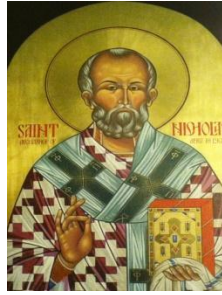


The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JANUARY 22, 2017

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22 – Sunday after Theophany / Martyr Polyeuctus

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – p. 150

[Antiphons of Theophany pp. 145/6, Tropar of the Resurrection (Tone 6) p. 96, Tropar / Kondak of Theophany p. 146]

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Sunday, January 29 – Zacchaeus Sunday / Commemoration of the Chains of the Apostle Peter

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 7 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 99-101

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Panachida for John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik.

Confessions: *Prior to scheduled services. If you cannot make it, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you.*

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. Ann 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. 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 John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik.

Parish Life

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...’”

<u>Saint Nicholas Dinner</u>	
Dinner Sales:	\$450.00
Expenses:	<u>\$250.00</u>
Net Profit:	\$200.00

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

January 15, 2017

\$913.00	General Collection
\$78.00	7 Day Light
\$60.00	Holy Days
\$279.00	Church Dues
\$126.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$14.00	Eternal Light
\$17.00	Taper Candles
\$10.00	Vigil Light
\$200.00	Hall Donation
<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>Memory of Mike Besket</u>
\$1,747.00	Total Collection

Spring 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday PREP 7:30 AM	Thursday PINCHING 8:00 AM	Friday SALES 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<i>January 25</i>	<i>January 26</i>	<i>January 27</i>
February 8	February 9	February 10
February 22	February 23	February 24
March 8	March 9	March 10
March 22	March 23	March 24
April 2	April 3	April 4

Parish News

- **Sunday School** will start up again **next Sunday January 29**. Remember, your children and grandchildren’s spiritual education is of the utmost importance! Bring them to Church and Sunday School!

January 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

Old Business:

- Nick Polanichka made a motion to contact Bill Bonacci to install a new digital thermostat in the main area of the church to get an accurate temperature reading. The motion was seconded by John Shimo. All were in favor.
- Father Daniel suggested the church sell gift cards as a potential future fundraiser. The Board will look into it.
- One of the parishioners suggested the Parish Board be downsized. In order for this to happen, there would have to be a motion made at a Parish Meeting by a parishioner in good standing. The motion would then have to be voted on at said Parish Meeting by the parishioners in good standing, and the by-laws would then have to be changed if the motion passed.

Community Service:

- Seven boxes of food will be delivered to the local food pantry.

Suggestion Box

- The suggestion box was opened in front of the Parish Board by Father Daniel and the suggestions were then read aloud by Father.
- The following suggestions were discussed, and have been or will be as soon as possible resolved:
 1. The church grounds salting situation
 2. The current state of the Christmas wreaths
 3. The temperature in the church (*see the highlight above about the digital thermostat*)
 4. Proper food serving methods

New Business:

- The Altar Society will meet on the first Sunday of the month. The Men’s Club will meet on the second Sunday of the month. The Church Board will meet on the third Sunday of the month. The fourth Sunday will be used by all the organizations if it is necessary to change their meetings.
- Father Daniel will put a notice in the bulletin (*see the final page of THIS BULLETIN*) that for any special celebration (anniversary, graduation, birthday, etc.), please contact Father Daniel if you would like a picture to be taken for The Church Messenger.

Treasurers Report:

- Income for the month of December was \$11,856.34 - expenses of \$7,813.88 = Profit of \$4,042.46.
- Total income for 2016 was \$94,812.18 - Total expenses of \$92,909.98 = Profit of \$1,902.20 for the year.

News Around the Diocese

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). 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.*

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 **TODAY** 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, and 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.

Pre-Lenten Pork Dinner

Father Myron Myronyuk and his parish family of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Scranton, cordially invite you to join us for our annual Pre-Lenten SLOW ROASTED PORK DINNER on Sunday, February 12, 2017, beginning at 12:30pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street.

Menu: Slow roasted pork loin with gravy, Ukrainian sweet and sour cabbage (kapusta), butter and dill potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages.

Adults \$13.00; Students \$8.00; Age 5 and under free.

Advance reservations required: phone Kathleen Izak at 570 346-2414 (please do not call the church). Takeouts available between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon only. Doors open at 11:30am. Door prizes will be awarded along with a 50/50 drawing.

Welcome to our table!

If any parishioner wishes to commemorate a special celebration (graduation, anniversary, birthday, etc.) with a picture in THE CHURCH MESSENGER, please contact Father Daniel to set up arrangements!

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Text from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid (VOLUME ONE: January to June)

Image from www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2013/01/the-holy-theophany-of-our-lord-jesus.html



Troparion of the Feast – Tone 4

At Your Baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed, * for the Father’s voice bore witness to You, * calling You His “beloved Son,” * and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words.
* O Christ God, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!

“When our Lord reached thirty years from His physical birth, He began His teaching and salvific work. He Himself signified this ‘beginning of the beginning’ by His Baptism in the Jordan River. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem says: ‘The beginning of the world is water; the beginning of the Gospel is the Jordan.’ At the time of the Baptism of the Lord in water, the mystery was declared to the world – the mystery that was prophesied in the Old Testament; the mystery that was known only in fables in ancient Egypt and India – the mystery of the Divine Holy Trinity. The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing, the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water.”

“When John the Baptist bore witness to Christ, saying: ‘Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world’ (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation were shown. That is to say, the Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them (immersion) and rose again (the coming out of the water); and so we must die to the old sinful man and rise again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation. The Feast of the Theophany is also called the ‘Feast of Illumination.’ The event in the Jordan River illuminates us by manifesting God to us as Trinity, consubstantial and undivided. That is one way that we are illumined. And the second way is that every one of us through baptism in water is illumined, in that we become adopted by the Father of Lights through the merits of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit.”