishbite.

Wednesday, (Aug. 3)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving & Stewardship.

Thursday, (Aug. 4)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Darrell Grossett**, offered by Mother, Mary Ann.

Saturday, (Aug. 6)... 11:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. Hearing of Confessions.
7:00 P.M. Vespers.

Sunday, August 7, 2016

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Tone: 6

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

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

Altar Flowers' Sponsor: **+Dolores Pingor** on the 9th Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Children & Grandchildren.

Bulletin Sponsor: **Kataryna Bartko's** 2nd Birthday, offered by the Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God departed servants, on their birthdays, **+John Ribovich** (Aug. 11) and **+Susan Ribovich** (Aug. 3), offered by Joan Ribovich (daughter).

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Dolores Pingor** on the 9th Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord (8/10), offered by Children & Grandchildren.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**George Rohaly**, offered by Patricia Sarknas.

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; (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.

WHEN SOMEONE IS IRRITATED BY US

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

Because we are all brothers and sisters, we are responsible for the way we affect others. Often we are innocent, yet by our very existence we become a source of great irritation or anxiety for other people. The only way we can change that is by loving them and praying for them.

We don't offer prayers that they see their errors in not appreciating us and loving us, but that they may see that their hatred for us is bad for their soul. We pray that they be relieved of the burden of resenting us – or anyone.

If someone is awkward and socially blocked, his pain can be great, so we pray that he be relieved of his pain – not that he change his mind about us or love and accept us, but that he find the inner peace that dispels his resentment of anyone.

Avoiding people who dislike us does not prosper our souls, for avoiding people or ignoring them because they dislike us is not the way Christ would have us act. We love these people, and we pray for them – not to change their attitude about us, but that they find peace by seeing that their resentment is destroying their soul.

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Help me, O Lord, to believe and to abide in Your presence right now, that in the moments ahead I may dwell in Your House forever, for You are the Divine Healer of souls and bodies, and in You I place my hope:

Protopresbyter Paul Herbert	Protopresbyter John Gido	Protopresbyter Ronald Hazuda
Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger	Pani Donna Smoley	Pani Peggy Teklinski
Fr. John Zboyovski		
Very Rev. Robert Lucas	Very Rev. Thomas Kadlec	Aurelia Abaray
Ann Arendas		
Mark Bodnar	Denise Yenchek	Paul Yanoso
Rose Jordanoff		
Mary Ann Grossett	Sandie Babbie	Mary Ribic
Stephanie Reinsell		
Margaret Stempler	Mary Regdon	Margaret Banyas
Gary Clements		
Janice Kerr	Valeria Bayurova	Curtis Miller
Emma Yuhasz		
Mary Waselko	Esther Trumpower	Joanne Bodnar
Stephen Fucsko, III		
Olga Grimes	Mary Ann Cherep	Deacon Thomas Yawkey
Ron Becker		
Mary Ann Vasil	Charlene Atkinson	Helen & Mike Beres
Elmer Konar		
Donna Patsen	Dolores Wasosky	Paul Hreha
Thomas Tihey		
Margaret Yawkey	Wendy Stahl	Olivia O'Neil
Cathy Collett		
John Michael Flaherty	Linda Hazelback	Ernie J. Vasil
Sandy Johnson		
Peter & Pete laquinta	William Lasobik	Matilda Benson
Mary Popovich		

Pani Anna Marie Slovesko	Jean Rohaly	Anna Marie Kline	Eleanor Konar
Leslie Sochka	Enzo Colantoni	Anna Toczek	Bill & Shirley Majernak
Eddie Urban	Ron Moxson	Ann Timko	Proto-Deacon Mike Sochka
Marilyn Myers	Emma Lazorchik	Dorothy Broadright	Valencia Smith
Mary Dander	Leona Hawke	Candice Smith	Donna Touhey
Michael Nicholas	Barbara Wisnosky	Frannie Zatorsky	Mary Kalansky
Bob Toboz	Dorothy Lasobik	Michael Lavra	George Lavra
Marion Lavra	Henry Beben	Cynthia Dzvoniak	Jami Botti

CAMPERSHIP DONORS TO DATE: Helen & Michael Beres: \$300; Thomas Pingor: \$300; Dave & Andrea Urban: \$400; 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; Junior A.C.R.Y. Chapter: \$500. The children of our parish have participated in the First Diocesan Camping Session this past week, and many of them will stay an additional week or two. The fee for a Diocesan camper has been increased to \$300 this year. May all parishioners donate towards the Campership Fund this year,

PURCHASE A GOOD SUPPLY OF DUCATS TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE OF 4 TICKETS TO THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS FOOTBALL GAME ON OCT. 2, 2016 AT 8 P.M.!

See any of our Sr. ACRY members for the \$10 raffle tickets and support the organization as it prepares to host next year's Convention in Homestead. The lucky individual holding the winning ticket will also receive a parking pass and hotel lodging at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport. The Drawing Date is Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016. The 2nd Prize is \$500.00, with the Drawing on Monday, Sept. 19. And the 3rd Prize is \$250.00, with the Drawing on Tuesday, Sept. 20. This exciting fund-raising project is based on the PA lottery 1st Evening Pick 3. All unclaimed prizes are the property of Homestead's Sr. ACRY Chapter #11.

ANNUAL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 21-22, 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 on Friday & Saturday, Oct. 21 & 22. 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.

MARK DOWN ON YOUR CALENDARS THE DATE OF THIS YEAR'S CHURCH PICNIC: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 18, 2016! Last year's summer outing was such an enjoyable affair that we'll be returning to the same facility: West Mifflin Park on Bettis Road, Shelter #1. We are confident that one or two of our faithful members will assume the chairpersons' position for this fun-filled event. Our church president, Thomas Pingor and the dedicated parish officers offer their full support and cooperation. Inform any of them of your willingness to spearhead this wonderful activity that manifests the fellowship and love amidst our church family.

MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS GUILD ANNUAL TEA – SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH! The Mothers' & Daughters' Guild of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church of Homestead, PA is having its Annual Ladies Tea on Saturday, August 20, 2016. This wonderful and pleasing event shall include: Mystery Prizes, Raffles, Theme Bingos and Door Prizes. There will also be a special award given to the lady wearing the "Best Hat." Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for young ladies. Tickets will be sold downstairs following the Sunday Liturgy. Please support our fine organization by coming and bringing friends and relatives, as we women of the church are all "Mothers or Daughters." Phone Father Michael Zak at (412) 461-3264 to reserve your tickets. We invite you to come for a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. The price of your ticket includes: a luncheon of tea sandwiches, cookies and beverages.

ORTHODOX MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AND PATRONAL FEAST DAY ON AUGUST 5, 6, AND 7 IN ELLWOOD CITY, PA! Friday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.: Vigil Service and Supper; Saturday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m.: Procession and Holy Liturgy in our Outdoor Pavilion. Guest Hierarchy and Homilist – Archbishop Mark, OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania; Noon: Lunch; 2:00 p.m.: Showcase of our Youth: Young pilgrims are invited to present a speech or poem, sing a song, or play an instrument. Please register in advance; 2:30 p.m.: Holy Unction and Anointing of Pilgrims; 6:00 p.m.: Great Vespers; Sunday, August 7 at 8:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins; 9:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

SUPPORT CAMP NAZARETH! Camp Nazareth's future is bright and exciting, but it can only remain this way with your help. We hope you will consider joining us because proceeds from the Distinguished Diocesan Donors' Project are used in helping sustain the Camp. Submit your contribution to the office, now

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