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May 5, 2013

PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Mon., May 6 BRIGHT MONDAY. HOLY GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Easter Procession

Tue., May 7 BRIGHT TUESDAY

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sat., May 11 BRIGHT SATURDAY

5:00 PM Vespers

Sun., May 12 THOMAS SUNDAY. MOTHERS' SAY.

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Special Sheet

Men's Club meets

FEASTS . . . & FASTS

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.

HOLY GREAT MARTYR GEORGE: is commemorated on Bright Monday.

BRIGHT MONDAY AND BRIGHT TUESDAY: The 2nd and 3rd day of Pascha are continuations of the celebration on Sunday. The services for these days are almost exactly like Sunday (in fact, all of Bright Week is celebrated the same way, resulting in a "week of Sundays"). The Easter Procession taken at the end of the Divine Liturgy on Monday is the oldest of the Easter Processions, pre-dating both the Great Friday Procession and the Procession at Resurrection Matins.

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. Faye Snell. 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.

Altar Vigil Candles: All deceased mothers - Pugh family.

Eternal Light: Memory of Kathy Hull - John & Mary Brizinski

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

April 28, 2013

\$ 768.00	General Collection
\$ 82.00	7 Day Light
\$ 26.00	Holy Days
\$ 395.00	Palm Sunday Offering
\$ 1271.00	Total Collection

PARISH EVENTS

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

Fr. Nik will be away for a couple days this week. If there is an emergency, just call on my cell phone.

The Men's Club's regular meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, May 12.

Taper Candles: The initial response to the new beeswax taper votives at the St. Nicholas shrine has been overwhelmingly positive. In fact, we have already run out of tapers (we only bought about 70 as a trial). We will have to buy more for you to use. Meanwhile, we would like to begin plans to provide the two candle shrines in the front with sand boxes for the use of the tapered candles. If you have any questions or comments, please see Fr. Nik or one of the Board members.

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!

COMING UP SOON!

Wilkes-Barre Greek Food Festival.

1.*When:* Wed., May 8 through Sat., May 11. 11 AM to 8 PM daily.

2.*Where:* Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 32 East Ross Street (near Post Office).

3.*What:* Greek Food and pastries, including gyro, souvlaki, galatabureko and more!

4.Contact: 570-823-4805.

5.Website: <http://greekfoodfestival.webs.com/>

6.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. More information - please call 570-342-2921 or e-mail 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, 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 ACRY SPONSORED CAMP ESSAY CONTEST

Camp Nazareth is a place we all like to go, especially for the summer. The Jr. ACRY 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.

7. 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."

8. Who do I mail it to? National Jr. ACRY President Tim Paproski. 1194 Broadbridge Ave. Stratford, CT 06615. [jracy.president@gmail.com](mailto:jracry.president@gmail.com).

9. Please write your name, address, telephone number, and chapter number on the back of the essay so the board can judge fairly.

10. The winner will be notified at the Bowling Tournament, or after if not present.

11. 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.

EASTER EGGS AND I

From a basketful of blessed eggs, two boys each took an egg. They tapped the tips together. Which shell was stronger? Which would break first?

Crrack! Tommy's egg split first, so he joyfully proclaimed: "Christ is Risen!" And Michael, with the uncracked egg, responded: "Indeed He is Risen!"

The hitting-together of the eggs, followed by the Easter greeting, is an old custom. It is still practiced by Orthodox Christians in many places around the world. You might like to pick up this custom, also, as we celebrate Holy Pascha today.

The Easter egg got its start way back in time. One story connects it with St. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' faithful followers. Some time after Our Lord was crucified, rose and returned to heaven, Mary had been arrested for being a Christian and was in Rome on trial before the Emperor Tiberius. She explained to Tiberius how Our Lord lived, was crucified and rose from the dead. Tiberius was very interested in the story, and accepted the goodness of Jesus and his works. But when Mary described the Resurrection, Tiberius laughed in disbelief: "Everything else you have told me I can accept and believe, but I cannot believe a man can rise from the dead!"

Mary looked out the window and saw a woman carrying a basket of eggs to the market. She then challenged Tiberius, "Which is easier to believe - that God can raise a Man from the dead, or that those eggs will turn red as we watch?" Tiberius replied, "If those eggs turn red, then I will believe." Mary went out and got the basket of eggs from the woman, and as she brought them in, they turned a deep blood-red. She held one out to Tiberius saying, "Here is the proof that the Son of God shed his Blood for us and rose from the dead!"

Tiberius grew very afraid, but he still would not believe; he would rather believe his own human

reason than the proof which was right before his eyes. So he had Mary executed as a Christian and a magician. St. Mary Magdalene was martyred for the faith, but the tradition of giving red-colored eggs between Christians as a sign of our belief in the Resurrection of Our Lord continues to this very day.

In time, some people dyed the eggs different colors. The dyes came from vegetable skins, roots, pods, leaves, dried flowers, bird feathers, tree bark and rocks and shells. Different colors took on different meanings. People also developed intricate and beautiful ways of decorating eggs like *pysanky* and *krasanky*. But the *blood-red egg*, going back to the earliest times, still reminds us of the Precious Blood of Christ, shed for the remission of our sins.

The egg itself has an important meaning in our faith. It is a symbol of the Resurrection. The egg reminds us of the sealed tomb where Christ was laid after He was crucified. The egg, like the tomb, only looks lifeless; like the tomb, it contains New Life within its walls. So, when the egg is cracked in the old custom, it is like the seal of the Tomb being broken and the New Life coming out. This is why we proclaim, "Christ is risen!" when we crack our eggs on Easter!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VO ISTINU VOSKRESE!

CHRISTOS ANESTI!

ALITHOS ANESTI!

FELTAMADT KRISZTUS

VALOBAN FELTAMADOTT!

AL MASSIH KAM!

HAKKAN KAM!

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