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Sunday, November 18, 2018

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of the 3rd Hour: 8:20 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-7 Resurrection Tone: 8 Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 (7th Sunday of Luke)

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 102-104 / Red Book: 117-119

Altar Candles' Sponsor: In memory of +**Sue Semancik** on the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord (Nov. 21).

Wedding Anniversary Prayers intoned for: **Cathy & Gil Obringer** on their 35th Anniversary in Holy Matrimony (Nov. 19), offered by Alicia & Nick Kerber.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**George Rohaly**, offered by wife, Jean.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Sue Semancik** on the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Friends.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Clifford & +Marlene Price**, offered by the Family.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Charles & +Olga Romanchuk**, offered by Mary Ann and +Ernie Vasil.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, wife & mother, +**Michelle Dzvonic** and for her mother, +**Sophie Virostek**, offered by the Dzvonic & Bishop Families.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's newly-departed servant, +**Maxine Kimbrell** on the 40th day of his falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Jim & Pamela Kimbrell.

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

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Andrew Revak**, offered by Wife, Helen and Children, Dan & Patricia.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**Rose DiForti** and Choir Director, +**Father Deacon Paul Hilko**, offered by Danielle Bartko.

Tuesday, (Nov. 20)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, sister, +**Martha Opsitos**, on the Third Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Ann Marie Kline and brother, George Opsitos; and for the newly-deceased, +**Sue Semancik**, on the 40th day of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Family & Friends.

7:00 P.M. Vespers on the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael, and all the Honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

Wednesday, (Nov. 21)... 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy on the Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael, and all the Honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven.

7:00 P.M. Moleben (Prayer) Service of Thanksgiving on the National Holiday of Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday, (Nov. 24)... 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**John & +Helen Pido**, offered by the Family.

Sunday, November 25, 2018
26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19 Resurrection Tone: 1 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (8th Sunday of Luke)

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

Altar Candles' Sponsor: **Cathy & Samantha Trumpower's** Birthdays, offered by husband & father, Doug.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, +**John**, +**Margaret** (on her Birthday), and +**Johnny Harris**, offered by Deborah Harris.

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, +**Cynthia A. Dzvoniak**, on the 1st Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Belan.

Luke 8:41-56 –

Math. 9:18-26 – Authority over life and death is in the hand of God alone (Dt. 32:39; 1 Kg. 2:6).

Being of one essence with the Father, Jesus has this authority (John 5:21). The healing of this woman demonstrates Christ's power to cleanse and heal. In the Old Testament, hemorrhage caused ceremonial defilement, imposing religious and social restrictions, for contact with blood was strictly prohibited (Lv. 15:25). This suffering woman, accounting herself unclean, nevertheless approaches Jesus secretly and with great faith. In v. 22, Jesus (1) brings her **good cheer** because of her faith; (2) corrects her thinking, for neither could she hide her touch from Him, nor is she excluded from Him because of her illness; and (3) exhibits her **faith** to all, so that they might imitate her.

Luke 8:43, 44 – For the Jews, contact with **blood** caused defilement and led to religious and social isolation (Lv. 25). The **woman** displays bold faith by approaching both Christ and a ruler of the synagogue (v. 41) in a crowd, potentially defiling all of them and subjecting herself to ridicule.

8:45 – “Who touched Me?” does not simply mean a physical touch, but rather, “Who touched me in faith?” Just as “the temple sanctifies the gold” (Math. 23:17), so also matter is sanctified by Christ's Incarnation, and the power of Christ works through even His garment. To touch Christ's garment in faith is to touch him. In the Church, we touch Christ through icons, oil, water, bread, wine, etc. When this is done in faith, the power of Christ is received.

8:47 – Jesus calls **the woman** forward both to take away her fear and **trembling** and to strengthen Jairus for the forthcoming news of his daughter's death (v. 49).

8:54 – This resurrection of Jairus' daughter by Christ confirms the promise given to the prophet Ezekiel that God will one day open the graves and raise all the dead (Ezk. 37:1-14). Many people have exercised authority over the living; only the Son of God “has power over both the living and the dead” (funeral service)

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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“DO NOT BE AFRAID; ONLY BELIEVE”

By the Rev. Anthony M. Coniaris, 61 Talks for Orthodox Funerals

It was only natural for Jairus to be afraid when he came to Jesus and said, “Master, my little daughter is at the point of death. Please come and lay your hands on her that she may be healed.” Just

then – the Gospel tells us – a messenger came and told Jairus, “Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Master further.” As soon as Jesus heard this He said to the father, “Do not be afraid, only believe.”

