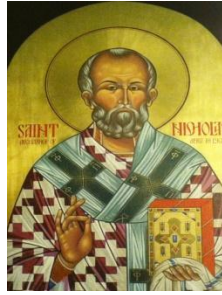


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## Sunday January 1, 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 1** – Sunday of the Holy Fathers (*Sunday before the Nativity*), Martyr Boniface

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tropar Tone 3 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 87 and Special Hymns p. 129

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

*Panachida for Walter Orzolek given by Stephen and Sonia Fueshko.*

*Blessed New Year!*

### THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

[Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!]

**Friday, January 6** – 9:00 AM – Great Vespers of the Nativity with the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

8:00 PM – The Vigil Service for the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

**Saturday, January 7** – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy on the Feast of our Lord's Nativity

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 132-135

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

**Sunday, January 8** – Commemoration of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – (Antiphons, Entrance Hymn, Tropars from the Nativity – pp. 132-135)  
p. 136 (Kondak, Prokimen, Epistle, Alleluia, Glorification, Irmos, Communion Hymn)

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18

Gospel: Matthew 2:12-23

**Monday, January 9** – Feast of Saint Stephen the Protomartyr

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – (Antiphons from the Nativity – pp. 132-133, Glorification – p. 135)  
(pp. 137-138 – Tropars, Kondak, Prokimen, Epistle, Alleluia, Communion Hymn)

**Epistle:** Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60      **Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-42

**Confessions:** *This Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon as well as in the evening from 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM.*

*NOTE: If you cannot make any of the offered confession times, please contact me and we will set up a time that is convenient for you.*

*ALSO NOTE: NO Confessions will be heard on Christmas Day.*

**Please Keep in Your Prayers**

**Singing :** 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. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. 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 Singing:** Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss. Susan Danchak.

**Eternal light:** In memory of Steve Roberts given by Andrew Barnett.

**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:**

***DECEMBER 25, 2016***

\$377.00	General Collection
\$3.00	First Sunday
\$101.00	7 Day Light
\$15.00	Holy Days
\$15.00	Tapered Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$100.00	Parking Donation
\$76.00	Flowers
\$500.00	Memory of Walter Orzolek
<b>\$1,194.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

## Upcoming Events

## MARK THE DATES!

- This morning we will have the induction of the Parish Board, Men's Club, and Altar Society officers. **All officers please come forward immediately following the Gospel reading.**
- Our Lord's Nativity is nearly upon us! Please attend the services as well as keep in mind that Christmas Eve is a day of strict fast (abstinence from meat and dairy products).
- The **Altar Society** will meet this morning immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The next **Men's Club** Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The next **Parish Board** Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ANN RICHARDSON'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!

Our parish of Saint Nicholas Church has received an invitation to join in a celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ann Richardson, hosted by her children and grandchildren. No presents necessary, just our presence and prayers for Ann's health. This celebration will be held in the Church Hall with a buffet dinner at 4:00 PM on Saturday, January 14, 2017.

Please RSVP by calling Sandy Winters by January 3<sup>rd</sup>!  
Home – (570) 489 - 7390  
Cell – (570) 470 - 5331

### News Around the Diocese

**Eternal Memory!** The Diocesan Chancery has been informed that **Pani Martha Zeleniak**, the widow of Very Reverend Protopresbyter John Zeleniak, reposed in the Lord this past Sunday, December 25, 2016. May God place her soul in the abode of the Saints, granting her rest in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, numbering her among the Righteous! May her memory be eternal! Vicnaja Pamjat!

**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. Make 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](http://www.acrod.org)). All items will be shipped directly to Zoe For Life.

**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! THERE IS NOW A LARGE CLEAR BABY BOTTLE WITH A BLUE LID IN THE VESTIBULE!!!**

Please take time to visit [Zoeforlifeonline.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.acry.org).

**Malanka 2017!** - Northeastern Pennsylvania's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian New Year Dinner Dance - MALANKA - will take place from **6:00pm to 11:00pm** on **Saturday evening, January 14, 2017** at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly Street, Dunmore, PA. Please note that we are moving from St. Vladimir parish center to a different venue, engaging a popular caterer who has an outstanding reputation and contracting with a different musical group. Basically, we have followed the same format for twelve years and many agree it is time for some changes.

The menu will feature both Ukrainian and American fare catered by Kathy Gavin of Stirna's Catering. Music for dancing will be provided by the Ukrainian band "Fourth Wave Ensemble" of Philadelphia. Cash bar will be available. Wearing Ukrainian attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$45.00. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Michael Trusz at [570 489-1256](tel:5704891256). **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

### **Choir To Perform At Scranton's St. Vladimir Church**

The Dzvin Ukrainian Folk Choir of Philadelphia will appear at Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00pm. The eighteen-member all male group will offer a program of Ukrainian and English Christmas carols.

The group is known for its rendering of traditional and contemporary Ukrainian songs with a unique and lively interpretation. They have appeared extensively in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland as well as in Canada.

The event is open to the public and no tickets are required. Attendees can make a free will offering if they so desire.

# THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

## The Martyr Boniface

[ Text from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid (VOLUME TWO: July to December) ]

“Martyrdom for Christ makes a saint out of a sinner. The example of Saint Boniface shows this. At first, he was a servant in Rome to a wealthy and immoral woman, Aglaida, and had impure and unlawful relations with her. They were both pagans. Once, Aglaida desired to have the relics of a martyr in her house as an amulet to protect against evil, so she sent her servant to Asia to find and purchase what she desired. Boniface took several slaves with him and a large amount of money. Before parting with Aglaida, he said to her: ‘If I cannot find a martyr, but instead they bring you back my body martyred for Christ, will you receive it in my honor, my lady?’ Aglaida laughed and called him a drunkard and a sinner, and then they parted.”

“Coming to the city of Tarsus, Boniface saw many Christians undergoing torture: some with their legs cut off, others with their hands severed, others with their eyes plucked out, still others on the gallows, and so forth. Boniface’s heart was changed, and he repented of his sinful life and wept. He cried out among the Christian martyrs: ‘I too am a Christian!’ The judge took him for interrogation and ordered that he be harshly flogged, then that boiling lead be poured into his mouth, and – since this did him no harm – that he be beheaded. The slaves then took his body and carried it to Rome. An angel of God appeared to Aglaida and said: ‘Receive the one who was once your slave but now is our brother and fellow servant; he is the guardian of your soul and the protector of your life.’ The awestruck Aglaida came out to meet them, received the body of Boniface, built a church for him, and placed the relics of the martyr in it. She then repented, gave away her goods to the poor, withdrew from the world, and lived for fifteen more years in bitter repentance. Saint Boniface suffered in the year 290.”



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### Troparion (Tone 4)

O Lord our God, your holy martyr Boniface \* has deserved the crown of immortality \* on account of his good fight \* Armed with your strength, he has vanquished his persecutors \* and crushed Satan’s dreadful might. \* Through his supplications O Christ our God, save our souls.

### Kontakion (Tone 4)

O triumphant and wise Boniface, \* you willingly offered yourself as an immaculate sacrifice \* to the One who is about to be born \* from the Virgin Mary for your sake.