

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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18TH 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.

Panachida for the repose of **+Bishop John R. Martin** (departed this life in 1984).

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Resurrection Tone: 1 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (after Exaltation)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 81-83, 113 / Red Book: 95-99, 129

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Helen Beres**, on the first Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, and for: **+Michael Beres**, offered by the Beres'/Sochka Families.

Tuesday, (Oct. 2)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of good intentions for the health of Bill & Shirley Majernik, offered by the couple.

Wednesday, (Oct. 3)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving and Stewardship.

Friday, (Oct. 5)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+John Lukac**, offered by his Children.

Sunday, October 7, 2018

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Resurrection Tone: 2 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 (1st Sun. of Luke)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 84-86 / Red Book: 99-102

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

Birthday Prayers intoned for **Emma Fischer**, offered by the Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Stephen Simko**, on the first Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Don & Janis Kerr.

Mark 8:34-9:1 –

Math. 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.

9:1 – This is a reference to those who would witness the Transfiguration (vv. 2-13) as well as to those in every generation who will experience the presence of God’s Kingdom.

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

WHICH TYPE OF CHRISTIAN ARE YOU? By Abbot Tryphon in “The Morning Offering”

There are two types of Christians. There are those who can say with the Apostle Paul, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). And then there are those who believe Christ was crucified so that we do not have to crucify ourselves. The first are a part of a Christianity of sacrifice, and the second are given over to the ego.

The Christian who believes she must be crucified with Christ will constantly call upon the Lord for help, and she will be willing to take up her own cross and follow Christ. She does not expect to have an easy road, nor is she easy on herself. This type of Christian is ever looking at her own sins, her own fallen nature, and seeing how far she has fallen short of the glory of God.

The second type of Christian expects the road to be easy. He sees himself as more spiritual than most and is constantly looking to see the error in his neighbor and offer correction. He rarely calls upon the Lord for help, for he expects an easy road and only prays for help when facing an unpleasant situation. He does not take up his cross, since he sees no value in suffering. This second type of Christian fails to notice that refusing to judge another brings down God’s mercy on himself.

The Lord tells both types of Christians, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26). Only the first type of Christian notices those words – and heeds them.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – ANNUAL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING – Bingo and Food tickets are now on sale for the Annual Fall Food Festival. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible. There will be a meeting of the Annual Fall Food Festival committee on Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00 P.M. prior to the St. Nectarios service at 7:00 P.M. This is the final meeting in preparation for the festival later that week. Please come to the meeting, volunteer your time before and during the festival, and do everything you can to support this very important fundraiser for our church. Thank you!

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING! Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church shall conduct its monthly Church Officers’ Session on Thursday, October 25, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LARRY DUNN WHO WON THE TWO STEELER HOME GAME TICKETS AGAINST ATLANTA IN OCTOBER! Jean Colantoni was the gracious steward of St. Nicholas Church who provided this wonderful prize for the benefit of the parish treasury and we express our profound gratitude and thanks to her for considering the financial welfare of our sacred temple of worship. We are happy for

all of the lucky winners of the terrific Steeler baskets, which were filled with splendid black & gold gear for the entire family. We commend the Mothers & Daughters Guild for staging this attractive fund-raising project and appreciate the healthy response of all patrons who anxiously purchased many ducats in hope of winning the fabulous pig-skins memorabilia.

HERE IS THE G.P.S. ADDRESS AND DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN FOR THE PITTSBURGH DEANERY PICNIC IN SCHENLEY PARK (OAKLAND SECTION OF PITTSBURGH) FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 5 P.M TODAY! 199 Chas Anderson Memorial Bridge, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Take 376 E; take exit 72 A onto Forbes Ave., turn RIGHT onto Craft Ave.; turn LEFT onto Boulevard of the Allies, go past St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church; in 0.4 miles, turn RIGHT onto Panther Hollow Rd.; loop around and in 800 feet turn LEFT (you will see the Anderson playground), continue straight to the Pavilion. It will be a covered-dish format where faithful of the five parishes in the Pittsburgh District shall provide a nice variety food entrées and refreshments for this fun-time, social gathering. A children's playground is close to the site, and we shall have entertaining "Rovin' Musicians" offering plenty of good songs and delightful music to sing along and dance to.

