



Father. In conformity with Christ's words, the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed confesses belief "in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father." While the Son is begotten of the Father alone, the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father alone; the source, the Fountainhead, of both Persons is the Father.

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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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**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>**

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### **FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR**

*"O VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE, PROTECTOR OF THE POOR, LIBERATOR OF PRISONERS, PHYSICIAN OF THE SICK, AND CHAMPION OF KINGS, INTERCEDE WITH CHRIST OUR GOD TO SAVE OUR SOULS!"*

### **FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH**

"Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." ... Elsewhere the Apostle says, "Let us run with fidelity the race that has been set before us, with our eyes on Jesus, the origin and the goal of our faith."

So a man who openly despises the accolades of this world and rejects all earthly glory must also practice self-denial. Such self-denial means that you never seek your own will but God's, using God's will as a sure guide; it also means possessing nothing apart from what is held in common.

In this way it will be easier for you to carry out your superior's commands promptly, in joy and in hope; this is required of Christ's servants who are redeemed for service to the brethren. For this is what the Lord wants when He says: Whosoever wishes to be first and great among you must be the last of all and a servant to all.

Our service of mankind must be given freely. One who is in such a position must be subject to everyone and serve his brothers as if he were paying off a debt.

Moreover, those who are in charge should work harder than the others and conduct themselves with greater submission than their own subjects. Their lives should serve as a visible example of what service means, and they should remember that those who are committed in their trust are held in trust from God.

Those, then, who are in a position of authority must look after their brothers as conscientious teachers look after the younger children who have been handed over to them by their parents.

If both disciples and masters have this loving relationship, then subjects will be happy to obey whatever is commanded, while superiors will be delighted to lead their brothers to perfection. If you try to outdo one another in showing respect, your life on earth will be like that of the angels.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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**ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING!** Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church shall conduct its monthly Church Officers' Session on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Auditors will meet at 6:30 P.M. All parishioners are welcome to attend these monthly board meetings, and, although only parish leaders can vote, anyone can participate and express their opinions.

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**PURCHASE A "FAMILY DAY" RAFFLE TICKET OR TWO AND ENABLE OUR CAMP NAZARETH TO IMPLEMENT A MEMORABLE DIOCESAN CAMPING SESSION FOR OUR YOUTHS THIS SUMMER!**

Our parish has received her allotment of the \$20 ducats and plans to pay for all (135) tickets, with the proceeds returned to our Diocesan Apostolate for Youths. See Cathy Pawlik today to secure the ducats in hope of winning the Grand Prize of \$10,000, plus, other cash awards and (1) week Diocesan Summer Camping Week Reservations for a child of your choice. Family Day at Camp Nazareth shall be celebrated on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plan to be in Mercer, PA that weekend, and participate in the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, beginning at 10:00 A.M. A bountiful luncheon meal shall be served to all worshipers at 12 Noon in the Main Lodge. The High & Low Ropes courses, the Junior-size Olympic swimming pool and Gift Shop will be open for activities. The Gala Raffle Drawing is also set for the afternoon hours.

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**SEE AND HEAR BISHOP GREGORY'S PRESENTATION ENTITLED "ENGAGE THE CALL TO BE A DISCIPLE!"** The excellent talk that His Grace gave to us at the recent Lenten Retreat is now posted to our Diocesan You Tube Channel. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/-Sq8zc-hVYM>. Pass this info. on to others.

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**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2018!** To our High School and College graduates and Parents: By Sunday, May 20, please email Fr. Michael the following information: **High School Students:** name of your High School, any academic and/or athletic awards, where you will attend in the fall and your attended major in college (or undecided at this time). **College Students, Graduate and Post Graduate:** name of your college/university, your field of study and degree you have earned. We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be in church on that Lord's Day so that we can take a group photo.

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**PROPERTY SEARCH** – As St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, North Side Pittsburgh, continues to explore relocating to the 79 corridor (from Mt Nebo Road to southern Cranberry), would you by chance have a piece of property that could help their re-location efforts. Please contact them at [OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com](mailto:OrthodoxPittsburgh1932@gmail.com) or 412-748-0148 if you may be able to assist them.

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**THE MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB ON SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY!** Our conscientious males of the church shall treat all women of the parish to an appetizing picnic-style meal of a variety of meat & cheese sandwiches, macaroni/potato salad, potato chips, fruits and luscious frosted cakes for dessert, plus hot or cold beverages. A free will-offering shall be in effect for this delicious repast. All faithful members are encouraged to pray in our church on that Lord's Day, as special prayers are intoned for all the mothers of St. Nicholas, Diocese and the United States of America. A Panachida service will also be conducted for the repose of the souls of all departed mothers of our parish.

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**OFFER A CAMBERSHIP (\$315) OR ANY GENEROUS SUM OF FINANCES TO SEND ALL OF OUR CHILDREN OF CAMPER AGE TO NAZARETH THIS SUMMER FOR THE DIOCESAN CAMPING SESSIONS!** The youths make "friends forever" at Camp and live an authentic Orthodox Christian life-style.

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**THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER EXPRESSES THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S COIN BOX COLLECTION!** Thank you to all of the Sunday Schools that filled OCMC Coin Boxes for Missions this year! Please share with the students and teachers that the funds collected by OCMC Coin Boxes will help... + Send 24 short-term mission teams to 9 countries that we hope will minister to the needs of nearly 7,000 people; + Support 24 long-term missionaries that are teaching in schools and seminaries, leading youth groups, providing family and substance abuse counseling, translating liturgical texts, and teaching the Faith in 7 countries; + Administer over 30 philanthropic projects that will provide classrooms, homes for orphans, health care, and opportunities for self-support in 12 countries; + 376 Orthodox clergy in 16 countries dedicate themselves to providing pastoral leadership to their communities and take the Orthodox Faith to new ones; + Support Orthodox seminaries and theological schools around the world that train new priests, catechists, and future Church leaders. Please send the donations collected to: **OCMC, Attn: 2018 Coin boxes**, 220 Mason Manatee Way, St. Augustine, FL. 32086. Thank you again for all that you have done and will do for Orthodox Missions. You are in our prayers. Please continue to pray for us as well.

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**LENTEN COIN BOXES SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THE AUDITORIUM!** Our Church School students and conscientious Adults of the parish who deposited sacrificial money into their Lenten self-denial banks during the Great Fast are kindly reminded to turn in the containers to our financial officers in the parish office in the hall. We desire to send a check to the Orthodox Christian

Mission Center in Florida. And we commend you for your desire to heed the Great Commission of Christ to spread Orthodox Christianity to all the ends of the earth.

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