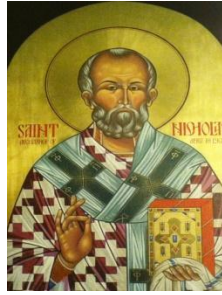


# *The Saint Nicholas Chronicle*



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## SUNDAY OCTOBER 16, 2016

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 16 – Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite

**10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy**

*Let us welcome and thank Protopresbyter Mark Leasure for being with us to serve the  
Divine Liturgy this morning!*

Tone 8 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 102-104

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

#### Sunday, October 23 – Martyr Eulampius

**9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!)**

Tone 1 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 81-83

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-16

**Confessions:** Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living: Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Anna Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Stephanie Bonk. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert Hawley. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Eugene Vaskalis.

At home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living: Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss.

Eternal light: In memory of Kathryn Stocoski given by the Bonk Family.

**Parish News and Information**

**FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!**

Please continue to remember and support those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ***for I was hungry and you gave Me food...***”

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:**  
***OCTOBER 9, 2016***

\$610.00	General Collection
\$14.00	First Sunday
\$92.00	7 Day Light
\$1,510.00	Pirohi
\$29.00	Holy Days
\$12.00	Taper Candles
\$20.00	Heat Offering
\$50.00	<u>Memory of Kathryn Stocoski</u>
<b>\$2,337.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

<b>FALL 2016 PIROHI SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Wednesday Prep</b>	<b>Thursday Pinching</b>	<b>Friday Sales</b>
<i><b>October 5</b></i>	<i><b>October 6</b></i>	<i><b>October 7</b></i>
October 19	October 20	October 21
November 2	November 3	November 4
November 16	November 17	November 18
November 30	December 1	December 2
December 14	December 15	December 16

**The pirohi times are as follows:**

**Wednesdays** – PIROHI PREP – 7:30 AM

**Thursdays** – PIROHI MAKING – 8:00 AM

**Fridays** – SALE – 10:00 AM → 3:00 PM

**Upcoming Church/Diocesan Events**

- **MARK THE DATES!**

- **NOTE!** The next **Parish Board Meeting**, originally reschedule for today (10/16), *will be rescheduled*. The reason for the change is that Fr. Daniel is in Freeland today celebrating Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger and Pani Linda Barriger’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marriage and of Father’s Ordination!
- Church School will meet **next Sunday, October 23** at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please continue to bring your children and grandchildren! They are not the future but the present, and need to continue to learn about the Faith!
- Our **St. Nicholas Chicken Dinner** is scheduled for **Saturday October 29 at Noon**.
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday October 30**, following the Divine Liturgy.
- The next **Altar Society Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday November 6**.
- The **Parish Board Meeting** for November is scheduled for **Sunday November 20**.
- The **Parish Board Meeting** for December is scheduled for **Sunday December 4**.
- Our **Annual St. Nicholas Day Dinner** is scheduled for **Sunday December 18**. More information will be forthcoming!

**News Around the Diocese**

**Distinguished Diocesan Donors!**

- It is the time of year again to consider a gift to the Distinguished Diocesan Donors fund. For a gift of \$100.00 you will receive an invitation to the annual Deanery “Three-D” Dinner! **The deadline for all DDD donations is October 19<sup>th</sup>!**

**Consecration Weekend at Saint George’s in Taylor! (October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Friday, October 21 – Great Vespers at 6:00 PM (Bishop Gregory escorts the relics into the church)

Saturday, October 22 – Consecration Service at 9:00 AM with Divine Liturgy to follow

Sunday, October 23 – Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 10:00 AM and Banquet to follow

**Dedication and Blessing of Habitat for Humanity Memorial Building Project** – Perth Amboy, NJ (St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church) --- St. John's Church is pleased to announce the dedication and blessing of the Habitat for Humanity Memorial Building Project as set for Wednesday, December 7, 2016! This is an exciting moment as the project is nearing completion through the labors and contributions of so many Diocesan Faithful. A highlight of the dedication ceremony will be the presence of Pani Susan Rosco, and it is desired that as many Diocesan faithful as possible also be in attendance. In keeping with the spirit of service, a final work week in association with this dedication will take place from December 5<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. IOCC has graciously agreed to coordinate this aspect of the trip. It is hoped to have some social gatherings at night including a night on the town in New Orleans.

