

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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Sunday, July 15, 2018

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Resurrection Tone: 6

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

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

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Helen Sukaly**, offered by St. Nicholas Church.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Mary Labik**, offered by Andrea Labik.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Peter Mochnach, +Helen Mochnach, +Charles Gilchrist, Sr. & +Mary Lou Gilchrist**, offered by Chuck & Robin Gilchrist.

Tuesday, (July 17)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Martha & +Joseph Lucas**, offered by +Ernest P. Molchany, MD; and for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Marlene Ann Price**, on the 3rd Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, and **+Clifford Rose Price, Jr.**, offered by Shelly A. Price.

Friday, (July 20)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Father Peter Molchany & +Pani Emily Molchany**, offered by +Father & +Pani.

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Resurrection Tone: 7

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 99-101 / Red Book: 114-117

Matthew 9:27-35

9:27-33 – According to Isaiah, the messianic age is signified when “the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall hear” (Is. 35:5). These healings are a sign that Jesus is the awaited Messiah, as is the use of the title **Son of David** by the **blind men**, which expresses their faith in this truth.

9:34 – To cast out demons **by the ruler of demons** is impossible, for the aim of the devil is to consolidate power, not destroy it. Further, Jesus cleansed lepers, raised the dead, and remitted sins – works demons could not perform.

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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A CULTURE GONE MAD

By Abbot Tryphon in "The Morning Offering"

We have moved from a period in which we have said, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears" (1Sam. 3:9) to one in which we say, "Listen, Lord, for Your servant speaks." Our American culture has become so enamored, even consumed, with the importance of self that we've made idols out of personal gain and fulfillment. Americans are ever seeking after the things of this world to the degree that we have, as a culture, forgotten the basic truths our ancestors took for granted. We have forgotten the importance of living unselfishly, of living for the ultimate good of all, rather than limiting our scope to personal, materialistic gains.

We have forgotten the importance of making provision for future generations, whether it be in saving the environment for those who will follow us or in passing on the beliefs and values that make for a civilized society. Our children are no longer taught a value system based on the Christian concept that there is a truth that should govern our every action.

Our educational system has abandoned young people to moral relativism, leaving them rudderless in a sea of too many options. We do not teach our children the importance of living unselfishly, where the good of the whole comes first. In doing so, we have failed to provide a foundation by which they can govern their lives in the light of the Gospels. Television programs, violent video games, easy access to pornography online, and movies filled with sex and violence have assaulted our nation like an enemy army, and we've failed to act.

As a nation, we are under spiritual attack and have failed to take notice. Our spiritual weapons gather dust while we hope for the best. But we do nothing to prepare our youths for victory. Relativism reigns while truth is forgotten, and our nation stands on the brink, having become powerless to withstand a spiritual attack it does not understand.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING! Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church shall conduct its monthly Church Officers' Session this month on Monday, July 23, 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.

CHECK THE BLUE-COLORED DIVINE LITURGY BOOKS IN YOUR PEW AND RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE ANY OF THE PUBLICATIONS WHERE THE PAGES ARE COMING OUT OF THE BOOKLET! Our parish financial officers desire to correct this situation with the hymnbooks.

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. Camperships generously offered this year have been graciously received from: Dave & Andrea Urban - \$300; Sue Semancik - \$300; Sr. A.C.R.Y. Chapter - \$315; Tom Pingor - \$300; Leslie & Michael Sochka - \$300; Andrea Labik - \$315; Men's Club - \$315; Dave Urban - \$100.

WE NEED YOUR CULINARY SKILLS IN MAKING THE IRRESISTIBLE PIROHI ON TUESDAYS (JULY 10 AND 17) IN THE PARISH HALL AT 6 P.M.! Come as good stewards in the House of the Lord and enjoy the fellowship of our church family members, as we prepare to supply Café Nikolai with a variety of this Slavic delicacy.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY VENDOR/CRAFT SHOW IN ST. NICHOLAS PARISH HALL ON SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. This exciting mid-summer event will feature over (20) of your favorite vendors and crafters. Plus, a Russian Auction (filled with fascinating and unique prizes), Café Nikolai (well-stocked with our parish's mouth-watering pirohi) and Raffles galore where all participants are bound to win something. Invite your family members, neighbors and friends at work to stop over at our church auditorium for a lively affair that appeals to everyone! Also, for this entire month of July, Andrea Zober shall be selling a huge selection of Tupperware products, where a healthy percentage of the sales will be deposited in the church coffer. And, a Bake Sale is on tap for the Show. Our many talented bakers within the parish are kindly asked to contribute pastries of their choice to satisfy the sweet tooth of our patrons. Bring the "goodies" the day of or on the Friday before the Christmas in July event. **And, purchase a good supply of tickets today for the 50/50 Raffle Drawing from Susan Miller. The lucky winner shall reap a nice sum of money!**

