

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY

### PARISH CALENDAR HI-LITES

Sun., Apr. 28 **PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY**

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Special Sheet

Church School - Jr./Sr. Hi School

2:00 PM Confessions - St. George, Taylor

3:00 PM Vespers - St. George, Taylor

Mon., Apr. 29 **GREAT MONDAY** & Tue., Apr. 30  
**GREAT TUESDAY**

*Schedule Change: Services for these days are canceled due to a schedule conflict.*

*However, for those who might have been planning to go to Confession on these days, I have scheduled extra Confession time on Thursday and Friday.*

Wed., May 1 **GREAT WEDNESDAY**

6:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy & Holy Mystery of the Anointing of the Sick

Thu., May 2 **GREAT THURSDAY**

5:30-6:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM Divine Liturgy of the Last Supper.  
Setting up the Tomb.

Fri., May 3 **GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY**

10:00 AM Matins of the 12 Gospels

7:00 PM Vespers and the Procession with the Shroud

Confessions after the Service

Vigil at the Tomb

Sat., May 4 **GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY**

4:00 PM Paschal Vigil Divine Liturgy

8:00 PM Resurrection Matins

Blessing of Baskets

Sun., May 5 **PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Special Sheet

Blessing of Baskets

Easter Egg Hunt for the kiddies

### FEASTS . . . & FASTS

**PALM SUNDAY** is a day of rejoicing, and the Fast is mitigated (lessened). The Traditional Rules say you may eat oil, wine and fish on these days. If you are not yet keeping the Traditional Fast, you may "step up" two steps on this day. For instance, if you are fasting from meat and dairy only, you may eat meat.

#### FOR HOLY WEEK:

**TRADITIONAL RULES:** On Great Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and especially Holy & Great Friday, **STRICT FAST** (no meat, dairy, wine or oil products). In addition, some people fast completely on these days, or eat only cold vegetables.

On Great Thursday, wine and oil are permitted because of the celebration of the Divine

Liturgy of the Last Supper.

On Great Saturday, wine is permitted, but no oil. Usually there is no sit-down meal this day.

DIOCESAN RULES require the following: for Holy Week: Monday through Thursday, no meat. Great Friday and Holy Saturday, STRICT FAST.

**BRIGHT WEEK:**

From Pascha through Thomas Sunday, there is *no fast* permitted, even on Wednesday or Friday, as we celebrate the great joy of our salvation in the Resurrection.

**DURING GREAT LENT:**

*EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO DO MORE THAN THE MINIMUM, AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE.* PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TOGETHER WITH FASTING, WE ARE CALLED ESPECIALLY TO GIVE ALMS - I.E., GIVE TO THE POOR - DURING THIS SEASON.

**RECEPTION OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

To receive Holy Eucharist in the evening, at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts or at the evening Liturgy on Great Thursday or Great Saturday, we must fast for *at least 3 hours before the beginning of the service.* ESSENTIALLY, THIS MEANS NOT EATING AFTER LUNCH UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST, IF POSSIBLE. Of course, those who are under a doctor's care or are infirm must follow the doctor's orders. If you have any question about this, please see me.

**RECEPTION OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On Great Wednesday, we will celebrate the Holy Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the end of the Presanctified Liturgy. Since this is a Mystery of the Church, only Orthodox Christians may receive it. Ideally one should have gone to Confession recently and should receive the Holy Eucharist at the Liturgy before receiving the Anointing.

All Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared are welcome to receive this holy Sacrament on this day, for the healing of any and all spiritual and bodily ills.

**GRAVE VIGIL** There is a sign-up sheet in the hall. Take an hour or so on Great Friday evening or Great Saturday to spend in prayer before the Tomb of Our Lord.

**PEOPLE STUFF**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Fr. Stephen Kundla.

*Living:* Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary Chupron. Susan Danchak. Louis, Terri Nicholas & Norah Anne DiMichele. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Michael Hrywnak. John, Jen, Ashley, Shelby and John Michael Hrywnak. Lorraine Kacaba. Dawn, Warren & Colten Kieffer. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

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

*In Assisted Living Homes:* Julie Kovacs. Irene Munchak. Julie Soares.

*Eternal Light:* Memory of Kathryn Derenick - Jane Naughton.

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH**

**April 21, 2013**

\$ 465.00	General Collection
\$ 2.00	1st Sunday
\$ 65.00	7 Day Light
\$ 2.00	Holy Days
\$ 63.00	Pirohi
\$ 180.00	Church Dues
\$ 20.00	Easter Flowers
<b>\$ 797.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

**PARISH EVENTS**

**Pussy Willows & Palms:** are blessed and distributed today before the Divine Liturgy begins, so that we can carry them throughout the Liturgy. There should be plenty of extras, so we ask that you refrain from getting more until after the Liturgy is over – then you can take all you want.

**Taper Candles:** We have installed a box for beeswax taper votive candles in the St. Nicholas Shrine. As of now they are still .25 each – see the guys in the vestibule if you wish to purchase tapers.

