

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS

### PARISH CALENDAR HI-LITES

*Please see monthly calendar for all events*

Sun., Oct. 14 PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke. St. Romanos the Melodist, patron of Cantors.

Men's Club Meeting

Fri., Oct. 19 Pirohi Sale

Sat., Oct. 20 *Schedule Change: No Vespers today.*

Sun., Oct. 21 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke. Nun Pelagia.

Church School - Elementary Classes

Board Meeting

### CALENDAR EVENTS LOOKING AHEAD

*Feast Day today: PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS:* Sunday, Oct. 14. See the end of the bulletin for today's Liturgy propers.

*Pirohi Sales* scheduled November 2 & 16.

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

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

1. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish - a discussion
2. Election of some Board members
3. 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 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.

*Altar Vigil Candle:* Mary Mlakar - Marge Bednar

*Panachida:* Lloyd Davies - Durkin & Pivovarnik families.

### PARISH EVENTS

*Men's Club meets* today.

**75<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Christmas Cookie Walk!* The Altar Society will host a Cookie (and Treats) walk:

- Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>
- 8:00 A.M. until Sold Out

- REQUESTS!!!: We are in need of baked goods for this sale: Assorted Cookies, breads, cakes, cupcakes, sugar free items...whatever your specialty is! If we start baking *now*, we will have plenty of time to bake and set it aside!
- It will help a lot if we know what you are bringing. There will be sign up sheets in the hall. Please watch for them.
- Please bring your bring baked goods by Thursday December 20th.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

#### ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

October 7, 2012

\$ 768.00	General Collection
\$ 212.00	1st Sunday
\$ 79.00	7 Day Light
\$ 918.00	Pirohi
\$ 4.00	Holy Days
\$ 113.00	Church Dues
\$ 6.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 11.00	Heat Offering
\$ 100.00	Parking Donation
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 5.00	Vigil Light
<b>\$2,223.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

#### DDD DONORS 2012:

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

### DIOCESAN NEWS

*From Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank Miloro, Chancellor, received Fri., 10 12:*

With joy I share with you this good news! The consecration date for Bishop-elect Grigorios is TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th.

Some final details are being worked out, but please mark your calendars now, and announce the date to your parishioners. The Chancery will be forwarding mailed instructions.

### OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

#### Ekumen Chorale

- St. George Church, Taylor, PA
- Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 3 PM.
- The Ekumen Chorale is a 25-voice ensemble that performs, in great detail, the sacred music of the Eastern European Church from the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Featured Composers: Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Arkhangelsky & Gretchaninoff. See Flyer in hall for details.
- Free & open to the public. All are welcome!

#### Honoring Mary in Song

- St. John the Baptist Church, Nesquehoning, PA
- Sunday, October 14 at 4 PM.
- The Cantor Choir of NEPA, under the direction of Professor Andrew Drozdik offers a Concert of Spiritual Hymns. See flyer in hall.
- Refreshments will follow
- A free-will offering will be taken
- Further information: 570-669-6623

#### 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).

**The 2012 Orthodox Institute presents Culture. Morality. Spirituality.**

- Antichian Village, Ligonier, PA
- Thursday evening, Nov. 1 through Sunday morning, Nov. 4
- Offered primarily for the education of Church School teachers, but open to all. Flyer in the hall with all the details.

**PROTECTION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS**

October 1 (October 14)

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred at Constantinople, in the Blakhernae church where there was preserved the Robe of the Mother of God, her Head-Veil (mathoria) and part of the Belt-Sash, transferred from Palestine in the 5th Century. On Sunday, 1 October, 864 (or 867), Constantinople was threatened by a large invading fleet from then-pagan Russia. The church was overflowing with people praying for deliverance at the all-night vigil.

The Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (Comm. 2 October) at the fourth hour of the night lifted up his eyes towards the heavens, and beheld coming through the air our Most Holy Lady Mother of God resplendent with an Heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. The holy John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knee the Most Holy Virgin began with tears to pray for Christians and for a long time was at prayer. Then, coming near the Throne, she continued her prayer. Then, having completed her prayers, she took from her head the veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with Heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun."

Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked of his disciple Blessed Epiphanius standing alongside him: "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered: "I do see, holy father, and I am in awe". The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored of the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people, calling on his Most Holy Name and hastening in recourse to her intercession. Saints Andrew and Epiphanius, granted to behold the Mother of God at prayer, "for a long time gazed at the protecting veil spread over the people and the lightning like flashes in glory to the Lord; as long as the Most Holy Mother of God was there, so likewise was the protecting veil visible; but with her departure it likewise became invisible, and though having taken it with her, she left behind the grace of having been there". That night the invading fleet was destroyed by a storm and the city was saved.

**Tropar of the Resurrection - Tone 2**

When You submitted to death, O Immortal Life, \* You made death powerless by the radiance of your Divinity. \* When You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, \* all the heavenly powers exclaimed: \* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tropar of the Protection - Tone 4**

Protected by your coming, O Birthgiver of God, \* the faithful people solemnly celebrate today. \* And gazing upon your most pure image, \* they humbly say: "Watch over us with your noble protection, \* and deliver us from all evil \* by asking your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

### **Kondak of the Resurrection - Tone 2**

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

You arose from the dead, O Almighty Savior! \* Death witnessed the miracle and was filled with fear as the dead arose. \* All creation beheld it and rejoices in You: \* even Adam rejoices. \* The universe exalts You, O my Savior, forever.

### **Kondak of the Protection - Tone 3**

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Today the Virgin is present in the Church \* and with the armies of saints invisibly prays to God for us. \* The angels worship with the archangels, \* and the apostles rejoice with the Prophets, \* because in our behalf, the Birthgiver of God \* prays to the Eternal God.

### **Prokimen of the Resurrection - Tone 2**

The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and He is my salvation.

*Reader:* The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

*Do not repeat above Prokimen. Immediately sing the next one.*

### **Prokimen - 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:**

*Sunday:* 2 Corinthians 11:31 – 12:9

*Feast:* Hebrews 9:1-7

### **Alleluia of the Resurrection and the Feast - Tone 2**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The Name of the God of Jacob protect you.

*Reader:* O Lord, give victory to the King; answer us when we call.

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

*Reader:* Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

### **Gospels:**

*Sunday:* Luke 6:31-36

*Feast:* Luke 10:38-42. 11:27-28

### **Communion Hymns**

*Sunday:* "Praise the Lord"

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