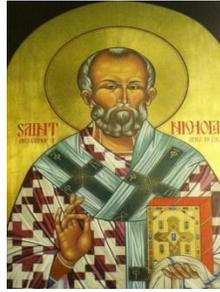


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2016

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 4 – Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

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

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7

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

*Panachida for Jacob and Duane Kuklis given by Daniel Oneschuck.*

#### Friday, December 9 – 7:00 PM Pre-festive Service for the Nativity Fast.

#### Sunday, December 11 – Venerable Stephen the New

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 8 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 102-104

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

*Panachida for Kathryn Stocoski given by the Worobey Family.*

**Confessions:** *Saturdays during Advent from 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, and as usual, 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 Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

**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.

**Update:** Thank you for your continued generosity! Approximately 7 boxes of food items were delivered on Wednesday to the Bread Basket. Your ongoing commitment to this worthy cause is truly appreciated. They are most grateful for our support!

“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 27, 2016*

\$602.00	General Collection
\$66.00	7 Day Light
\$5.00	Holy Days
\$102.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$1,182.00	Heat Offering
\$14.00	Eternal Light
\$19.00	Taper Candles
\$172.00	IOCC
<b>\$2,162.00</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>
<u><i>November 9 (Prep/Pinching)</i></u>		
<i>November 16</i>	<i>November 17</i>	<i>November 18</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>December 1</i>	<i>December 2</i>
<b><u>December 7</u></b>	<b><u>December 8</u></b>	
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, and Raspberry (Seedless) 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!**

- The **Altar Society** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men’s Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday School** will be held next **Sunday December 11** (note: this is the **final** class until after the Feast of the Nativity).

The **Parish Board** will meet next **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 next 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 **this 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 **tomorrow, 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).

**Diocese to Send Two Diocesan High School Students to The Crossroad Summer Institute** - Johnstown, PA – The Diocese and an anonymous donor are teaming up to send two Diocesan 11<sup>th</sup> and/or 12<sup>th</sup> graders to the Crossroad Institute held each summer at Holy Cross – Hellenic College in Brookline, MA. Crossroad is a ten day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Hosted on the scenic Hellenic College campus which overlooks the beautiful Boston skyline, participants experience daily worship, visit local parishes, tour Boston, and spend a day at the beach.

The 2017 sessions are either a **1. June Session from June 17 – 27** or a **2. July Session from July 5 – 15**. More detailed information can be found at the Crossroad website: <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org>. You may also contact Father Miles Zdinak at (814) 467-7444 or [frmiles@gmail.com](mailto:frmiles@gmail.com) for more information regarding this opportunity. ***The deadline to apply to Father Miles is December 22, 2016.***

**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.**

**Feast Day Books for Sale!**-Please consider supporting our Diocese and purchasing a **KEEPING THE FEASTS AT HOME** book for the family to use and enjoy! This small book will help us to better learn about and to keep up with the most important feasts of the Church! It also makes an excellent gift for a child, grandchild, or godchild this Holiday Season!

***The signup sheet is in the Church Hall!***

## THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

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

“When the Most-holy Virgin Mary reached the age of three, her holy parents Joachim and Anna took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem to dedicate her to the service of God according to their earlier promise. It was a three-day journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem but, traveling to do a God-pleasing work, this journey was not difficult for them. Many kinsmen of Joachim and Anna gathered in Jerusalem to take part in this event, at which the invisible angels of God were also present. Leading the procession into the Temple were virgins with lighted tapers in their hands, then the Most-holy Virgin, led on one side by her father and on the other side by her mother. The virgin was clad in vesture of royal magnificence and adornments as was befitting the “King’s daughter, the Bride of God” (Psalm 45:13-15). Following them were many kinsmen and friends, all with lighted tapers. Fifteen steps led up to the Temple. Joachim and Anna lifted the Virgin onto the first step, then she ran quickly to the top herself, where she was met by the High Priest Zacharias, who was to be the father of Saint John the Forerunner. Taking her by the hand, he led her not only into the Temple, but into the “Holy of Holies,” the holiest of holy places, into which no one but the high priest ever entered, and only once each year, at that. Saint Theophylact of Ohrid says that Zacharias “was outside himself and possessed by God” when he led the Virgin into the holiest place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain – otherwise, his action could not be explained. Mary’s parents then offered sacrifice to God according to the Law, received the priest’s blessing and returned home. The Most-holy Virgin remained in the Temple and dwelt there for nine full years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often, especially Righteous Anna. When God called her parents from this world, the Most-holy Virgin was left an orphan and did not wish to leave the Temple until death or to enter into marriage. As that would have been against the Law and custom of Israel, she was given to Saint Joseph, her kinsmen in Nazareth, after reaching the age of twelve. Under the acceptable role of one betrothed, she could live in virginity and thus fulfill her desire and formally satisfy the Law, for it was then unknown in Israel for maidens to vow virginity to the end of their lives. The Most-holy Virgin Mary was the first of such live-vowed virgins, of the thousands and thousands of virgin men and women who would follow her in the Church of Christ.”

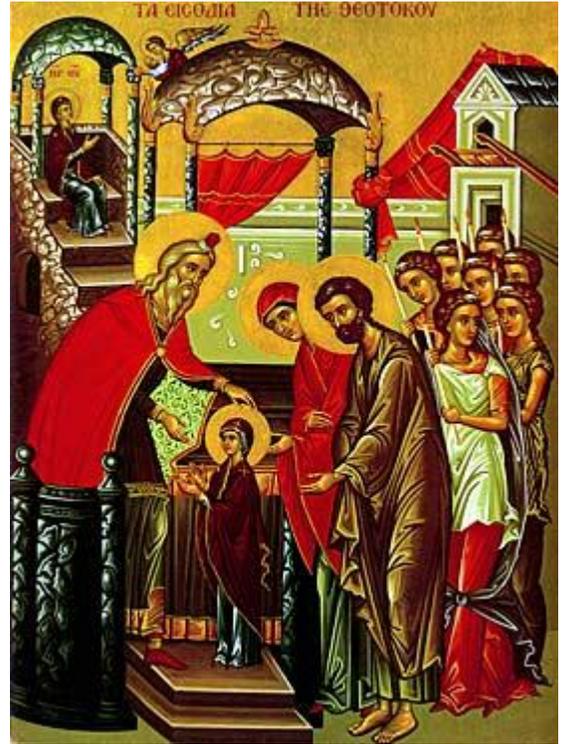


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[www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

Today is the foreshadowing of the good pleasure of God \* and the herald of the salvation of men. \* The Virgin is revealed in the temple of God, \* and beforehand she announces Christ to all. \* Let us therefore cry to her with mighty voice: \* “Hail, fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

The all-pure Temple of the Savior, \* the precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, \* the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, \* is led today into the house of the Lord, \* and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. \* Of her God’s angels sing in praise: \* “She is indeed the heavenly Tabernacle.”