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ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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September 23, 2012

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Within the Feast of the Birth of Holy Mary Theotokos

PARISH CALENDAR

CALENDAR EVENTS LOOKING AHEAD

Sun., Sept. 23 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS. *Within the Feast of the Birth of Holy Mary Theotokos.* 16th Sunday of Pentecost.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY, LIFE-GIVING CROSS

WED., SEPT. 26 PRE-FESTIVE OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

5:00 PM GREAT VESPER & LITIA

THU., SEPT. 27

9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY

STRICT FAST TODAY

Sat., Sept. 29 Saturday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

5:00 PM Great Vespers

Sun., Sept. 30 Sunday after the Holy Cross. 17th Sunday of Pentecost. Martyrs Sophia & her children Faith, Hope & Charity.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Church School Begins

Altar Society Meeting today

Feast Days coming up:

- **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, Thu., Sept. 27 (Sept. 14). This is a **Major Holy Day** of the Church, with the same obligations of observance as Sunday. This is a *Strict Fast Day*, as we remember Our Lord's willingness to suffer the Cross for our sakes.

Pirohi Sales are also scheduled for October 5 and October 19..

Altar Society Meets Sun., Sept. 30.

Parish Board meets Sun., Oct. 21.

Annual Parish Meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 28. Included on the Agenda:

- 75th Anniversary of the Parish - a discussion
- Election of some Board members
- St. Nicholas Dinner - a discussion

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Metropolitan Nicholas.

Living: Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Gary Joyce. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater Kathryn Stocoski. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Steve & Julie Roberts. George & Anna Senich.

In Assisted Living Homes: Kathryn Derenick. Julie Kovacs. Irene Munchak. Julie Soares.

PARISH EVENTS

Thanks and God Bless!

To all of you who came out and helped make the Pirohi this past week.

I personally want to thank the guys who helped clean out the upstairs rooms in the hall to help me get them ready for Church School.

Church School BEGINS! The First Day of Church School will be on Sunday, September 30, after Divine Liturgy.

- All parents are invited upstairs before classes begin for a prayer at the beginning of the year. If there are any questions we can address them at that time.
- The Pre-school/Early Elementary Class will be led by Mrs. Terri DiMichele.
- The Middle School Class will be lead by Mrs. Nancy Barnett.
- The Junior/Senior Hi Class will be led by Fr. Nik.
- All classes will meet in the classrooms on the second floor of the hall.

75th Anniversary News. *Some folks have begun to sign up for the various committees!* Please consider helping to make this celebration a successful one. Sign up today!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

DDD Donors 2012:

Frank Pucher	\$100.00
Steve & Julie Roberts	\$250.00
The Parish	\$100.00
William & Beverly Thomas	\$200.00
John & Rosemary Hrywnak	\$200.00
Julie Worobey	\$100.00
St. Nicholas Men's Club	\$100.00
Edward Bonk Jr,	\$100.00
William & Carol Wassel	\$200.00
Kathryn Stocoski	\$100.00

Altar Society	\$100.00.
Stephanie Bonk	\$100.00
Andrew Barnett	\$100.00
Carol Pugh	\$100.00

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

September 16, 2012

\$ 722.00	General Collection
\$ 20.00	1st Sunday
\$ 80.00	7 Day Light
\$ 56.00	Holy Days
\$ 205.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 5.00	Vigil Light
\$1,088.00	Total Collection

DIOCESAN NEWS

CAMP NAZARETH WORK WEEKEND AND RETREAT

The theme at camp this past season was that "The Church is the door to life." If the Church is the door to life then our beautiful Camp Nazareth is a pathway to the Church. For the second year we are organizing a work weekend over the Columbus Day weekend from October 5 through October 8, 2012.

Most people can arrive either Friday evening or Saturday morning and we will try to complete all work projects through noon on Monday. There is much to be done including new projects, repairs to existing facilities and cleaning.

All are welcome, boys and girls, men and women. Lodging, food and beverages will be provided. Come and help renew our camp and pray with us in the beautiful Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church.

Please notify Fr. Dn. Jim Phifer of Holy Ghost Parish if you intend to participate. His E-Mail address is frdnjamesphifer@gmail.com or call at 610-630-0506.

OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

Rummage Sale

- Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Penna.
- 2nd Annual "Hometown Rummage Sale"
- Fund Raiser for the Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Church, 1888-2013
- *Where:* At the American Legion Hall, Raymond Henry Post #327 at 101 Willow Ave/Lackawanna Ave. Olyphant, Penna. (by the

Bank)

- *When:* SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 2012
 - Friday, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Refreshments will be available by the American Legion.
- Contact:
 - Lauren Telep, at 570-383-0319 for more information.
 - Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor, Telephone 570-489-2271
 - Websites:
 - <http://www.stcyrils.maslar-online.com/>
 - www.parishesonline.com/sscyrilmethodiusblakely

Carpathian Festival

- St. Michael Church, 298 Clinton St., Binghamton, NY.
- Sunday, September 23, 11AM to 6 PM
- Food: Pirohi, Halushki, Kolbasi, Gulash, Baked Delicacies
- Tours of St. Michael Church
- Children's Games and Raffles
- St. Michael's Carpathian Dancers
- Dancing to Jeff Nyschot's Groove.

Cookbooks For Sale

- St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Homestead, PA, the Mothers & Daughters Guild
- \$17 plus S/H
- To purchase, call
 - Flo: 412-466-7103 *or*
 - Stephanie: 412-271-6907
- See Flyer in Hall

Harvest Moon Festival

- Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 278 South Main St., Montrose, PA
- Columbus Day Weekend: Oct. 6 & 7
- Ethnic Foods, Live Entertainment, Fire truck Rides & MORE. See Flyer in Hall

Charity Benefit Pasta Dinner

- Benefit for Marianne (Orzolek) Lobalbo, daughter of Archpriest Theodore Orzolek & wife Mary, who is recovering from a very complicated brain tumor.
- At Ss Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church Hall, Washburn & Filmore Ave., Scranton, PA 18504
- Sunday, October 14, Noon to 3 PM.
- All proceeds will go to help cover the many medical expenses.
- \$10/adult, \$5/children 12 & under.
- Reservations encouraged, but there may be tickets at door. Take-out available.
- See Flyer in the Hall for more details about the dinner and about Marianne.
- Contact info: 343-8128 (rectory), 961-3147 (hall).

For those who like to travel:

Slavic Food Fest 2012

- Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 5501 Old Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA
- Sat., Oct. 6, 2-5PM. Sun., Oct. 7, Noon - 3PM
- *Basket Raffle & Vendor Faire*
- See Flyer in Hall for details.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS WITHIN THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS

Sing the Regular Sunday Antiphons and Entrance Hymn

Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 7

You have destroyed death by your Cross. * You opened Paradise to the thief. * You changed the weeping of the myrrh-bearers to joy. * You commanded your apostles to proclaim: * "Christ our God has risen, * granting great mercy to the world."

Tropar of the Feast of Holy Mary - Tone 4

Your nativity, O Mother of God, * has brought joy to all the inhabited earth; * for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. * He freed us from the curse and gave the blessing. * He has made death of no effect, * and bestowed on us eternal life.

Kondak of the Resurrection - Tone 7

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

No longer can the might of death rule over men, * for Christ has come destroying and shattering its power. * Death is bound in chains. * The prophets with joy unite their voices, saying: * "The Savior has come to those who believe! * Enter, faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Kondak of the Feast of Holy Mary - Tone 4

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

By your holy birth, O undefiled, * Joachim and Anna were set free from the reproach of childlessness, * and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. * Delivered from the guilt of sin, * your people keep the feast they sing to You: * "The barren woman bears the Mother of God Who sustains our life."

Prokimen of the Prefeast of the Cross - Tone 6

O Lord, save your people, and bless your inheritance, * and bless your inheritance.

Reader: To You, O Lord, I call; My God, be not deaf to me.

Do not repeat the above Prokimen but immediately sing the next one.

Prokimen of the Feast of Holy Mary - Tone 3

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: For He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Epistles: *For the Sunday before the Cross:* Galatians 6:11-18. *For the Feast:* Phil 2:5-11

Alleluia of the Sunday before the Cross & the Feast - Tone 8

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: I have exalted One chosen from the people, and with my holy oil I have anointed him.

Reader: My hand shall always be with Him, and my arm shall make Him strong.

Reader: Listen, O Daughter, and consider, and incline your ear.

Reader: Even the rich among the people will entreat your favor.

Gospels: *Sunday before the Cross:* John 3:13-17, *For the Feast of Holy Mary:* Luke 10:38-42. 11:27-28

Glorification and Irmos (instead of "You are truly deserving")

Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb.

From the womb of the Virgin came the Light that was before the sun, even God Who has shone forth upon us took flesh ineffably, coming to dwell among us in the flesh. O Blessed and All-holy One, O Mother of God, do we magnify.

Communion Hymn of the Feast

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia!\