

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Within the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

### PARISH CALENDAR HI-LITES

*Please see monthly calendar for all events*

Sun., Sept. 30 Sunday after the Holy Cross.

Church School Begins

Altar Society Meeting today

Wed., Oct. 3 & Thu., Oct. 4: *Pirohi Making*

Fri., Oct. 5 *Pirohi Sale*

Sun., Oct. 7 First Sunday of Luke

Church School - Elementary Classes

### CALENDAR EVENTS LOOKING AHEAD

*Feast Days coming up:*

**PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS:**

Sunday, Oct. 14.

*Pirohi Sales* are also scheduled October 19 and November 2.

*Altar Society Meets* today!

*Men's Club meets* Sun., Oct. 14.

*Parish Board meets* Sun., Oct. 21.

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

- 75<sup>th</sup> 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. Richard Farkaly

*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 Tigie. 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.

*Altar Vigil Candle:* Memory of Richard Farkaly - Bill and Beverly Thomas

*Panachida:* Jane Guzek

### PARISH EVENTS

**Church School BEGINS!** The First Day of Church School will be today! after Divine Liturgy.

- All parents are invited upstairs before classes begin for a beginning of the year prayer. If there are any questions we can address them at that time.
- The Pre-school/Early Elementary Class meets with Mrs. Terri DiMichele.

- The Middle School Class meets with Mrs. Nancy Barnett.
- The Junior/Senior Hi Class meets with Fr. Nik.

**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

### ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

September 23, 2012

General Collection	716.00
7 Day Light	98.00
Pirohi	980.00
Holy Days	58.00
Church Dues	264.00
Maintenance & Repairs	15.00
Heat Offering	192.00
Eternal Light	7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,330.00</b>

### 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

## 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](mailto:frdnjamesphifer@gmail.com) or call at 610-630-0506.

## OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

### 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.

**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

**THE ELEVATION OF THE VENERABLE AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS OF THE LORD**

The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Adrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and on that site built a pagan temple of the goddess Venus and the god Jupiter. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains -- the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This occurred under the Equal-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337). In 313 he had issued the so-called Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalised and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. Emperor Constantine, having with the assistance of God gained victory over his enemies in three wars, had seen in the heavens the Sign of God -- the Cross and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer".

Wishing to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Constantine sent to Jerusalem his mother, the pious Empress Helen to oversee the project. Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set the task with enthusiasm. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Jew by the name of Jude who stated, that the Cross was buried where stands the pagan-temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan-temple and, having made a prayer, they began to excavate the ground. Soon there was detected the Sepulchre of the Lord and not far away from it three crosses, a plank with inscription having been done by order of Pilate, and four nails, which had pierced the Body of the Lord. In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Saviour was crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord was placed to it, the dead one came alive. Having beheld the rising-up, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found. Hearing the news, a huge crowd of Christians had come to see the Holy Cross, They asked Saint Makarios to elevate, to exalt the Cross, so that all even afar off, might reverently contemplate it. So the Patriarch raised up high the Holy Cross, while the people, said "Lord have mercy" repeatedly, and prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-Creating Cross there occurred also another miracle: a grievously sick woman, beneath the shadow of the Holy Cross, was healed instantly. The staretz/elder Jude and other Jews there believed in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism. Jude received the name Kuriakos (ie. lit. "of the Lord") and afterwards was ordained Bishop of Jerusalem. Saint Helen took with her to Constantinople part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails. The Equal-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine gave orders to raise up at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honour of the Resurrection of Christ, including in itself also the Sepulchre of the Lord, and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about 10 years. Saint Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple; she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, 14 September, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</h1> <h2>October 2012</h2>						
<b>9/30</b> Martyr Sophia 9:30 Divine Liturgy Church School - all classes Altar Society	1	2	<b>3</b> Prince Michael & Counselor Theodorre  <i>AM Pirohi Prep</i>	<b>4</b> Last day of Feast of Cross  <i>AM Pirohi Making</i>	<b>5</b> Prophet Jonah  <i>9 AM - 4:30 AM Pirohi Sale</i>	<b>6</b> Conception of John the Baptist  5 PM Vespers
<b>7</b> Martyr Thecla. 9:30 Divine Liturgy Church School - Elementary	8	9	10	11	12	<b>13</b> Mar. Bp. Gregory of Armenia  5 PM Great Vespers w/ Litija
<b>14</b> PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY  9:30 Divine Liturgy Men's Club Mtg	15	16	<b>17</b> Mar. Bp. Hierotheos  <i>AM Pirohi Prep</i>	<b>18</b> Martyr Charitina  <i>AM Pirohi Making</i>	<b>19</b> Apostle Thomas  <i>9 AM - 4:30 AM Pirohi Sale</i>	<b>20</b> Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus  5 PM Vespers
<b>21</b> Nun Pelagia  9:30 Divine Liturgy Church School-Elem. Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	<b>27</b> Nun Paraskevia of Trnovo  5 PM Vespers
<b>28</b> Fathers of 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Coun.  9:30 Divine Liturgy Annual Parish Mtg. <i>No Hi School Church School. Moved to 11/4</i>	29	30	<b>31</b> <i>AM Pirohi Prep</i>	<b>11/1</b> <i>AM Pirohi Making</i>	<b>11/2</b> <i>9 AM - 4:30 AM Pirohi Sale</i>	<b>11/3</b> Monk Hilarion the Great  5 PM Vespers