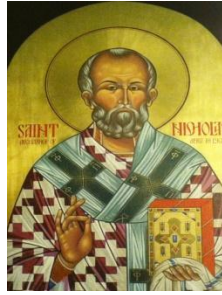


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2016

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, November 27 – Apostle Philip

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 6 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 96-98

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:11-18

Gospel: John 1:43-51

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

*Today we are continuing (from last Sunday) the collection for the IOCC! Again, please be generous in support of the IOCC and their global ministry!*

*The ADVENT FAST begins TOMORROW. Minimum Diocesan regulations entail fasting on Wednesday as well as Friday until the Nativity. As Orthodox Christians, though, we are always encouraged to do more than the minimum! Also, the Church calls upon us to come to the Sacraments in preparation for the Lord's Nativity.*

Friday, December 2 – 7:00 PM Pre-festive Service for the Nativity Fast (NOTE: this service will be held every Friday, unless otherwise noted, during the Advent Fast.)

#### Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Saturday, December 3 – Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 4

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 118-122

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel: John 10:38-42, 11:27-28

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

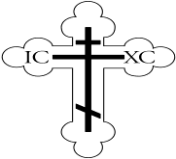
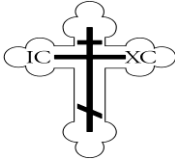
*Please Keep in Your Prayers*

**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 Tigie. 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 Walter Orzolek given by the Pucher Family.

	<p>Mildred Orzolek and the entire Orzolek family express their sincere appreciation for all those who visited and offered prayers, liturgies, donations to the church, flowers, and food in memory of Walter!</p>	
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**Parish News and Information**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:**  
***NOVEMBER 20, 2016***

**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...’”*

\$369.00	General Collection
\$89.00	7 Day Light
\$1,632.00	Pirohi
\$11.00	Holy Days
\$81.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$5.00	Taper Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$10.00	Heat Offering
\$150.00	Memory of Walter Orzolek
\$39.00	IOCC
<b>\$2,393.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

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

- **Christmas Kolaci Sale!** The Men’s Club is now taking orders for their famous Kolaci! Rolls are only \$8.00 each. Available flavors: Walnut, Poppyseed, Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry (Seedless), and Coconut. Pick-up Date: Friday, December 16, 10 AM to 2 PM. To order, call [570-344-1522](tel:570-344-1522) and leave a message with your order. Order soon!!!

**Upcoming Events** - **MARK THE DATES!**

- **Sunday School** will meet this morning immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The next **Altar Society Meeting** will take place **next Sunday December 4.**
- The next **Sunday School class** will be held on **Sunday December 11.**
- The next **Parish Board Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday December 11.**
- The next **Men’s Club Meeting** is scheduled 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 of 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. And again, just a friendly reminder that the gifts are to be wrapped, *with the star attached to the wrapping*, and brought to the Church Hall by **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 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.

**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.

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](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).

## THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### *The Apostle Philip*

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

“Philip was born in Bethsaida beside the Sea of Galilee, as were Peter and Andrew. Instructed in Holy Scripture from his youth, Philip immediately responded to the call of the Lord Jesus and followed Him (John 1:43). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Philip zealously preached the Gospel throughout many regions in Asia and Greece. In Greece, the Jews wanted to kill him, but the Lord saved him by His mighty miracles. Thus, a Jewish high priest that rushed at Philip to beat him was suddenly blinded and turned completely black. Then there was a great earthquake, and the earth opened up and swallowed Philip’s wicked persecutor. Many other miracles were manifested, especially the healing of the sick, by which many pagans believed in Christ. In the Phrygian town of Hierapolis, Saint Philip found himself in common evangelical work with his sister Mariamna, Saint John the Theologian, and the Apostle Bartholomew. In this town there was a dangerous snake that the pagans diligently fed and worshiped as a god. God’s apostle killed the snake through prayer as though with a spear, but he also incurred the wrath of the unenlightened people. The wicked pagans seized Philip and crucified him upside-down on a tree, and then crucified Bartholomew as well. At that, the earth opened up and swallowed the judge and many other pagans with him. In great fear, the people rushed to rescue the crucified apostles, but only Bartholomew was still alive; Philip had already breathed his last. Bartholomew ordained Stachys as bishop for those whom he and Philip had baptized. Stachys had been blind for forty years, and Bartholomew and Philip had healed and baptized him. The relics of Saint Philip were later translated to Rome. This wonderful apostle suffered in the year 86 in the time of Emperor Dometian.”

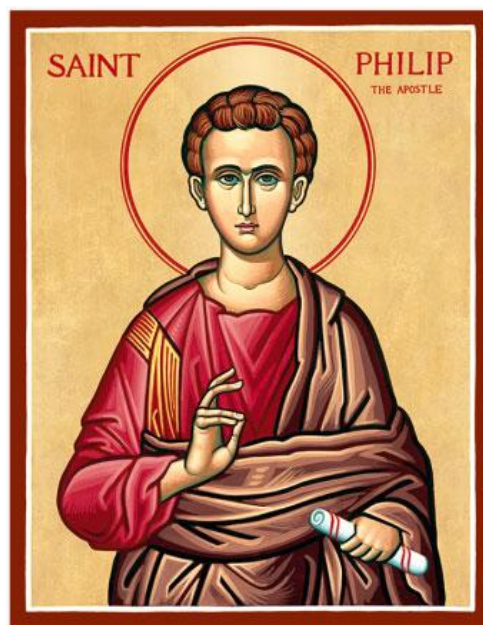


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#### **Troparion (Tone 3)**

The whole world is adorned and Ethiopia sings for joy at her crown. \* She received light from you, O divine preacher Philip, and she celebrates your memory. \* You taught everyone to believe in Christ, and you completed the course of the Gospel. \* Therefore, Ethiopia has come to serve God. \* Beg Him to have mercy on us.

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

O Lord, your disciple Philip was inspired by God; \* your beloved one and the imitator of your passion \* has preached your divinity to the world. \* Through his intercession and for the sake of the Mother of God, \* guard your Church and your flock from their enemies, \* O most merciful Christ our God.

## Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge



## Praying For Peace

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of God, You became flesh and dwelt among us. You made the womb of Your most-pure Mother more spacious than the heavens. Yet You, the true light, were born in the darkness of a cave, thereby enlightening the world that was darkened by sin. To redeem us, You shared Your whole life. You submitted to death on the Cross and rose from the dead, bestowing life. We share in Your death and resurrection, that we may indeed be dead to sin and alive in You.**

**As we fast and prepare to celebrate Your life-giving manifestation, we pray especially that our respect for life will prevail in the world. Directed by Your command to care for “the least of these,” may we and all people heed Your call to show care and concern for life in the womb; for the lives of the poor, oppressed, and suffering; and for the lives of the sick, the elderly, and the dying.**

**May Your peace reign in our hearts and throughout the world, especially in places of unrest, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to an end. May aggression between neighbors and nations fade away. May love reign in the lives of families.**

**O Savior, You have said “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” May we become partakers of Your abundant life, together with all the saints whose lives have pleased You from the beginning. For You are the way, the truth and the life, O Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your most-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. AMEN.**

### **A Friendly Request...**

**Please** submit any material for the Sunday bulletin by **Thursday at 12:00 Noon!** If it is sent in later, the information will then be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!