

# Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church



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**Sunday, April 28, 2019**

## THE GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA: THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M., with the Reading of the Gospel in Various Languages.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-9;

Fast-Free Week

Gospel: John 1:1-17

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 193-196 / Red Book: 215-218

Bulletin Sponsor: **Bob & Dannielle Bartko's** 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (5/2), offered by the Family.

Candles' Sponsor: In memory of **+Ann Timko and deceased members of the +Harris Family**, offered by the Family.

**Paschal "Agape" Social held in the Parish Hall for all Resurrection Day worshipers!**

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**Bright Monday, (April 29)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, concluding with an Outdoor Procession (weather permitting) and Reading of the Resurrection Gospels.

**Bright Tuesday, (April 30)...** 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy.

**Bright Thursday, (May 2)...** 9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants, **+Merle and Matilda Benson**, offered by Edward & Bernard Benson (Sons).

**Bright Friday, (May 3)...** ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD – THE LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN. Apostolic Reading: Acts 2:11-21 Gospel: John 2:12-22.

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**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

### The Second Sunday of Pascha: Saint Thomas Sunday

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M. with the distribution of the "Artos" Bread.

Epistle: Acts 15:12-20;

Resurrection Tone: 1

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Tropar & Kondak: Blue Book: 199-200 / Red Book: 221-223

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the soul of God's departed servant, Grandmother **+Mary Dzvonik**, on the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (May 1<sup>st</sup>) of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Cathy Obringer & Michael Dzvonik (Grandchildren).

Panachida Service conducted for the repose of the souls of God's departed servants of the **+Mustakis Family: +George & +Irene, +Nicholas, +Eva, +Carolyn, & +Cleo Angeliki**, offered by the Estate of Cleo Mustakis.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: The Paschal Theme.** Three Passovers are specifically mentioned in John, hence the tradition that the public ministry of Jesus Christ encompassed a three-year period. During the final Passover, Jesus, the Lamb of God (1:29, 36), leads His followers to a new Passover through His Death and Resurrection.

John 1:1-17 –

**1:1 – In the beginning** recalls the creation story of Genesis, but speaks more clearly of the Creator Himself. Furthermore, while Genesis spoke of the first creation, this “Prologue” of John (verses 1-18) reveals the new creation of Christ.

**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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**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>

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**CONTRIBUTE TO A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF INCOME FOR THE CAMP PROGRAM BY**

**PURCHASING A FAMILY DAY RAFFLE TICKET, OR TWO, TODAY!** Whether we have submitted a financial gift to the “3D” Fund, this year, or not, let us hurry and secure the \$20 ducats from Cathy Pawlak and insure that our youngsters participating in the Diocesan Camping Sessions this summer will have an unforgettable experience and will not want to leave this sacred place in the foothills of NW Pennsylvania.

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**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP ENVELOPES IN THE VESTIBULE** for Mothers’ & Fathers’ Day commemorations for the Living & Departed, to appear in the Bulletins for Mother’s Day (May 12<sup>th</sup>) and Father’s Day (June 16<sup>th</sup>).

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**HELP JEAN COLANTONI OUT WITH PHOTOS OF MEN OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH!** Jean Colantoni is looking for snapshots of fathers and grandfathers, who belong to St. Nicholas. The men can be living or departed this life. She is working on a special project for Father’s Day. All photos submitted will be returned. The pictures must be given to Jean no later than, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!

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**THE NEXT ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH BOARD MEETING!** The Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Board Session is scheduled for Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

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**ONLINE REGISTRATION HAS BEGAN FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR RETREAT AT CAMP NAZARETH FROM MAY 13-16, 2019!**

The Retreat will feature keynote addresses by Met. Gregory who is inviting all our Diocesan Seniors, ages 55 and over, to join him for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. The Retreat will help our Seniors navigate the many challenges they face including retirement, transition, health and family, all while remaining focused on and committed to the Lord.

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**THE MONTH OF MAY IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN IT’S TIME FOR US TO BE FASHIONABLE AT THE DESIGNER PURSE BASH ON SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Doors will open at 4 P.M.; a delicious buffet meal begins at 4:30 P.M., then, the fun starts when expensive and great-looking bags, totes and satchels will be raffled-off every 20 minutes until 8 P.M when a Kate Spade Tote (\$598 value) + \$200 will be awarded a very lucky ticket holder. Plus, a 50/50 Drawing, attractive Theme-Baskets’ Raffle and a slew of exquisite purse drawings are on the program. Tickets are \$30.00/only 250 ducats are available/and there are 4 chances per pink ticket. See Alisha Zak to pick up your allotment, today. Also, if you are interested in donating a Theme Basket for the Raffle, ask Pani Zak for ideas. She will be taking donations toward filling the wicker containers, as well.

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**AS OUR “YOUNG CHURCH LEADERS” BEGAN ON MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> TO REGISTER ON LINE TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DIOCESAN CAMPING SESSION (JULY 14-20, 2019) AT CAMP NAZARETH, SEND ALL OF OUR CHILDREN OF CAMPER-AGE TO THEIR “HOME AWAY FROM HOME” BY OFFERING A CAMPERSHIP!**

The registration fee for Diocesan campers this year is \$320.00 per youth. Insure that our precious young people will have the opportunity to “return to Paradise” and live an Orthodox Christian life style among their peers, sharing the True Faith, and making “friends forever”. Kindly submit a monetary offering for the kids before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, so that our church can take advantage of the “early bird” specials and discount rates offered to those signing up early for Camp. You certainly will not make a better investment than this contribution! Any financial token is well-spent and thanked.

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**MEN OF ST. NICHOLAS: WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GET OUR CAMP NAZARETH READY FOR THE SEASON!**

Members of the Men’s Club will be traveling up to Mercer, PA on the weekend of May 3-5. We welcome all men in the church to lend a helping hand in doing some light work, while sharing in the camaraderie of males within the Pittsburgh Deanery. Notify Brian Smoley of your availability on that designated weekend at the Diocesan Conference Center.

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**FAMILY DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019!** The Family Camp is scheduled for the 2 days prior: Friday, May 31 – Saturday, June 1, and will then join the Family Day celebration on Sunday. Family Camp is exactly what its sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and

challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another. We know our families need support and help, especially in this day and age. Here is an event to support and sustain our families as we continue to develop our own Diocesan Family Ministry. Families can register online at [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org). You can review the attached schedule and flyer, and find these documents on the Camp website. Online Registration will close on Friday, May 24, 2019.

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