

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



## American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese

903 Ann Street

Homestead, PA 15120

Rectory Office Phone: (412) 461-3264

Church Office & Auditorium: (412) 461-9437

Web Site: [www.stnichomestead.org](http://www.stnichomestead.org)

E-mail Address: [STNICKHOMESTEAD@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STNICKHOMESTEAD@GMAIL.COM)

E-mail Address: [frmzak@gmail.com](mailto:frmzak@gmail.com)

Pastor – Very Rev. R. Michael Zak, Cell phone:(412)-804-8865

Deacons: Fr. Deacons Artemius Stienstra & Dr. Marc Wisnosky

Sub- Deacon: Andrew Halapin, Jr.

Cantor/Choir Director: Danielle Bartko

Assistant Cantors – Donald Bodnar Jr. & Michele Tomko

Parish Council President: Tom Pingor

Vol. 6; No. 43

**Sunday, October 28, 2018**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENCIAL COUNCIL

Matins: 8:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Resurrection Tone: 5 Gospel: Luke 8:5-15 (4th Sunday of Luke)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 93-95; 114-115 / Red Book: 108-110; 130-131

Happy Birthday Prayers To Our Mom: **Mildred Koreny** (November 1<sup>st</sup>), Love, Sons: John, Don, Rob, & Gary.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Raymond Brancho, +Eugene Brancho, & +Maria Zini**, offered by Andrew & Lucy Tomko.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Mrs. Anna Brugos**, on the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, and for: **+Mrs. Shirley Brugos** on her birthday, offered by Edward J. Brugos, Cheri Williams & Family, Deborah Daniels & Family.

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**Monday, (Oct. 29)...** 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, **+Peter N. Palyok**, offered by Anna D. Palyok (Wife).

**Saturday, Nov. 3)...** 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy on St. Demetrios' All-Souls' Saturday, with Panachida Service for all the departed souls listed in the parish dyptichs.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday, November 4, 2018** (Daylight Saving Time ends)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour: 8:20 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 Resurrection Tone: 6 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke)

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

Altar Flowers' Sponsor: **Charlotte Marie John's** 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday (November 6), offered by the Family.

Birthday Prayers intoned for: **Charlotte Marie Johns** on her First Birthday (November 6), offered by the Family; and for: **Noah Thorn** (God-son) on November 8, offered by Deborah Harris.

**Luke 8:5-15 –**

**8:5-15 –** As the **sower** in this parable, Christ fulfills the prophecy in Is. 55:10-13. Note that while some might teach a person is permanently saved at the moment he professes faith – a view never held by the historic Church – the teaching of Jesus is clear that it is possible to **believe for a while** and then **fall away** (v. 13).

**8:10 – Mysteries** are not obscure intellectual concepts, but the presence of the Kingdom of God which cannot be defined. A person's unwillingness to understand Christ's parables is due to a

rejection of His Kingdom. "If the blindness were natural, it would have been proper for God to open their eyes; but because it was a voluntary and self-chosen blindness, He does not overthrow their free will." Doing so would have been not only "no advantage for them, but an even greater condemnation" (St. John Chrysostom).

\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\*

## THE SAINTS: OUR LIVING HELPERS AND FRIENDS

By Abbot Tryphon of "The Morning Offering"

According to St. Symeon the New Theologian, vigil lights are placed before the icons of the saints as a way of showing that without the Light, who is Christ, the saints are nothing. It is only as the Light of Christ shines on them that they become alive and resplendent.

The saints show us what a glorious destiny we have in God. Through the example of their lives, they point the way to our becoming "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). The saints, as the cloud of witnesses in heaven, are present in the divine services, worshipping the Holy Trinity with us. They, as our friends, intercede before the throne of God on our behalf, having won the good fight, and we are encouraged by the memory and example of their lives as we struggle on our own path to God.

It has been said that there are two kinds of people in the world: sinners who think they are saints, and saints who know they are sinners. Saints are Christians who let God's light shine through them and whose lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We venerate the saints as we seek their intercession with God, but we adore and worship only God in Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We venerate the images (icons) as well as the relics of the saints and martyrs. Yet, according to the decisions and canons of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, this veneration relates not to the icons as such, but to their prototypes – to the persons they represent.

The interior walls of our temples are adorned with icons of the saints as a reminder that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – the saints – and that the Church Militant (here on earth) is not separated from the Church Triumphant (in heaven). In Christ, death does not divide us, for the saints are not dead, but alive in Christ Jesus.

