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Sunday, October 1, 2017

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After); Resurrection Tone: 8; Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 102-104, 113-114 / Red Book: 117-119, 129

Panachida service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Anthony Panichelli**, Father, on the 14th Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Susan Miller (Daughter) & Family.

MONDAY, (Oct. 2)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Dolores Zak**, offered by Fr. Michael & Pani Deborah Zak.

WEDNESDAY, (Oct. 4)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving and Stewardship.

THURSDAY, (Oct. 5)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**John Lukacs** & +**Rose Pingor**, offered by Children.

SATURDAY, (Oct. 7)... 7:00 P.M. Vespers.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (1ST LUKAN SUNDAY)

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Resurrection Tone: 1; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 81-83 / Red Book: 95-99

Bulletin Sponsor: **Andrea Urban's** & **Melissa Ditmore's** Birthdays, offered by the Family.

Wedding Anniversary Prayers intoned for: **Nicholas & Geri Novotni** on 14th Anniversary of Matrimony (Oct. 11).

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

Mark 8:34-9:1 –

Math. 16:24-26 –

16:24 – The **cross**, a dreaded instrument of Roman punishment, is also a symbol of suffering by Christians in imitation of Christ. We practice self-denial for the sake of the love of God and the gospel. Accepting this suffering is not a punishment, nor is it an end in itself, but a means to overcome the fallen world for the sake of the Kingdom and to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires (Gal. 5:24).

16:25 – The central paradox of Christian living is that in grasping for temporal things, we lose the eternal; but in sacrificing everything in this world, we gain eternal riches that are unimaginable (1 Co. 2:9).

16:26 – **What will a man give in exchange for his soul?** This question emphasizes the utter foolishness of accumulating worldly wealth or power, for none of this can redeem man’s fallen soul, nor benefit a person in the life to come.

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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DENYING SELF-ABSORPTION BY PUTTING ON CHRIST

By Abbot Tryphon of The Morning Offering

We are bombarded with thousands of messages, some subtle and some not so subtle, that impact the way we interact with others and the way we relate to God. Much of what we glean from these messages is narcissistic or self-loving in nature, estranging us from one another.

We become so self-absorbed that we fail to live authentically as Christians, being peacemakers, working toward justice; we fail to forgive those who’ve wronged us and are not compassionate toward those in need of mercy and charity. St. Macarius the Great said, “Those who hear the Word ought to give proof of the work of the Word in their own souls.

If we wear a cross around our neck, make the sign of the cross perfectly, keep the fast periods, but not the love of the poor, we have gained nothing. St. John the Evangelist told us that we cannot love God, whom we’ve not seen, if we do not love our neighbor (1 John 4:20). If we do not give alms to the poor and speak out for human justice, we will have gained nothing. If we do not treat everyone with respect and love, and show mercy to all, we have not Christ in us.

We must put on Christ with the rising of the sun and with its going down. Christ must be in every word we speak and in every action of our heart. He must reign supreme in our lives, that all my see Christ in us, just as we must see Christ in every person with whom we come in contact. “It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20)

ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH IN RANKIN INVITES YOU TO THEIR FALL BAZAAR NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH!

The Pittsburgh Deanery parish, located at 146 Third Avenue in Rankin, PA, will hold its annual fall bazaar on Sunday, October 8 following Liturgy from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. There will be a variety of foods, including Slavic Specialties for eat-in or take-out, Bake Sale, Children’s Games, Beverages, Raffles, Crafts and Bingo. Plenty of parking is available. For additional information, please call Fr. Nik at 412-271-2725.

BISHOP GREGORY’S 5TH EPISCOPAL ANNIVERSARY – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH IN

JOHNSTOWN, PA! We are happy to hear that the Diocese will honor His Grace, Bishop Gregory on the 5th anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate. The evening event will take place on Monday, November 27th in Johnstown, PA. Please mark this date on your calendar. Complete information will be provided at a later time.

SAVE THE DATES: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 FOR THE FOOD FESTIVAL!

We desire all parishioners to sign their names to the papers in the auditorium highlighting the designated areas of the Festival, where they can be good stewards of giving their time, talents, and treasures toward this annual fund-raising activity of the parish. In regards to the Food Festival Basket Raffle, Pani Debbie is receiving Basket Donations for the 2-day affair. You can donate a whole Basket or items to use in making up a Basket or cash towards purchasing items. Also, if you were absent from the Liturgy last Sunday, please stop at the church office in the auditorium and pick up your allotment of the festival food and bingo tickets. And, our tireless crew of pirohi-makers shall continue to create these Slavic delicacies on Tuesday (Oct. 3rd), starting at 6 P.M. in the church lower level.