**Registration:** Will be done through IOCC and their website. This information is being distributed so that Diocesan faithful may begin to make plans that fit their schedules.

**Cost/Logistics:** The Volunteer contribution is \$350 per person which includes local transportation, room and board, materials, supplies, tools and site supervision. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, but 16 and 17 year-olds are accepted if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or an adult with a power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment. Individuals (or groups) are responsible to travel to the build city on their own, but ground transportation will be provided from the local airport(s) to the housing site.

Anyone interested in participating in this glorious moment is asked to contact Fr. Michael Chendorain at [fathermikec@verizon.net](mailto:fathermikec@verizon.net) or (732) 826-4442 as soon as possible.

### **More news**

**Coffee with Sister Vassa at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church this Tuesday!** We have graciously been invited by Father David Shewczyk to a presentation to be given by Sister Vassa at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Wilkes-Barre, PA (401 East Main Street) **this Tuesday**, October 18 at 7:00 PM! (*See poster at the end of the bulletin.*)

Dear Father and Parishioners,

I would like to invite you and your beloved parishioners to a presentation to be given by Sr. Vassa. Please come and join us. You are most welcome.

Sr. Dr. Vassa Larin (born Varvara Georgievna Larina, December 11, 1970 in Nyack, New York, United States) is a Russian Orthodox riassofor nun, the host of the popular show "Coffee with Sr. Vassa," author of many scholarly articles and a monograph on Byzantine liturgy and theology, and outspoken public intellectual on current issues of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR).

She teaches Liturgical Studies at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Vienna in Austria. Sr. Dr. Vassa Larin is a member of two Commissions of the Inter-Council Presence of the Russian Orthodox Church: the Commission on "Liturgy and Church Art," and the Commission for "Canon Law."

Sister's talk will focus on the "Keeping Christ in Orthodoxy." A time of fellowship, discussion and refreshments will follow her presentation. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Sister - "Coffee-with-Sister-Vassa" mugs will be available! Learn more about Sr. Vassa at [www.coffeewithsistervassa.com](http://www.coffeewithsistervassa.com). For additional information, please call [570-825-6540](tel:570-825-6540).

In Christ,

Fr. David Shewczyk

### **Fourth Annual Rusyn Genealogy Conference, “Understanding the Rusyn Heritage!”**

Come join us on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at King’s College Campus Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Speakers will include Dr. Paul Best (“The Lemkos”) Tom Peters (“I am a Rusyn, Let My Journey Begin”), Jim Huratiak (“DNA and Rusyn Genealogy”), and Gabriel Koljesar (“Vojvodina”). All are welcome to bring documents for interpretation. This conference costs \$40.00 and includes a breakfast buffet and lunch. Merchandise will be available for purchase as well as a basket raffle. This event is sponsored by the Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. Please RSVP by October 15th to Sharon Jarrow (shangp@rcn.com • call 610-759- 2628) or mail check made to C-RS Eastern PA to Sharon Jarrow ~ 599 Fehr Rd. ~ Nazareth, PA 18064.

