

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Parish Council President: Tom Pingor

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**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 213-216 / Red Book: 237-239

Altar Flowers' Sponsor: **A.C.R.Y.** on Pentecost Sunday.

Altar Candles' Sponsor: **A.C.R.Y.** on Pentecost Sunday.

Birthday petitions intoned for: **Donald Kerr** (June 3) and **Evelyn Banosky** (June 9), offered by the Family, and for: **Trona Paganico** (June 10), offered by the Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+John Krunsky & +Leonard Sotak**, offered by the Sotak & Lipscak Families.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Wilson Henderson** on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by wife, Olga.

**Begin Fast-Free Week through June 11.**

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**MONDAY, (June 5)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Pentecost Monday, concluding with a procession and the Reading of the (4) Gospels.

**WEDNESDAY, (June 7)...** 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Michael Nicholas Yenchek**, offered by Michael & Denise Yenchek and Family.

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**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

## 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2a Resurrection Tone: 8 Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 102-104; 217-218 / Red Book: 117-119; 240-242

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

**John 7:37-52; 8:12 –**

**7:33, 34 –** This statement refers to the Lord's death, Resurrection, and Ascension into heaven.

**7:35 – Among the Greeks** means among the Gentiles. This unwitting prophecy points to the time after His Ascension when Christ's name will be preached among the Gentiles by the apostles.

**7:37-39 –** The last day, that great day of the feast was the eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The ceremony of the drawing of water provides for the context for the Lord's words, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink." The living water (v. 38) is the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 39) and the new life that accompanies this gift.

**7:40 – The Prophet** refers to the expected Messiah, the Savior Moses foretold would come (Dt. 18:15-19).

**7:41-43 – Bethlehem** was the town from which the Christ was expected to come (Mic. 5:2).

**7:45-49 – The chief priests** had sent officers of the temple to arrest Jesus in the middle of the Feast (v. 32). By the time the last day had arrived (v. 37), no arrest had been made, because these officers had been converted by the Lord’s teaching. The Pharisees and the scribes who had “witnessed the miracles and read the Scriptures derived no benefit” from either. These officers, on the other hand, even though they could claim none of this learning, were “captivated by a single sermon.” When the mind is open, “there is no need for long speeches. Truth is like that” (St. John Chrysostom).

**7:50-52 – Nicodemus** had spoken with Jesus (3:1-21) and had increased in faith. Yet his defense of Christ was still based on our law and was not yet a public profession of faith. According to the law, Jesus must be given a hearing before He can be judged (Ex. 23:1; Dt. 1:15-17).

**No prophet has arisen out of Galilee:** The Pharisees show their blind hatred and their ignorance of the Scriptures, for the prophet Jonah came from Galilee, from the town of Gath Hopher, which was only three miles from Nazareth (4Kings 14:25).

**8:12 – I am the light of the world:** Jesus spoke these words in the context of the great lamps being lit at the conclusion of the Feast of Tabernacles. Thus He declares Himself to be the fulfillment and the divine object of all celebrations of light. In the Scriptures, God the Father Himself is light (1:4-9; 1John 1:5), an attribute He bestows on His followers (Mt. 5:14; Php. 2:15). Our Lord confirms His claim by performing the great sign of opening the eyes of a man born blind (9:1-7).

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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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## THE DIVINE FLAME WILL CONSUME YOU

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

At the very moment you decide to turn to God, your heart begins to be warmed by the action of the Holy Spirit. It is kindled with the divine flame, which will consume you completely and will melt everything of the fallen nature within you. Once this flame of divine love has been actualized within your heart, do nothing that would allow it be extinguished.

Cooperate with the fire of God and let it completely consume you. Put all your effort into this spiritual transformation, which begins in your heart. Let nothing else take center stage over this action by God, which is meant to save you and make you complete.

From a little flame, this fire will burn in your heart, and nothing of your fallen nature will be able to understand it. It will transform your whole being, for the action of the Holy Spirit will take you into God’s Kingdom, which resides within you.

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**COME AND HELP US MAKE PIROHI ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13 AT 6 P.M. FOR THE “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” CRAFT SHOW!** We pray, hope and anticipate that our talented culinary personnel will assemble in the parish hall next week to make a variety of this irresistible Slavic delicacy that “people cannot get

enough of" and showcase this delectable Lenten food at our Craft Show on Saturday, July 22. Our men, women and teen-agers are encouraged to spend a few hours in the church auditorium advancing their own skills in producing this ethnic dish of St. Nicholas Church that is simply rated "The Best" in the Mon Valley!