HAVE YOUR NAME APPEAR IN THE ACRY ANNUAL, OUR DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK, AS A PATRON (\$6), BOOSTER (\$3), OR MEMORIAL LISTING (\$6)!

This informative journal represents the activities of the past year and important calendar and contact information for you in the coming year. By supporting this publication, you enable the National ACRY to reach out to those in need. Please submit your monetary gifts toward this Yearly issue that should occupy a space in your home library. See Cathy Pawlik!

WE COMMEND AND THANK THE GENEROUS AND CONSIDERATE FAITHFUL MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE CHURCH WHO SUBMITTED CAMPERSHIP DONATIONS THIS YEAR, ENABLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE OF CAMPER AGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPING SESSIONS AT NAZARETH THIS PAST SUMMER!

Stephen Fucsko, Jr. (\$50), Andrea Labik (\$315), Trona Paganico (\$100), Thomas Pingor, Jr. (\$300), Mr. Helen Revak (\$150), Joan Ribovich (\$100), Ms. Susan M. Semancik (\$300), Cheryl L. Tomko (\$200), David Urban (\$600), Senior ACRY (\$315), Junior ACRY (\$300), Men's Club (\$315), Mothers' & Daughters' Guild (\$315). The total sum donated: \$3,360.00.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL 7K WALK FOR MISSIONS AT SOUTH PARK, SPONSORED BY THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD, TAKES PLACE NEXT SUNDAY (OCT. 8)!

Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Mission work of Father John and Presbytera Sandy Chakos. Walker with highest collected funds – Will receive a Fleet Feet Shoes Certificate. Here's What To Do: Raise pledges. Make checks payable to: ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD. Register at WALK: 1:00 October 8 at South Park Children's Playground Pavilion, (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., 15129). Bring you pledge forms and collected money. WALK BEGINS AT 2:00. Complimentary Refreshments before the Walk and a Light Lunch after the Walk. FREE T-shirt for children 8 years and under who raise \$25 or others who raise \$50 or more. Mail balances by Oct. 30 to: Walk For Missions, c/o Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Walker Pledge Forms can be picked up in the vestibule of the church. The young people of our parish are especially encouraged to walk for Orthodox Missions.

ST. JOHN'S EAST PITTSBURGH ETHNIC FOOD FEST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, FROM 11 A.M. UNTIL 5 P.M.!

The St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in East Pittsburgh (211 Cable Avenue) will hold their Annual Ethnic Food Fest on Saturday, October 28th, from 11 am until 5 pm. There will be Stuffed Cabbage (holupki); Kraut or Potato Pirohi; Haluski (cabbage and noodles); Kolbasi and Baked Goods for purchase. Beautiful Raffle Baskets chances will also be available. Eat in or Carry-out: call in advance that day to have your order ready for you at 412-829-2261.

OCTOBER 10, 2017 AT THE MONASTERY!

The Sisters of the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery (Saxonburg) would like to share with us that the Monastery if once again being blessed with the visitation of the Myrrh-streaming icon of the Holy Theotokos of Iveron from Honolulu, Hawaii. We are invited to come and venerate Panagia's icon during these hours: **From 10:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.** Please keep Gerontissa Theophano and her Sisterhood in your prayers.

ALL IN GOOD TASTE – DARK RUM & CIGAR TASTING TO BENEFIT IOCC – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017 FROM 7:00 TO 10:00 P.M. AT LEAF AND BEAN IN MCMURRAY, PA 15317!

The facility is located at 3525 Washington Road in McMurray, PA 15317. Tickets are \$50. Each guest will receive three cigars and three dark rums to sample. Light hors d'oeuvres will be available. Advance registration required to guarantee availability. Kindly register before Oct 10 at iocc.org/pittsburgh or contact Kevin: 724-344-5610 – kevinsreck@gmail.com Sponsorships also available.

VISIT OF THE IVERON ICON OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD! THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AT 7 P.M. AT THE SAINT SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF MCKEESPORT & DUQUESNE.

The church is located at 901 Hartman Street, McKeesport, PA, and the telephone number is (412) 672-1872. Come And Bask In The Presence of Her Holy Icon! (Refreshments will be offered after the Akathist)

ACRY TIDBITS: Thank you to our ACRY Convention co-chairpersons: Aaron Zak, Robert Bartko, Alisha Zak and Jessica Krchmar and to all members of the ACRY for all their hard work, dedication and generosity in making this convention a success - Cathy Pawlik, Chapter President. The ACRY members Thank all of the parishioners of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church for their support, encouragement and patience in preparing for the convention. May God Bless All of You! Lots O' Luck Calendars are here; they are \$25.00. Please see Carol Dunn if you would like to make a purchase. Thank You!

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