He went to the house of Jairus which by now was filled with friends and relatives mourning and weeping the loss of the young girl. Seeing them Jesus said, “Why do you make all this noise and weep? The girl is not dead. She is asleep.” The gospel of St. Mark says that they laughed at Him. But He, putting them all out, took the father and mother of the child together with three of His apostles and entered the room where the girl was lying. Taking the girl by the hand, Jesus said to her, “Girl, I say to you, arise.” The girl rose up immediately and began to walk.

Thus Jesus justified His words of comfort, “Do not be afraid, only believe.”

These same words of comfort Jesus addresses to us today: “Do not be afraid, only believe.” For our beloved sister-in-Christ, _____, is not gone forever, but merely sent on before us. There is more life where this came from. Jesus assured us of this when He said, “I am the resurrection and the life...” And He adds, “Do you believe this?”

Our beloved _____ believed this with a vibrant faith. To the end of her life she could say with Martha, the sister of Lazarus: “Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.” To her dying day the words of Jesus, “Only believe,” rang in her ears. For this we can be thankful remembering God’s promise that “whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have life-everlasting.”

“Be not afraid, only believe,” says Jesus and He adds I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.”

“Be not afraid, only believe.” Our beloved _____ had reason to be afraid because of her many ailments and her long period of sickness. But she was not afraid. Again and again Jesus comforted her by saying, “There is no reason for you to fear. I died for you to show you that God is merciful and gracious, that He loves and forgives and has prepared an eternal home for us in heaven. “ And she took the Lord at His word. She was not afraid – because she believed.

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 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 1st and 3rd 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!

SENIOR A.C.R.Y. CHAPTER #11 REMINDERS: Purchase a “Lots of Luck Calendar” for \$25 from Carol Dunn and become eligible to win a monetary prize daily for a whole year. These calendars are perfect gifts to give on the Feast of St. Nicholas or the Nativity of Christ celebration; Place an order for the delectable Christmas candies from Gertrude Hawk Chocolates and permit our chapter to reap a 50% profit on all requests. The scrumptious candies have been sampled by our Church officers, who attest of its fine quality and addictive possibilities. Purchase a good supply of chocolates for the holidays to serve to visitors, family members and friends; Have your name appear as a Patron (\$6), Booster (\$3), or Memorial Lister (\$6) in the New Full-Color ACRY Annual. You have until the end of November to have your name listed in the Diocesan Yearbook. The annual publication is filled with photos of Diocesan church life and splendid articles concerning our Orthodox Christian faith.

AS GOOD SAMARITANS, DEPOSIT A MONETARY GIFT IN YOUR SPECIALLY-MARKED IOCC CHURCH ENVELOPES AND AID “THE LEAST OF CHRIST’S BRETHREN” THROUGHOUT THE WORLD! Through your faithfulness and generosity, IOCC extends hope to families, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, schoolchildren, orphans, and people with disabilities – to students, young graduates, small businesses, and farmers. In the USA, IOCC has cleaned out and rebuilt homes damaged by floods and hurricanes, offering emotional and spiritual care to individuals and families. Let us not forget our neighbors – God’s children – facing difficulty near and far, and let us recommit to serving those in need, whoever and wherever they may be, as we thank God for His goodness to us this coming Thanksgiving.

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, RAFFLES, AND OF COURSE, TURKEY BINGO AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NORTH SIDE PITTSBURGH, TODAY! “Look for the Gold Domes” at 2688 California Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Doors Open at 2 – Bingo Begins at 3. Come and experience an afternoon of fun amongst family and friends! Winners will receive a turkey to take home. Please Come Hungry! Meals, refreshments, and other goodies will be available for purchase from our Carpathian Kitchen. Donation is \$10 for admission which includes 3 Bingo cards. Additional cards and “Specials” will be available for purchase.

ST. NICHOLAS “CHARITY DINNER” BENEFITING OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB IN CHURCHILL ON SUNDAY, DEC. 9TH! Cash Bar will be open at 4 P.M., whereas, the bountiful Christmas Buffet-style Feast shall begin at 5 P.M. For the Carpathian Auction that will be staged at the end of this holiday gathering, please offer a Nativity gift that patrons will place many chances before in the container to win. Your presents can be passed on to Father Michael. Tickets for the repast are: \$30 for Adults; \$10 for Children ages 6-12 years old; Free for Kids 5 & younger.

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