

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2017 - SAINT EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Euphrosyne of Alexandria and Sergius of Radonezh

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tone 1 – Blue pew book pp. 81-83

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Panachida for the Victims of the Las Vegas massacre

**TODAY (10/8) – special
Collection for OCF
(Orthodox Christian
Fellowship).**

(*Immediately following the sermon*)

FEAST OF THE PROTECTION (POKROV) OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, October 13 – 6:30 PM Vespers

Saturday, October 14 – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Special hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 113-114

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Sunday, October 15 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Martyrs Cyprian and Justina

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tone 2 – Blue Pew Book pp. 84-86 (with Tropar and Kondak from the Feast of the Protection)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

Confessions: (30 minutes) Prior to as well as following scheduled services. When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Dana Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

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

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Altar Vigil lights : In memory of Ernest Bentler Jr. given by Family.

Eternal light : In memory of Ernest Bentler Jr. given by Family.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember 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.

UPDATE! Five boxes of food were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday (10.4.17). They are truly grateful for the donation to help those families in need. Let's keep it up!

"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 1, 2017

\$383.85	General Collection
\$103.00	First Sunday
\$76.00	7 Day Light
\$12.00	Holy Days
\$279.00	Church Dues
\$17.00	Taper Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$23.00	Heat Offering
\$900.85	Total Collection

Parish News

FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
<i>October 18</i>	<i>October 19</i>	<i>October 20</i>
November 1	November 2	November 3
November 15	November 16	November 17
November 29	November 30	December 1
December 13	December 14	December 15

- The **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet **next Sunday, October 15** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Annual Parish Meeting!** - (3rd reminder!) The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday October 22, 2017**. **All parishioners in good standing** are please asked to attend and participate in the operation of Saint Nicholas Church. **Please keep in mind** that the quorum for an Annual Meeting is **25 members**. Also, if you have any topics you would like to be presented at the meeting, please contact **Jane Togher** to have them added to the agenda. We look forward to seeing you at the parish meeting! **A light lunch will be provided!**

SA Barnett, Stephen
 320 Dewey Avenue
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Above is the updated address for Stephen Barnett. I am sure he would love to hear from his Saint Nicholas Parish Family. Please remember to keep him in your prayers!

NEWS AROUND THE DEANERY / DIOCESE / COMMUNITY

(for more info, or to register, please go to www.acrod.org or www.campnazareth.org)

5th Anniversary of His Grace Bishop Gregory! This November 27, 2017 marks the five-year Anniversary of His Grace, Bishop Gregory's consecration and enthronement as our Diocesan hierarch! On November 27 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown, PA, Prayers of Thanksgiving will take place at 5:00 PM and a Dinner will follow at 6:00 PM. If you and your family wish to go, please fill out and mail the attached form.

Annual Deanery DDD Dinner! - This year's Pocono Deanery DDD (*Distinguished Diocesan Donors*) Dinner for those who gave at least \$100 to the DDD Fund will take place on November 5, 2017 at St. George's Hall in Taylor, PA. Please consider donating if you have not already done so! Thank you!

Saint George's Senior ACRY Breakfast! - The Senior ACRY of our sister and fellow deanery church, Saint George's in Taylor (743 South Keyser Avenue), will host a breakfast **next Sunday October 15, 2017 from 11 AM to 1 PM**. The breakfast includes: eggs, sausage, homefries, and baked goods. For tickets call or email Michael Shimko at (570) 430-6749 or michael.shimko@icloud.com.

Fall Young Adult Retreat! Our Diocese and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh are co-sponsoring a new retreat for College Students and Young Adults ages 18-35. The Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth from October 27-29, 2017 and is entitled "Trusting the Process." Mr. Jacob Saylor will be the keynote speaker for the weekend. Please help us get the word out about this Retreat. This is a unique event, for an age group that is experiencing unique challenges as they move through college and transition from it into the next phase of their lives. For more info, please visit campnazareth.org. Thank you!

The **Annual Flea Market sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** will be held in the Parish Center, [428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton](#) on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Doors will not open before 9:00am. This event benefits the Parish Children's Religious Education Program. Ukrainian and American foods will be available for purchase as well as a theme basket raffle. To reserve a table or for additional information contact Daria at [570 963-1580](tel:5709631580).

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a **Christmastime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9, 2017**. There will be three stops in Manhattan: the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, and the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. There will be opportunity to buy some tasty Slavic goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations as only New York City can do it including the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center, and more! Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, [428 North Seventh Avenue](#) will be at 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30pm. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at [570 563-2275](tel:5705632275).

THE VENERABLE EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

TEXTS from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid

IMAGES from: www.google.com

“ Euphrosyne was the daughter of Paphnutius, a wealthy and distinguished man of Alexandria. Her childless parents had besought God with prayer for the birth of a child, and they were given her. Her devout parents raised their daughter in the Christian Faith.

Not wanting to enter into marriage, the young Euphrosyne hid from her father, changed in men's clothing, and presented herself to the abbot of a monastery as a eunuch of Emperor Theodosius, giving the name Smaragdus. The abbot received her, and turned her over to the spiritual father Agapitus for guidance. By her fasting and prayerful asceticism, Smaragdus quickly surpassed all the monks in that monastery.

When she had completed thirty-eight years of strict asceticism, her father Paphnutius visited that monastery, and the abbot directed him to Smaragdus for prayer and counsel. Smaragdus recognized Paphnutius, but Paphnutius did not recognize Smaragdus. When the father confessed his grief for his lost daughter, Smaragdus told him not to lose hope, for he would see his daughter again in this life, and besought him to come again within three days.

When Paphnutius came again, Smaragdus was on her deathbed. The dying one said to Paphnutius: “I am Euphrosyne, your daughter; you are my father!” For a long time, the father was unable to come to himself due to his severe shock. Then, the Blessed Euphrosyne breathed her last, and her father wept over her.

After burying her, Paphnutius himself entered the monastery, and settled in the cell of his holy daughter. After ten years of asceticism, Paphnutius also entered into rest in the Lord. ”



THE VENERABLE SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

“ Sergius was a great ascetic and light of the Russian Church. He was born in 1313, in Rostov, of devout parents, Cyril and Maria. After his parents' deaths, Bartholomew – for that was his baptismal name – became a monk, and founded the Monastery of the Holy Trinity in the forests of Radonezh.

As a quiet and gentle servant of God, he knew only labor and prayer. Because of the purity of his heart he was made worthy of the gift of miracle-working, even resurrecting the dead in the name of Jesus Christ. The Holy Theotokos appeared to him many times.

Princes and bishops came to him for advice. He blessed Prince Dimitri Donsky, and foretold his victory in the battle for the liberation of Russia from the Tartars. He saw in the hearts of men as well as future events.

His monastery was full of monks, even during his lifetime and, century after century, has been one of the most important centers of spiritual life and God's miracles. Saint Sergius entered into rest in the year 1392. Following his repose, he appeared many times to various people. ”

