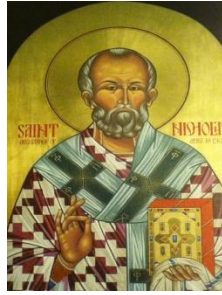


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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2016

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel and all the Bodiless Powers

Sunday November 20 – 6:00 PM – Vespers

Monday November 21 – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 116-117

Epistle: Hebrews 2:2-10

Gospel: Luke 10:16-21

Thursday, November 24 – Martyr Mennas of Egypt

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (*of Thanksgiving*)

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 245-247

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-21

Gospel: Luke 18:12-19

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 27 – Apostle Philip

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 6 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 96-98

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Panachida for Walter Orzolek given by Betty Davies (rescheduled).

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 Marion Pucher given by the Pucher 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:

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

\$583.00	General Collection
\$66.00	7 Day Light
\$5.00	Holy Days
\$13.00	Tapered Candles
\$100.00	Memory of Kathryn Stocoski
\$90.00	Miscellaneous Donation
\$25.00	<u>Memory of Walter Orzolek</u>
\$882.00	Total Collection

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>
<i>November 9 (Prep/Pinching)</i>		
<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 17</i>	<i>November 18</i>
November 30	December 1	December 2
<i>December 7</i>	<i>December 8</i>	
December 14	December 15	December 16

- *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!**

- The **Parish Board** will meet this morning immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Community Service Opportunity!** Volunteers will be needed at the Scranton Cultural Center for the *Friends of the Poor Thanksgiving Dinner* → **this Tuesday** (morning prep and evening serving),
as well as the *Family to Family Program* → **this Wednesday** (distribution of turkey and food baskets). Please help those in need!
- **Sunday School** will meet again on **Sunday, November 27**.
- The **Altar Society Meeting** for December is rescheduled for **Sunday December 4**.
- The **Parish Board Meeting** for December is rescheduled for **Sunday December 11**.
- 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!

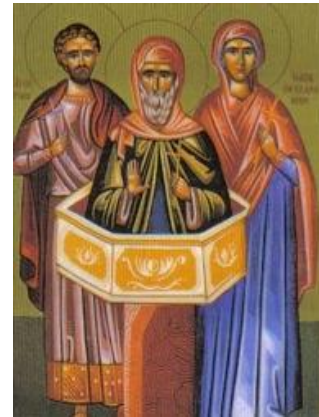
Please email Amy Coffman, Advent Mission Coordinator for more information at Alo2474@verizon.net (Please put Advent Mission Project in subject line.) *The ACRY, The Fellowship of Sts Cyril and Methodios, is an Orthodox Christian family fellowship dedicated to the purpose of encouraging spiritual growth 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.

The Lives of the Saints

*The Holy Martyr Hieron and his companions (together
The 33 Martyrs of Melitene)*

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

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“Hieron was born in Tyana in Cappadocia of a good and devout mother, Stratonika, who was blind. Hieron was a very zealous Christian and served his blind mother with great filial love. For two reasons he did not wish to join the army, and he resisted and rove off those who had been sent to take him. Hieron was loath to leave his helpless mother, and it was grievous for him even to consider that, as a soldier, he would be compelled to offer sacrifices to idols.

Finally, Hieron was arrested along with other Christians, and they were all taken before the eparch of the town of Melitene. While they were still on the road, a man clad in a brilliant white garment appeared to Hieron one night and said: ‘Behold, Hieron, I proclaim salvation to you: you shall not wage war for an earthly king, but for the Heavenly King you will complete your struggle, and you shall soon come to Him to receive honor and glory.’ At this, Hieron’s heart was filled with inexpressible joy.

In Melitene they were all thrown into prison and Hieron, with great zeal, strengthened all the prisoners in the Faith, urging that not even one of them fall away, but that all willingly offer their bodies to torture and death for Christ. All but one confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The exception was Hieron’s kinsman Victor, who fell away from the Faith. The tormentors cut one of Hieron’s hands off, then flogged and tortured him in various ways until they beheaded him and the others.

Going to the place of execution, these thirty-three martyrs chanted the Psalm: ‘*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord*’ (Psalm 118:1). Here are the honorable martyrs whose names are written in the Book of Life: Hesychius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachus, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodulus, Callimachus, Eugenius, Theodochus, Ostrichius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicetus, Themilius, Eutyichius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus. A man named Chrysanthus purchased Hieron’s severed head and honorably buried it, later building a church over it in the saint’s name. The martyr’s severed hand was brought to his blind mother. Saint Hieron, with his companions, suffered in the year 298 and entered the glory of Christ.”

The Holy Archangel Michael and all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven

Text from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid: (Volume Two: July to December)

“The angels of God were celebrated by men from earliest times but this celebration was often turned into divinization of angels (II Kings 23:5). The heretics wove all sorts of fables concerning the angels. Some of them looked upon angels as gods; others, although they did not consider them gods, called them the creators of the whole visible world. The local Council of Laodicea (four or five years before the First Ecumenical Council) rejected the worship of angels as gods and established the proper veneration of angels in its 35th Canon. In the 4th Century, during the time of Sylvester, Pope of Rome, and Alexander, Patriarch of Alexandria, the present Feast of Archangel Michael and all the other heavenly powers was instituted for celebration in the month of November. Why precisely in November? Because November is the ninth month after March, and March is considered to be the month in which the world was created. Also, as the ninth month after March, November was chosen for the nine orders of angels who were created first. Saint Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of the Apostle Paul (who was taken up into the third heaven), described these nine orders of angels in his book, *On the Celestial Hierarchies*, as follows: six-winged Seraphim, many-eyed Cherubim, God-bearing Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Virtues, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels. The leader of all the angelic hosts is the Archangel Michael. When Satan, Lucifer, fell away from God and drew a part of the angels with him to destruction, then Michael stood up and cried out before the faithful angels: “Let us attend! Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear!” and all the faithful angelic heavenly hosts cried out: “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God of Sabaoth! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory!” Among the angels there reign perfect oneness of mind, soul, and love. The lower orders also show complete obedience to the higher orders, and all of them to the holy will of God. Every nation has its guardian angel, as does every Christian. We must always remember that whatever we do, in open or in secret, we do in the presence of our guardian angel. On the day of the Dread Judgment, the multitude of the hosts of the holy angels of heaven will gather around the throne of Christ, and the deeds, words, and thoughts of everyone will be revealed before all. May God have mercy upon us and save us by the prayers of the Archangel Michael and all the bodiless heavenly powers. Amen.”



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www.google.com – “the Archangel Michael”

Tropar of Thanksgiving (Tone 4)

We, Your thankful and unworthy servants, * praise and glorify You, O Lord, * for the many blessings we have received from You. * We bless You, we thank You, we sing to You * and we rejoice in Your great mercy. * In humility and love, we praise You: * O Benefactor and Savior, glory to You.”