

ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PARISH CALENDAR HI-LITES

Please see monthly calendar for all events

Sun., Dec. 9 10th Sunday of Luke. Monk Alipius.

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Tone 2 pp 84-86.

Men's Club Meeting

Brief Altar Society meeting

Fri., Dec. 14 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM *Pirohi Sale*

Sat., Dec. 15 Prophet Habbakuk

5:00 PM Vespers.

Sun., Dec. 16 11th Sunday of Luke. Prophet Zephaniah

Schedule Change: 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy -
Tone 3 pp 87-89.

St. Nicholas Banquet

FEASTS & FASTS

Philipovka (Philip's Fast, or Christmas Lent) begins on Wednesday, Nov. 28 civil calendar (Nov. 15 Julian) and goes until Christmas Eve, January 6 civil (Dec. 24 Julian). It is called Philip's Fast because it begins the day after the Feast of St. Philip the Apostle on Nov. 14/27. The **Traditional Fast** requires: (a) Strict Fast (no meat, dairy, and in some places no wine or oil) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; (b) no meat on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The MINIMUM Diocesan Rule is no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Christmas Eve is ordinarily a DAY OF STRICT FAST in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. *However*, this year, because Christmas Eve falls

on a Sunday, it is not a Strict Fast Day. We only fast from meat on Christmas Eve. However, we must keep STRICT FAST on the previous Friday, Jan. 4 civil calendar (Dec. 22 Julian)

No dispensation has been granted from fasting on Dec. 24, 25, or Jan. 1 (civil calendar).

THE HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION: I am always available for Confessions after any weekday service unless otherwise noted. I note this especially on the December Calendar just as a reminder that it is ESPECIALLY important that we receive the Mystery of Confession sometime during the Christmas Fast, in preparation for the celebration of the great feasts of Our Lord's Birth and his Theophany. You have a number of opportunities to celebrate this Mystery, so please plan ahead.

If it is not possible for you to make any of the scheduled Confession times, you can make an appointment with me for Confession.

CALENDAR EVENTS LOOKING AHEAD

Pirohi Sale scheduled December 21. Don't forget to mark this week on your calendar.

St. Nicholas Day, December 19.

Parish Board meets Sun., Dec. 23.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Living: Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Jennifer Collins. Susan Danchak. John & Jen Hrywnak. Gary Joyce. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Dee Lositski.

Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater Kathryn Stocoski. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Steve & Julie Roberts. George & Anna Senich.

In Assisted Living Homes: Kathryn Derenick. Julie Kovacs. Irene Munchak. Julie Soares.

Altar Vigil Candle: memory of Gene Danchak, Sr., by Susan Danchak

Pardon the omission: By mistake the following were not published in last week's bulletin:

Altar Vigil Candles (2): memory of Charles Richvalsky by St. Nicholas Church.

Eternal Light: memory of Charles Richvalsky by St. Nicholas Church.

PARISH EVENTS

2012 CHURCH CALENDARS are now available in the hall. If you haven't picked yours up yet, please do so.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING today. This will be a *brief* meeting to finalize preparations for the St. Nicholas Banquet. We ask that all who are involved in working for the banquet in any way attend this meeting.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING today.

2013 PARISH CALENDARS are now available. Pick up yours today!

Friendship House Secret Santa names! All gifts are due next Sunday, Dec. 16, by the St. Nicholas Banquet. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. NICHOLAS BANQUET: Sunday, Dec. 16. Appetizers start as usual after the Liturgy, and the banquet will begin about Noon. The menu includes a Roast Beef & Holubki Dinner. Meal prices are \$12/adult, \$5/child. We hope to see everyone there!

Holubki making. If you would like to help out with making the holubki for the dinner, please see Sue Danchak.

Banquet Donations: If you would like to make a donation toward the dinner, please see Millie Orzolek or Jane Togher.

Christmas Cookie Walk! The Altar Society will host a Cookie (and Treats) walk:

1. Friday December 21st
2. 9:30 A.M. until Sold Out

3. REQUESTS!!!: We are in need of baked goods for this sale: Assorted Cookies, breads, cakes, cupcakes, sugar free items...whatever your specialty is! If we start baking *now*, we will have plenty of time to bake and set it aside!

4. **Note!** If you bake ahead of time, we can keep your goodies in the freezer here at the church. See Carol Pugh about arrangements.

5. It will help a lot if we know what you are bringing. There will be sign up sheets in the hall. Please watch for them.

6. Please bring your bring baked goods by Thursday December 20th.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

December 2, 2012

\$ 664.00	General Collection
\$ 65.00	Holy Days
\$ 178.00	Church Dues
\$ 74.00	7 Day Light
\$ 193.00	1 st Sunday
\$ 1383.00	Pirohi
\$ 25.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 45.00	Heat Offering
\$ 2627.00	Total Collection

AROUND AND ABOUT

Annual Community Christmas Day Breakfast, sponsored by the University of Scranton. Tuesday, Dec. 25, 8 AM – 11 AM. At the DeNaples Center, 900 Mulberry St., Scranton, 3rd Floor.

There is no cost to guests. Reservations are not necessary. Those who would like to enjoy a holiday breakfast with company are welcome to attend. Flyers with information are in the church hall.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Gregory has published an email address. It is bishopgregoryofnyssa@gmail.com.

ACRY Lots-O-Luck Calendars now available. This is the 21st consecutive year that the ACRY has run this fundraiser for the benefit of our diocese, raising over \$200,000 in that time!

- See Millie Orzolek for your calendar.
- Deadline for purchasing is January 15, so get yours today!