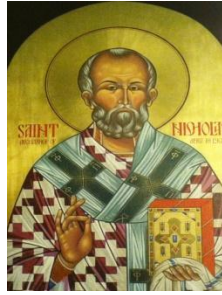


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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2016

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13 – The Apostle Stachys of the Seventy

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 4 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 90-92

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Panachida for Kathryn Stocoski given by John and Mary Brizinski.

Sunday, November 20 – The 33 Martyrs of Melitene

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 5 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 93-95

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56

Panachida for Walter Orzolek given by Betty Davies.

Confessions: Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

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. 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. Lorraine 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. Anna Mae Kuklis. 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. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light: In memory of Mary Snell given by Family.

Parish News and Information

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH: *NOVEMBER 6, 2016*

\$493.00	General Collection
\$73.00	First Sunday
\$76.00	7 Day Light
\$1,225.00	Pirohi
\$2.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$14.00	Tapered Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$23.00	Heat Offering
\$985.00	Chicken Dinner
\$25.00	Memory of Kathryn Stocoski
\$410.00	Memory of Walter Orzolek
\$2,348.00	Total Collection

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...'"

FALL 2016 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday PREP 7:30 AM	Thursday PINCHING 8:00 AM	Friday SALES 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<i>October 5</i>	<i>October 6</i>	<i>October 7</i>
<i>October 19</i>	<i>October 20</i>	<i>October 21</i>
<i>November 2</i>	<i>November 3</i>	<i>November 4</i>
<u><i>November 9 (Prep/Pinching)</i></u>		
November 16	November 17	November 18
November 30	December 1	December 2
<u>December 7</u>	<u>December 8</u>	
December 14	December 15	December 16

- *Excellent start to the Pirohi-making season! Thank You to all those who are working so hard to make our Pirohi Sales a success! We could always use more help!*

Upcoming Events - MARK THE DATES!

- **Men's Club** will meet **today** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday School** will meet **today** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board Meeting** for November is scheduled for **Sunday, November 20**.
- **Community Service Opportunity!** Volunteers will be needed at the Scranton Cultural Center for the *Friends of the Poor Thanksgiving Dinner* → Tuesday before Thanksgiving (**morning prep and evening serving**),
as well as the *Family to Family Program* → Wednesday before Thanksgiving (**distribution of turkey and food baskets**). Please help those in need!
- **Sunday School** will meet again on **Sunday, November 27**.
- The **Parish Board Meeting** for December is scheduled for **Sunday December 4**.
- Our church will host a **cookie sale** on **Friday, December 16** (the day of the final pirohi sale before Christmas). We need cookies and other baked goods!
- Our **Annual St. Nicholas Day Dinner** is scheduled for **Sunday December 18**. More information is forthcoming.





VETERANS' CHRISTMAS TREE!



All the Veteran Stars have been selected! **Thank You!** for remembering our veterans as we prepare to celebrate this most joyous and holy season of the Nativity of our Lord. Just as a friendly reminder, the gifts are to be wrapped with the star attached to the wrapping and brought to the Church Hall by Sunday, December 13th.

News Around the Diocese

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 5th through the 10th. 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 or (732) 826-4442 as soon as possible.

2016 Advent Mission Project – Support ZOE for Life! With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the 2016 Advent Mission Project. This year the National ACRY Board and Convention delegates voted to support ZOE for Life! ZOE for Life is a pan-Orthodox, non-profit Christ-centered support organization with three major goals: to help women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; to assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; and to provide an education for Pure Living and other resources. Zoe for Life through the Zoe House provides necessary baby supplies to mothers and babies in need.

Individuals and Parishes can take part in this year's Advent Mission Project in two ways:

1. Financial contributions are being sought to help Zoe For Life which is in critical need of diapers. Financial contributions will be used by Zoe For Life to replenish their supply of diapers. Mail checks payable to National ACRY (memo Advent Mission Project), and send them to National ACRY Advent Mission Project c/o Debbie Samilenko 22 Nicole Dr. Milford, CT 06460

2. ZOE for Life! is also in need of baby items. Many mothers in crisis cannot afford a car seat and babies cannot be released from the hospital without a safe car seat. Pack 'n Plays can serve as a safe sleeping alternative to a crib. ZOE House is also in constant need of infant layette items: clothing, linens, baby wash, and baby lotion. A "baby registry" has been created on Amazon.com (view the link on www.acrod.org). All items will be shipped directly to Zoe For Life.

To encourage the purchase of items on the registry, churches may wish to host a "virtual" baby shower. Please consider gathering together in the spirit of Orthodox Fellowship and shop the National ACRY baby registry. All items will be shipped to ZOE directly. The baby registry will remain available until 2018!

ZOE also currently has a campaign Bottles for Babies underway. Churches may wish to place a baby bottle in a common area to collect loose change!

Please take time to visit Zoeforlifeonline.org for more information on ZOE for Life and ZOE House. **While the Baby registry will be available indefinitely, we are asking that parishes and individuals wishing to participate by making financial contributions and/or purchasing items from the baby registry do so during the Advent Season by January 31, 2017 at the latest!** The earlier the financial contributions are received, the sooner they can be used by Zoe to purchase the much needed diapers!