FAITH NIGHT AT PNC PARK IS FRIDAY, JULY 27TH AT 7:05 P.M.! Our Pittsburgh Pirates will battle the New York Mets. Our sister parish of St. John the Baptist on the North Side is organizing a group plan of ticket sales in section 204 of the ballpark. For \$30 you will have a discount on concessions and all-you-can-eat-snacks. Please contact Wendy Martellotti at 412-583-6254 or martellotti11@verizon.net to reserve your ticket by **today**. Let's Go Bucs!

RESERVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ON YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE PITTSBURGH DEANERY PICNIC IN SCHENLEY PARK (OAKLAND SECTION OF PITTSBURGH) FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 5 P.M. It will be a covered-dish format where faithful of the five parishes in the Pittsburgh District will sign their names as participants and list what food entrées they will be offering for the picnic. A children's playground is close to the site, and we hope to have entertaining "Rovin' Musicians" offering plenty of good songs and delightful music to dance to.

LET'S FILL THE BACKPACKS FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN THE DUQUESNE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIS SUMMER TO GIVE TO THE STUDENTS WHEN THEY START BACK IN AUGUST! Our parish is working with F.O.C.U.S. America to supply needy elementary & middle school students backpacks, filled with specific school supplies, to further their education, in financially-depressed districts. Ask our projector coordinator, George Matey and assistant, Jean Colantoni, how you can help! The cost of the contents needed for 1 backpack is approximately \$20.00. Tell George or Jean that you would like sponsor a backpack for an elementary student in the Duquesne School District this fall and give from "the bottom of your heart."

ST. JOHN'S (EAST PITTSBURGH) OPEN – AUGUST 11, 2018! It's that time of year again! Time for the often imitated, never duplicated, St. John's Open. We hope you can join us for our "43rd Anniversary", On Saturday, August 11, 2018 we to gather at Valley Green Golf Course in Greensburg to enjoy the fellowship, the weather, and the golf, no matter what score we shoot. FUN is the name of this game and we want everyone to have some. So mark that date on your calendar so you don't forget and be left out. This year's tournament will be a team event. We will also have a SHOT GUN START, with all golfers teeing off at the same time. This will also help reduce the length of time spent at the course. The fee this year will be \$89.00/golfer – as long as you pay by August 1, 2018. After that date, the fee will be \$95.00. But, in either case all monies must be paid by August 7, 2018. Additionally, due to the high number of golfers that participate in the St. John's Open, WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE THE FIRST 80 PAID GOLFERS! So get your group together and mail your check, made out to: St. John's Orthodox Church and send to: Denny Harms, 200 Dundee Drive, West Mifflin, PA 15122. REMEMBER, the fee pays for the green fees, carts, drinks, snacks, steak dinner, and prizes. DON'T DELAY – ACT TODAY! Pick your foursome or threesome or twosome or just yourself and we will team you up with some great people dedicated to good, clean fun. We will award a cash prize to the winning team. Winning team is determined by the Lowest Gross Score. In the event of a tie, the First Tie-Breaker used will be determined by lowest number of putts for 18 holes. If necessary, Second Tie-Breaker will be determined by cutting a 52 deck of cards (one card per team). Highest Card Wins. Come and enjoy a great time with great people. Call Bob Pervuznik at:412-952-6962.

CRAFT BEER TASTING (To Benefit International Orthodox Christian Charities) ON THURSDAY, JULY 26 FROM 6-8 PM AT THE RUSTY GOLD BREWING COMPANY! Small-batch beer tasting, and brewery tours with the head brewer are on tap! The company is located at 43 W. Pike Street in Canonsburg, PA 15317. Tickets are: \$10 (Includes 4 Beer Samples). Food will be available a la carte. Or make checks payable to IOCC and mail to: Kevin Reck at 105 Sycamore Dr., McMurray, PA 15317. Contact Kevin Reck at (724) 344-5610. kevinsreck@gmail.com with any questions. Please RSVP by July

19. Sponsorships are available. For more on Rusty God and their meticulously brewed drafts, visit www.facebook.com/rustygoldbrewery or call 724-485-2332.

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