**FATHER'S DAY "STEELER TAILGATE" LUNCH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY.**

All parishioners and guests are invited to join us in this free-will offering repast, sponsored by our St. Nicholas Mothers & Daughters Guild. Along with a delicious meal, all fathers will receive a ticket for several Steeler, Pirate and Penguin raffle items. Please plan to join us for this festive event, as we render due honor to the "Dads" and men of our church on Father's Day!

**WE HAVE JUST A FEW REMAINING CAMP NAZARETH "FAMILY DAY" RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE PURCHASED TODAY AND ENABLE THE DIOCESAN APOSTOLATE TO PLAN A TERRIFIC SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM FOR OUR CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS THIS JULY!**

This is the only diocesan-wide fundraiser for Camp Nazareth and it is a significant source of income for the Camp Program. The cost of the ducat is still, only \$20 and the Grand Prize of \$10,000 will be awarded the fortunate ticket-holder at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Drawing. See Cathy Pawlik.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE DRIVE!** The Church Board is seeking new members to participate on the By-Laws Committee. As presented at the Annual Church Meeting in February, we intend to evaluate and update our parish by-laws to ensure that they are in line with the new Diocesan By-Laws, passed at the SOBOR last fall (2016). If you are interested in being a member of the By-Laws committee, please communicate your interest to a church board member as soon as possible. Thank you! Tom Pingor

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH CALENDAR PARTY IS TODAY IN RANKIN!** Doors open at 12:30 P.M. and Luncheon is at 1:00 P.M. Tickets are \$18 per Adult and can be secured from Cheryl Tomko for this fun-time activity where everyone wins something!

**ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2017!** To our High School and College graduates and Parents: Please supply Fr. Michael with the following information by Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. High School Students: your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, where you will attend college in the fall and your intended major in college (or undecided at this time). College Students: Graduate and Post-Graduate: your college/university, your field of study and degree you have earned. St. Nicholas Church will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Attend the Divine Liturgy on that Lord's Day so that a group photo may be taken.

**OUR YOUNG WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENCOUNTER THIS MONTH!**

The Annual Young Women's Encounter is quickly approaching and is scheduled for June 25-28 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. The staff excitedly looks forward to again spend time nurturing the faith of the young women of our diocese. As the final plans are now being arranged, our church encourages the young women (ages 12-18) to register for this event ASAP as space is limited and filling up quickly. Below is a link that is shared directly with the parents of the young women of St. Nicholas to register online. Thank you for your cooperation. In Christ, Pani Eleni Stagon.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee2rpmnw1fb7244b&llr=oblwu7zab>

**GARAGE SALE AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH IN NORTH SIDE PITTSBURGH -FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) AND SATURDAY (AUGUST 26) FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. EACH DAY!**

Save the date! St. John the Baptist (2688 California Ave., Pgh., PA 15212) will have their Annual Garage Sale. The Ethnic Kitchen will be open for Eat-In or Take-Out. Tax-deductible clean donations for the garage sale will be accepted beginning on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DURING THE RETREAT, DIOCESAN ALTAR BOYS WILL ENJOY A SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER AT OUR CHURCH (JUNE 27) AND SEE A PIRATES' GAME AT P.N.C. PARK!**

Our "Knights of the Altar" should go ONLINE and register as soon as possible. "Encounter 2017" takes place from Sunday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup> (Registration is from 6 P.M. till 8 P.M.) until Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Retreat takes place at our Christ the Savior Seminary, Cathedral, and Education Center in Johnstown and SS. Peter & Paul Church facilities in Windber, PA. St. Nicholas Church is underwriting the cost for the parish "Knights."

**CALLING ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL!** Do you work in the medical field? Have you ever wondered if you can offer your medical skills in a region of the world where access to primary care is limited? Have you heard God speak in your heart about serving Him but you really weren't sure whether that was practical? If so, OCMC Health Care Teams need you! By participating on an OCMC health care outreach, you will treat illnesses, care for the poor and needy, offer public health training and be a witness of our Orthodox Faith. Health care providers are needed! Participate in an outreach of the local Church in Guatemala or Indonesia, and serve as a living witness of Christ, our Lord and Savior. If God is calling you, then call the OCMC today (904.829.5132 ext. 141) to see how you can be part of a Health Care Outreach Team.

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