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THOMAS SUNDAY

PARISH CALENDAR

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

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Special Sheet

Sun., May 19 SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.

9:30 Divine Liturgy - Special Sheet

Parish Board Meets.

Noon Baptism - John Michael Hrywnak

FEASTS . . . & FASTS

Fasting: From this week on, even though we are still in the Easter period, we return to the ordinary Wednesday and Friday fast days.

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.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

May 5, 2013

\$ 552.00	General Collection
\$ 224.00	1 st Sunday
\$ 151.00	7 Day Light
\$ 472.00	Holy Days
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 1942.00	Easter
\$ 62.00	Palm Sunday Offering
\$ 100.00	Memory of Jane Guzek
\$ 3510.00	Total Collection

PARISH EVENTS

Special "Mission" Youth Collection today: 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!

The Men's Club's regular monthly meeting has been postponed until May 26 since they will be observing Mothers' Day. Also, I have been remiss in publishing a couple-three announcements regarding recent developments in the Club's activities:

- The Men's Club has decided to turn the old clubroom into a Youth Area, where the kids can go and spend time as a group, relax, etc. This area will normally be available anytime we have coffee hour or other social functions here at the parish (and perhaps other times as well?) We would like to thank the Club for taking this step to encourage our youth to be active members of our parish community.
- The new Youth Area has been cleaned up, made habitable, painted, etc. The pool table has been cleaned up, a ping-pong table has been added to the facilities, and the shuffleboard is now being worked on. More work will be ongoing, with hopefully the addition of other games, etc., as time goes on. We'd like to thank especially Club members Frank Pucher and Bill Thomas who have been spearheading this effort. We'd like to encourage folks to come downstairs during coffee hour to see the progress that has already been made.
- *Andrew Barnett* is the newest member of the Men's Club. He has been asked by the Club to act as liaison for the newly refurbished Clubroom/Youth area. If there are any concerns or needs for that area, please speak with Andrew.
- *Last but not least:* The Church School teachers and students wish to thank Joe Kacaba and the Men's Club for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt last week, making it another great success!

...**You will see me** for a while, then you will not see me, then you will see me again... **Fr. Nik wasn't able to go** away last week due to circumstances beyond my control, so I stayed here and worked (not my usual way of spending Bright Week). I plan. . .hope. . .am considering the possibility of. . . going this week instead, probably at the first part of the week. We'll

see how it goes. If there is an emergency, just call me on my cell phone. Also, you can call Bill Thomas (343-5727). He should know if I am here or there.

Taper Candles: More tapers are on order and should be in next week. We would like to hear your comments or questions. Please see Fr. Nik or one of the Board members.

Grave Blessings: This year I will be blessing graves on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. I plan to begin at the parish cemetery at about 9:00 AM. Here is the tentative schedule:

9 AM Parish Cemetery

Abington Hills

Fairview (in Elmhurst)

I'm not sure how long I will be at each cemetery. For those at the other cemeteries: if you are trying to figure out when to be present, I suggest you allow about 1 hour at each cemetery plus travel time. It would help if someone at each cemetery would plan to have your cell phone and let me or Bill Thomas know the number so that we could try to call ahead.

COMING UP SOON!

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.

ST. TIKHON MONASTERY'S

109TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

All are invited to participate in the pilgrimage this Memorial Day Weekend. There is a flyer in the hall with the Pilgrimage Schedule (also printed here). You can also find information at the Monastery's Website: <http://sttikhonsmonastery.org/>

This is a summary of the Pilgrimage Schedule:

Friday, May 24, 2013

3:30 pm Official Opening of the 109th Pilgrimage. Greeting of the Hierarchs at the Monastery Archway with Molieben in the Church

4:00 pm Vespers and Matins in the Monastery Church

All pilgrims are invited to dinner in the monastery dining hall following the services.

Saturday, May 25, 2013

9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

A meal for all pilgrims in the Monastery dining hall following services

1:00 pm 71st Annual Academic Commencement of Saint Tikhon's Theological Seminary

4:30 pm Resurrection Vigil in the Monastery Church

Dinner in the monastery dining hall for all pilgrims following the services.

Sunday, May 26, 2013

9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

A meal for all pilgrims in the Monastery dining hall following services.

4:00 pm Vespers and Matins in the Monastery Church

Monday, May 27, 2013

7:30 am Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church

10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm Veteran's Panihida and Memorial Service, All Saints Bell Tower

1:30 pm Akathist to Saint Alexis Toth in the Monastery Church

2:30 pm Molieben to the Most Holy Theotokos and Anointing of the Sick, Infirm and all Pilgrims at the Monastery Bell Tower

4:00 pm Vespers and Matins in the Monastery Church

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.

- 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. [jracy.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.

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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