Glory to Jesus Christ, who is glorified in His saints.

\*\*\*\*\*

**ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH – MONTHLY BOARD MEETING!** Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church shall conduct its monthly Church Officers' Session on Monday, November 26, 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS VS. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS WINTER 2018 BLOCK POOL!** Our church is conducting a Winter Block Pool for the football game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the New England Patriots on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Each block will be offered at a price of \$10/block. Prizes will be awarded for the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter at \$50; Half-Time prize is \$100; and the Final Score prize is \$300. Please stop by the church hall after Sunday services or contact Tom Pingor to purchase a block or two to support this fundraiser of our church. And, Thank You for your support!

\*\*\*\*\*

**SUBMIT THE (OCF) MARKED ENVELOPE WITH AN APPROPRIATE OFFERING!** Recognizing our college students and bringing awareness to Orthodox campus ministry that is taking place through the efforts of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, let us contribute liberally to this endorsed agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. As our beloved Bishop Gregory has pointed out on numerous occasions, statistics show us that more than 6 out of 10 of all young adults, including Orthodox, leave the Church after graduating from high school and college. To help counteract this trend, OCF is on the frontlines of over 350 college campuses engaging our students in the Orthodox faith through fellowship, education, worship, and service. Through this four-tiered approach, college students who participate in OCF make their way from schools to parishes spiritually stronger and ready to serve.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>!** Remember to turn your clocks back one hour (fall back) before departing for sleep this coming Saturday/Sunday!

**SUPPLY THE LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS WITH BOXES OF KLEENEX TISSUE FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!** Father Michael continues to serve as a Tutor of Reading for the First Grade Students at Barrett Elementary School, here in Homestead. Your Pastor is part of the Reading Club that meets with pupils every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. The adult instructors wish to aid the teachers at the school with donations of their most requested items for the classrooms. Please donate a box or two of tissues for Fr. Zak to take to the school by Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, offer a box of the Welch's Fruit Snacks that the students love to receive and partake of when they come to class every Wednesday. The tissue boxes can be placed on the table in the stage area of the auditorium.

**CHURCH OFFICERS WILL MEET FOR A STEWARDSHIP SESSION ON SATURDAY, NOV. 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Conclusion: Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy – Parents welcome! Noon Encounter Dismissal. Registration Forms are available at <http://www.acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/jracry/forms>. Please email [sarahlavra@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlavra@gmail.com) by Nov. 1.

**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.

**IOCC ORTHODOX HOMEFRONT: PARISH EMERGENCY, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY, NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> AT HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH FROM 2:30-5:30 P.M.!**

The Church is located at 985 Providence Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. The Homefront helps parishes prepare for regional emergencies, disasters, and parish critical incidents, enhances their capability to respond, and connects parishes with a network of organizations and agencies active in emergencies. Parish leaders – especially clergy, church council/board members, and laypeople with expertise in emergency response, health and social services, etc. Register free online by Nov. 8 to [www.HolyTrinityPgh.org/events/homefront](http://www.HolyTrinityPgh.org/events/homefront). (Limit 3-6 attendees per parish).

**DINNER WITH WINE PAIRINGS ON SUNDAY, NOV. 11 FROM 6:00-8:00 P.M. AT KHALIL'S II RESTAURANT IN PITTSBURGH, PA.!**

Hosted by the eating established, located at 4757 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Come enjoy a traditional family-style Middle Eastern feast with four wine pairings. Tickets: \$75 per person. Limited seating available. Please RSVP by Nov. 6. Questions? Contact Danielle Opacic at [dopacic@verizon.net](mailto:dopacic@verizon.net) or 412-915-5525. Tickets & Sponsorships at [iocc.org/pittsburgh](http://iocc.org/pittsburgh)

**THE PITTSBURGH ORTHODOX YOUNG ADULTS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, NOV. 11 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE INDUSTRY PUBLIC HOUSE IN LAWRENCEVILLE, PA!**

The POYA(S) next "Orthodoxy on Tap" is at the House, located at 4305 Butler Street in Lawrenceville. Speaker will be Father Joseph Fester of St. John's in East Pittsburgh. Fr. Fester will speak on "Orthodoxy in Thailand and Georgia" from which he and his wife recently returned after several years residing in those countries. All young adults ages 21-39 are invited for an evening of appetizers, beverages, socialization and growth in their Orthodox Faith.

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church