Please email Amy Coffman, Advent Mission Coordinator for more information at Alo2474@verizon.net (Please put Advent Mission Project in subject line)

The ACRY, The Fellowship of Sts Cyril and Methodios, is an Orthodox Christian family fellowship dedicated to the purpose of encouraging spiritual growth through charitable and apostolic missionary works, prayer and fellowship for the Glory of God and the building up of the Church and our Diocese. To learn more about the ACRY visit their website at www.acry.org.

Our Annual Deanery Distinguished Diocesan Donors (DDD) Dinner for those who gave at least \$100 to the DDD Fund is **TODAY** at Saint George's Hall in Taylor, PA.

Community Events/News

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Annual Harvest Dinner will be held next **Sunday, November 20, 2016** starting at **12:30pm** at **St. Vladimir Parish Center** (428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA). There will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages. The price for adults is \$13.00, for students age 6 to 12 is \$8.00, and there is no charge for children age 5 and under. **Advance reservations close Sunday, November 13 {TODAY!!!} - no tickets will be sold at the door. Take-outs are available, but must be picked up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon.** Also, tickets will be available for a Basket of Cheer raffle and a 50/50 drawing. For reservations please contact Dorothy Fleck at [570 346-4164](tel:5703464164).

The Lives of the Saints

The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles and Aristobulus

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

“They were all of the Seventy. Stachys was an assistant to Saint Andrew the First-called, who appointed him Bishop of Byzantium. Stachys established the church in Argyropolis and governed his flock faithfully and zealously. After sixteen years as bishop, he entered peacefully into rest in the Lord.”

“Amplias and Urban worked likewise Saint Andrew, and were ordained bishops by him – Amplias in Lydda of Odysopolis in Judea, and Urban in Macedonia. Both died as martyrs for Christ the Lord. Narcissus was appointed Bishop of Athens by the Apostle Philip. Saint Apelles was Bishop of Heraclea in Trachis. Aristobulus, brother of the Apostle Barnabas, preached the Christian Faith in Britain and reposed peacefully there.”

A Homily

On the certainty of the righteous one that he shall not die

“I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord” (Psalm 117:17).

“Who can say: *‘I shall not die?’* It is he who cleaves to the Living Lord. Who can confirm with confidence: *‘but [I shall] live?’* It is he who sees the Living Lord before him. Enoch and Elias did not die, but were taken into eternal life. The Lord took them in His mercy, and as proof to mankind, to immortal life. Jesus Christ the Lord died and resurrected in accordance with His power, and as proof to mankind of the resurrection from the dead. The apostles and saints were slain, but many of them appeared from the other world in their love for mankind, and as proof to mankind of eternal life.”

“Thus, those who were taken up to heaven in the flesh and those whose bodies reposed, live with the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ in the Immortal Kingdom. *‘I shall not die, but live,’* said King David with great certainty, even though he lived on earth before the resurrection of the Lord, and before the announcement of the General Resurrection of the righteous. With still more certainty, each of us Christians must speak this too: *‘I shall not die, but live,’* for the resurrected Lord is the foundation of our Faith, and our eyes have seen and our ears have heard more – much more – than the eyes and ears of King David.”

“After the Cross of Christ, the devil became as smoke; and after His Resurrection, death became like a mere fog through which one passes to the sunlit field of immortality. Blessed is he, brethren, who becomes worthy to *‘live, and declare the world of the Lord.’* O Living Lord, enliven us and save us! To Thee be glory and praise forever! Amen!”

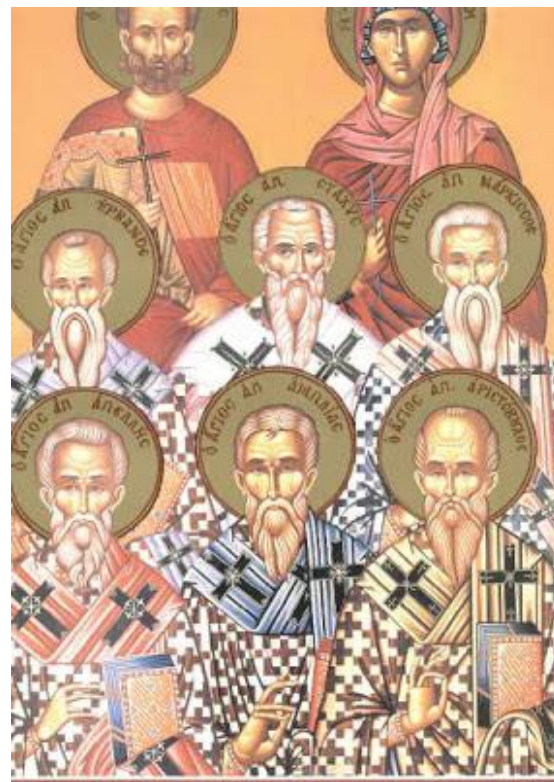


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