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Sunday, October 7, 2018

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the Third Hour: 8:20 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 and **Janice Kerr** (Oct. 8).

Wedding Anniversary petition intoned for **Nick & Geri Novotni** on their 15th Anniversary 10/11

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.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Andrew & +Anna Foster**, offered by Daughters: Olga & Mary.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Anthony J. Ribic**, offered by Wife, Mary Ribic.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Mary Dzvonik & +Mary Ann Kelly**, offered by the Family.

Wednesday, (Oct. 10)... 7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Saint Nectarios, with the Anointing of the sick, in soul and body.

Thursday, (Oct. 11)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Rose I. Pingor**, offered by Children & Grandchildren.

Saturday, (Oct. 13)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+John & +Pauline Abaray**, offered by the Children.

7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Resurrection Tone: 3 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (Sunday)

Hebrews 9:1-7

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Protection)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 87-89; 113-114 / Red Book: 102-105; 129-130

Altar Candles' Sponsor: 49th Wedding Anniversary of **Robert & Trona Paganico**, offered by Children & Grandchildren.

Wedding Anniversary prayers intoned for **Robert & Trona's** 49th Anniversary of Holy Matrimony (Oct. 18), offered by the Family.

Luke 5:1-11 –

5:1 – The **Lake of Gennesaret** is also known as the Sea of Galilee. It is about 13 miles long and 7 miles wide.

5:3 – Sitting was the traditional position for a teacher. **Seated** is the traditional Jewish position for teaching with authority. Some early Christian preachers (for example, St. John Chrysostom) sat while the people stood. Matthew mentioning that Jesus **opened his mouth** emphasizes this teaching is “one-way,” that Jesus has come to speak with authority (7:29), and the disciples are there not to discuss or debate, but to listen.

5:4 – **Launch out into the deep:** St Ambrose sees the spiritual meaning of this command as an invitation to give one’s life over to the deep mystery of the knowledge of the Son of God.

5:6 – The Lord draws people to Himself by things that are familiar to them. As He drew the Magi with a star (Math. 2:2), as He would draw tax collectors by a tax collector (5:29), here He draws the fishermen with **fish**.

5:8 – Peter’s cry in the face of divine power is not a rejection of **Jesus** (contrast 8:37). Rather, being suddenly cast in the light of Christ, holy people such as **Peter** become keenly aware of their own unworthiness (compare Is. 6:5; Rev. 1:17).

5:10 – The great **catch** of fish (v. 9) is an image of the apostles bringing mankind to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and it fulfills the prophecy of Jer. 16:16. In the festal hymn of Pentecost we sing to Christ. “Through the fishermen, You drew the world into Your net.”

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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HEARTS ARE CHANGED WHEN WE LIVE OUR FAITH

By Abbot Tryphon in “The Morning Offering”

Many of us have made the mistake of trying to convert our friends and relatives to the Orthodox Church, only to be disappointed. We’ve found a great treasure, and we wish to share it with those we love, and are confounded and disappointed when they don’t see what we have seen. The best way to share the treasure that is Orthodoxy is to live Orthodoxy. Living a serious and loving life of commitment to Christ and our Orthodox faith will bring about many a change of heart in those who are outside the Church established by Christ Himself.

Most importantly, I believe, we must remember that our own conversation was effected, not by debate and persuasion, but by the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that brings people into the Faith, not we. A true missionary, in the Orthodox sense, is not one who buttonholes others and preaches to them, but who lives the Faith. When we are immersed in our Orthodox faith, and our commitment to growth in the Lord is strong, the grace of the Holy Spirit abounds, and it transforms all those around us.

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.

RELEVANT WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS: "Take pride in the title of 'woman,' take pride in the fact that you were born not a man, but a woman, for the Lord has given you a heart much better than that of men, a heart receptive to all that is holy, a heart soft as wax, feeling the truth of Christ. You live not be a cold mind, as do men, but you live by the sense of the heart, for the human heart, together with the mind, is an organ of perception. And the perception of the heart is higher than that of the mind."
– St. Luke of Simferopol

A WORKSHOP ON RAISING BELIEFING CHILDREN – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AT CAMP NAZARETH, MERCER, PA! Child Care Provided by Camp Nazareth. Lunch and Snacks Provided. Register for the event at acrod.org. Freewill Offering at the Door. Presentations and Discussions led by His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa and Very Rev. Stephen Loposky.

CONTRIBUTE A VARIETY OF MOUTH-WATERING DESSERTS THAT ENTICE CUSTOMERS AT THE BAKE SALE OF THE FALL FESTIVAL THIS WEEK! Exhibit your wonderful stewardship traits for the Lord's Bride (The Church) and manifest your baking skills for the sake of our parish. 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. Submit your offering to Michele Tomko. 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.

CHURCH OFFICERS WILL MEET FOR A STEWARDSHIP SESSION ON SATURDAY, NOV. 3RD AT 1 P.M. IN THE PARISH AUDITORIUM! Danny Hromyak, member of the Diocesan Stewardship Commission, shall inform our parish leaders the steps taken by our Diocesan parish of St. John's Church in Hermitage, PA in implementing the stewardship program for the welfare of the church. All church board members are kindly asked to be present.

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-NIGHT VIGIL WITH THE KARDIOTISSA (TENDER-HEARTED ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD) ON FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 9 AT HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MT. LEBANON, PA! Join the community of Holy Cross. 6:00 PM – Arrival of the Kardiotissa Icon; 7:00 PM – Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos; 8:00 PM – Sermon and stories by Fr. Mark Leasure, followed by anointing with Myrrh; 10:00 PM – Festive Matins/Orthros Service (With hymns to the Theotokos and St. Arsenius of Cappadocia – Feast Day Nov. 10 – the godfather of St. Paisius the Athonite); 11:30 PM –

Divine Liturgy; 1:00 AM – Light meal; The church will be open all night for you to come pray. The icon will depart Saturday morning. Holy Cross Church, Gilkeson Road in Mt. Lebanon, across from the Galleria.

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