COME AND HELP US MAKE A VARIETY OF PIROHI ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 6:00 P.M.!

Exhibit your wonderful stewardship traits for the Lord's Bride (The Church) and enjoy the fellowship of believers who share our precious faith. Also, our talented bakers are implored to offer pastries of their choice for the Bake Sale and contact Mary Lou at (412) 466-7149 of their selection of the sweets.

CONTRIBUTE A "THEME BASKET" FOR THE FALL FOOD FESTIVAL! Anyone interested in donating a basket for the Fall Food Festival, Oct. 12 & 13, please contact Pani Debbie. Value of the container should be \$100 in merchandise. We are also accepting donations of cash or gift cards to put together attractive and eye-catching displays. Your help is greatly appreciated!

HAVE YOUR FAMILY'S NAME APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM BOOKLET OF THE FESTIVAL! Become a Patron or Booster for the colorful Festival Program Publication. Patrons are \$5, whereas, Boosters are \$2. Alisha Zak will be happy to receive your kind offering. Local businesses have offered quite a few advertisements for the journal, already. If you would like to place an Ad in the book, you can choose from a few options: Full Page Ad - \$100; Half Page Ad - \$75; Quarter Page Ad - \$50; Place Mat Ad - \$25. See Michele Tomko to place your listing.

FALL BAZAAR AT SAINT MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH IN RANKIN, PA ON SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.! The parish is located at 146 Third Avenue. 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 more information please call Fr. Nik at (412) 271-2725.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL 7-K WALK FOR MISSIONS AT SOUTH PARK, SPONSORED BY THE ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018! 2018 Walk Proceeds earmarked for the Guatemalan Mission – Catechetical Training Center. Walker with the highest collected funds at walk will receive Fleet Feet Shoes certificate. Register at Walk: 1:00 P.M. Oct. 14 at South Park's Children's Playground Pavilion, (Corrigan & Brownsville Rd., 15129). Complimentary Refreshments before the Walk and Lunch after the Walk. Super Holy Oil Blessing, Pinata at 1:30 P.M.; Walk begins at 2:00 P.M. Free T-shirt for children 8 years and under who raise \$50 or others who raise \$100 or more. Mail balances by Oct. 30 to: Walk for Missions, C/O Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Rd., Pitt, Pa 15228.

JUNIOR ACRY ENCOUNTER AT CAMP NAZARETH NOVEMBER 9-11, 2018! The Junior ACRY invites youth aged 8-18 to attend the weekend Encounter 2018 at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA. Join the national organization for a weekend of prayer, fun and fellowship. Activities will include Divine Liturgy, a religious talk with clergy, sports, and a special event. His Grace, Bishop Gregory will be with us as well. Registration is on Friday, Nov. 9th – 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Conclusion: Sunday, Nov. 11th – 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy – Parents welcome! Noon Encounter Dismissal.

ALL OF US ARE "TEAM MEMBERS" OF ST. NICHOLAS AND WE WANT TO SEE YOUR NAMES LISTED ON THE FALL FOOD FESTIVAL PAPERS SITUATED DOWNSTAIRS!

Stewards acknowledge that Almighty God is the Owner & Giver "of every good and perfect gift from above," and that we, as His creation, are mere managers of the treasures, time and talents that the gracious Lord has bestowed upon each and every one of His followers. As faithful workers in His Vineyard, we are eager and ready to work at the Annual Fall Food Festival of St. Nicholas Church (Oct. 12 & Oct. 13), putting our signature in any of the vital components of the Festival: (1). Food Preparation – Pirohi; (2) Food Preparation – Stuffed Cabbage; (3) Kitchen Help (Days of Festival); (4) Steam Tables (Days of Festival); (5) Bingo; (6) Basket Raffle; (7) Bake Sale. God forbid if we "bury our talent" like the foolish servant in the Gospel lesson. We cannot afford to have the Godly blessings taken away from us because of our inactivity. All parishioners can contribute in their own unique and distinct manner, permitting our parish to stage, once again, a profitable venture for the parish treasury, and more importantly, to proclaim: "Glory be to Jesus Christ!"

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