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Sunday, July 9, 2017

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the 3rd Hour: 8:20 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Altar Candles' Sponsor: In memory of +**Dennis Miller** and +**Helen Panichelli** – 3rd Anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Susan Miller & Family.

Birthday prayers intoned for: **Kyle Fischer** (July 9), offered by Trona and Family.

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Andrew** and +**Anna Hreha**, offered by Anna Hreha (Wife).

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

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Dennis Miller** (husband) and +**Helen Panichelli** (mother), on the 3rd Anniversary of their falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Susan Miller & Family.

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Resurrection Tone: 4

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

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

TUESDAY, (July 11)... 7:00 P.M. Great Vespers on the Feast Day of the Holy Prime Apostles Peter and Paul, with the Blessing of bread, wheat, wine & oil.

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

7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Saint Nectarios, with the Anointing of the sick, in body & soul.

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

SATURDAY, (July 15)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Helen Sukaly**, offered by St. Nicholas Church, and for +**Marlene Ann Price**, on the 2nd Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Shelly & Ryan Elizabeth.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

Resurrection Tone: 5

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

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

Matthew 8:28-34 – The demons, recognizing Jesus as the **Son of God**, are surprised that their power is being terminated **before the time** of the last judgment. Though the malice of the demons is great, they can do nothing against the will of God, and thus can only enter the **swine**

at Christ's command. The immediate destruction of the **herd** shows that the men had been protected by God's care; otherwise, they would have perished under the demonic influence. Further, it reinforces that swineherding was not lawful for the Jews, and shows the incomparable value of human beings, whose salvation is worth every sacrifice.

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.

FOLLOW OUR DIOCESE ON-LINE! Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth:

<http://www.campnazareth.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddioocese> Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/acrodnews> You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddioocese>

THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS OF DARKNESS

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

Many people are convinced we are living in the end times. They look to changes in the Earth's climate, ever more disastrous storms, failing economies, and political upheavals as signs of the end. Couple these things with the increase in terrorist activity worldwide and the rise of extremist Islam, and Christians are afraid. The truth is that we do not know when the end is coming, for Jesus tells us that only the Father knows the day and the hour.

We must remember that our battle is not with earthly enemies, but with the principalities and powers of darkness. This is important to remember, because the weapons needed to combat the enemy are not found in armies, guns, tanks, and missiles, but in prayer. Our combat against the enemy must be centered in the Church's services, prayer, fasting, spiritual preparedness, and repentance.

Our enemies are not armies but demons who would demoralize us and strike fear in our hearts. But in Christ Jesus we have all the strength to overcome the powers of darkness that are set upon our destruction. There is no need to panic when we have Jesus Christ by our side.

The end times will come when God decides. As for us, we must always be prepared for the end, just as the disciples were. Fear is brought on by the enemy of humankind: the devil himself. In Christ there is no fear.

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 22, 2017 FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW IN ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH AUDITORIUM FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.! Tables are

available for direct sales and craft sales. Contact Andrea Zober at (412) 461-6215. Visit your favorite Vendors and start your holiday shopping early. Have lunch at Café Nikolai where your favorite Slavic foods will be served to satisfy hungry patrons. A Bake Sale and raffles shall complement the exciting show. As this is a parish fund raiser, we are kindly asking donations from our beloved congregation for the bake sale. Please notify your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers of this attractive event at our church on Ann Street in Homestead and invite them to come and participate in this pleasing activity. Your word-of-mouth is our best advertising tool! We're expecting a huge turn out!

THIRD AND FINAL BANS OF MARRIAGE ARE ANNOUNCED for ANGELA SUDIK of our parish and BRIAN LUCHINI of Pittsburgh who will be united as husband & wife at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Sunday, July 15, 2017 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh (Oakland) at 3 P.M. If anyone has an objection to this wedding taking place, please, notify Rev. R. Michael Zak, immediately and state your reason(s) for the cancellation of this Mystery!

PURCHASE TUPPERWARE SUPPLIES THIS MONTH AND PERMIT OUR CHURCH TO REAP 40% OF THE PROCEEDS! Andrea Zober will be doing the Tupperware Fund Raiser for the month of July. She will have flyers and brochures available in the parish hall, starting in this month. The fund raiser line earns 40% for the church and 10% from the full line. Andrea Zober (Phone: 412-461-6215). Visit her at www.andreahandiandi.com Tupperware – Products that last a lifetime!

COME AND HELP US MAKE PIROHI ON TUESDAY (JULY 11) 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 in two weeks 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!” Call Jean Colantoni at (412) 462-0847 and let her know if you can help.

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

KEEP OUR YOUNG CHILDREN CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH BY SENDING THEM TO CAMP NAZARETH THIS SUMMER! Our Pittsburgh Deanery Diocesan Camping Week at “our home, away from home” is scheduled for July 23-29. Offer a campership to our young people of age, “who are the present leaders of our parish,” and enable them to live for a week or two or three their Orthodox Christian faith amongst their peers who share their sacred beliefs and become “friends forever.” Submit whatever financial gift that you can sacrificially offer and permit our precious youths to experience “the time of their young lives” in an environment where “you’ll find God everywhere.” Our Sunday School children will always remember the generosity of the “People of God.” Since the beginning of January of this year through Sunday, June 19th, Camperships have been generously offered by the ACRY (\$315), Men’s Club (\$315), Mothers & Daughter Guild (\$315), Tom Pingor (\$300), M/M Dave Urban (\$200), and M/M Steve Fucsko (\$50). Have your name appear on this distinguished list in this year proclaimed by His All-Holiness, Bartholomew I as the “Year of Protection of the Sacredness of Childhood.” Nowhere will our young people be as safe than at Camp Nazareth!

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 21st.

SCIENCE AND NATURE CAMP @ CAMP NAZARETH – SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 12! Camp Nazareth is pleased to announce its FIRST EVER Science and Nature Camp. Camp participants will learn all about Astronomy, Biology, Earth Science, Geology, Meteorology and SO MUCH MORE! Presentations and activities will be given and led by the Carnegie Science Center, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the Jennings Environmental Center, as well as local high school teachers and college professors. Participants will have the opportunity to use telescopes, microscopes, and water quality management technology as well as explore the trails, waterfalls, streams and geography of the Camp. Special emphasis will be placed on appreciating the beauty of nature and the wonder of the fields of science they will study. The Science and Nature Camp is a resident (sleepaway) Camp for ages 8-18. It will take place on the 289 beautiful acres of Camp Nazareth property, located at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA. Visit campnazareth.org to register for the Science and Nature Camp. Email campnazareth@acrod.org or call 724-662-4840 for more information. Learn more... In addition to the Science and Nature program, participants will enjoy the many amenities Camp Nazareth has to offer including a Junior Olympic-size swimming pool, the new High and Low Ropes Course, including a 750 foot Zip Line, climate-controlled cabins, sports fields and basketball courts, a large Rec. Room, a volleyball court and more.

REGISTER FOR THE ACRY CONVENTION, HELD DURING THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SEPT. 1-4, 2017! Registration for the ACRY Convention, hosted by the St. Nicholas ACRY on Labor Day Weekend, is now open. We have secured a rate of \$99/night at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriot in Robinson. Meal packages and individual meal tickets are available to those wishing to attend the event. The agenda includes a Dinner Cruise on the Gateway Clipper Saturday Night, Sunday Brunch at the hotel and the Grand Banquet Sunday night. We are also looking for Patrons, Boosters, and Memorial listings for the Commemorative Booklet. Please see Cathy Pawlik for more information and to register. We also welcome you to visit the ACRY website at ACRY.org for all registration materials. Alisha (Myers) Zak.

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