This is a trial set up. We want to see how you like

them. If there is a favorable response, we would like to replace the little glass votive candles with candle boxes and tapers throughout the church. You may have seen similar set-ups at other Orthodox Churches. They have many advantages; I mention two: (1) burning beeswax votive candles is the most traditional and oldest way of making votive offerings; (2) there is a long-term cost saving in not having to scrape, clean & ultimately replace votive glass (they break regularly).

We would like your opinion, so please let me or anyone on the Board know how you feel. As you probably know, I very much encourage the lighting of votive candles, and I would like to see this practice grow in the parish.

**Church School - All classes** meet today. Once again, I emphasize the value of Church School for helping our children know and keep their faith!

**Church Easter Cleaning** - Thanks and God bless! To all who came on Saturday to help clean the Church for Pascha! Many years!

**Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday!** Don't forget, our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters will take place next Sunday, after Divine Liturgy and the blessing of baskets.

**Special "Mission" Youth Collection on Sunday, May 12:** As you probably know, the collections made during the deanery missions are used by all the deanery parishes to help defray the cost of sending the deanery children to camp each year. Because we had to cancel our mission, we (obviously) did not have a collection. So, in order to cover our 'share' of that deanery income, we are going to have a special collection two weeks from today. This is for our deanery kids, so please be generous!

**Lenten Deanery Mission.** The last one is today:

- Taylor, Sunday, April 28 – Confessions @ 2:00 PM and Vespers @ 3:00 PM. (Fr. Nik Preaching).

## COMING UP SOON!

### ***Wilkes-Barre Greek Food Festival.***

- *When:* Wed., May 8 through Sat., May 11. 11 AM to 8 PM daily.
- *Where:* Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 32 East Ross Street (near Post Office).

- *What:* Greek Food and pastries, including gyro, souvlaki, galatabureko and more!
- Contact: 570-823-4805.
- Website: <http://greekfoodfestival.webs.com/>
- Poster is on the hall bulletin board with details.

### **BYZANTINE ICON WRITING WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS**

May 20-25, 2013

St. Andrei icon studio, Scranton, Pa. No art experience is needed. small group.

Experience the beauty and power of the traditional spiritual art of symbolic icon writing. You will be taught the ancient technique of writing (painting) icons using egg tempera with gold leaf on wooden board. Also you will learn the explanation of sacred iconology.

6-day icon writing workshop for beginners and intermediate students.. We will be writing the Icon of Archangel Michael for beginners on 9 x 12 icon board.

Instructor is iconographer nina kouznetsov. Her website is [iconclasses.org](http://iconclasses.org). More information - please call 570-342-2921 or e-mail [contact@iconclasses.org](mailto:contact@iconclasses.org).

See the flyer in the hall.

### **Camp Nazareth Family Camp May 31 - June 2.**

This sounds like a great opportunity for families to enjoy. A variety of activities and events has been planned to allow families the opportunity to learn together, have fun together, pray together and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp. Families will be staying together, and have to themselves, a Camp cabin; plenty of space to rest and relax and simply be together during and after the weekend's festivities. Any questions? See [campnazareth.org](http://campnazareth.org), or if you like speaking to human beings, call Fr. Steve Loposky, Camp Director, at 724-662-4840. Please see the flyer in the hall.

### **THE NATIONAL JUNIOR ACRYL SPONSORED CAMP ESSAY CONTEST**

Camp Nazareth is a place we all like to go, especially for the summer. The Jr. ACRYL Board offers a full

camper-ship to a Jr. ACRY member, or a half camper-ship to a non-Jr. ACRY member, who writes the best essay on this year's topic. The essay must be 200 words or less, and sent to the President of the National Jr. ACRY by the Friday of the Bowling Tournament (May 24, 2013). The Jr. ACRY board will decide the winner at the Bowling Tournament.

- Who can enter? ANYONE, whether a Jr. ACRY Member or not. What is the topic? Write about last year's camp theme: Matthew 19:17- "If you would enter life, keep the commandments."
- Who do I mail it to? National Jr. ACRY President Tim Paproski. 1194 Broadbridge Ave. Stratford, CT 06615. [jracry.president@gmail.com](mailto:jracry.president@gmail.com).
- Please write your name, address, telephone number, and chapter number on the back of the essay so the board can judge fairly.
- The winner will be notified at the Bowling Tournament, or after if not present.
- Entries must be received by the start of the National Jr. Board meeting on Friday, May 24, 2013 to be considered.

Yours in Orthodoxy,

The National Jr. ACRY Board

**2013 DIOCESAN ALTARBOY RETREAT** will take place from Sunday June 30- Wed July 3, 2013 at Christ the Saviour Seminary and Cathedral. More details and registration information will be coming soon.

**RUMMAGE SALE/ETHNIC FOODS Saturday, July 13th.** The Altar Society asks that you start bringing your gently-used items as soon as you can and we will begin storing them.

Clothes must be clean and in slightly used condition and they are seeking larger sizes. Other household items in good condition are accepted.

Please look for a sign-up sheet in the hall so you can let us know when you will be able to work the day of the sale.

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