## **The Lives of the Saints**

### *The Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite*

Text from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid (VOLUME TWO: July-December)

“Dionysius is numbered among the Seventy Lesser Apostles. This wonderful man was the scion of a distinguished pagan family in Athens. Having completed the school of philosophy in Athens, he went to Egypt to study further. While he was there the Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross, the sun was darkened, and there was darkness in Egypt for three hours. Then Dionysius cried out: ‘Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or this world is coming to an end.’ Returning to Athens, he married a woman named Damaris and had sons by her. He became a member of the highest court among the Greeks, the Areopagus, and thereafter he was known as the ‘Areopagite.’ When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysius was baptized with his entire household. Paul consecrated him Bishop of Athens. He left his wife, children and his position for the love of Christ. He traveled with Paul for a long time and met all the other apostles of Christ. He traveled to Jerusalem especially to see the Most-Holy Theotokos, and described his encounter with her in one of his written works. He was also present at her burial. When his teacher, Saint Paul, suffered martyrdom, Dionysius also desired such a death for himself, and went to Gaul, with his presbyter Rusticus and the deacon Eleutherius, to preach the Gospel among the barbarians. He suffered much but also succeeded much. By his labors many pagans were converted to the Christian Faith. Dionysius built a small church in Paris, where he celebrated the divine services. When he was ninety years old, he, Rusticus, and Eleutherius were seized and tortured for Christ; then all three were beheaded. The severed head of Saint Dionysius rolled a long distance, to the feet of Catula, a Christian, who honorably buried it with his body. Dionysius suffered during the reign of Dometian in the year 96. He wrote several famous works: on the Divine Names of God, on the Celestial and Ecclesiastical Hierarchies, on Mystical Theology, and on the Most-Holy Theotokos.”



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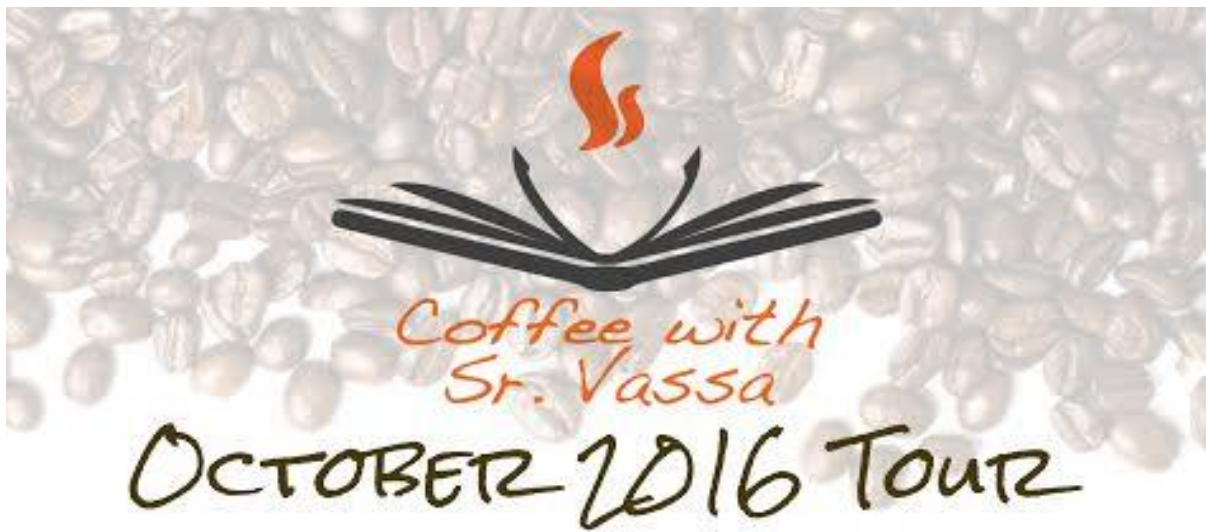
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#### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

You learned goodness and practiced temperance. \* You robed yourself in the priesthood \* and girded yourself with a good conscience. \* Therefore, you came to draw ineffable things from the chosen vessel, Paul. \* You have completed the race, you have kept the faith. \* O Father Dionysius, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

#### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

In a spiritual way you passed through the gates of heaven, \* and you climbed to the third heaven with the Apostle Paul. \* You were given a deep understanding of mystical things \* with which you have given light to the ignorant. \* For all of this we call upon you, O Dionysius: \* Rejoice o father of all!



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