

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 18 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Martyr Eusignius. Pre-feast of Transfiguration.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special sheets

*Parish Board meets*

5:00 PM Great Vespers and Litija for Transfiguration.

MON., AUG. 19 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and blessing of first fruits and grapes.

*Remembering:* Lloyd Davies - Durkin & Pivovarnik families

Sun., Aug. 25 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday after Transfiguration. Martyrs Photius and Anicetus.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

### FEASTS . . .

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. Monday, August 19. Divine Liturgy and blessing of first fruits is at 9:00 AM. This great feast celebrates the moment on Mount Tabor when Our Lord allowed his three closest friends - Peter, James and John - to see Him for a moment as He really is - both God and man.

On this day, we bless the *First Fruits of the Harvest*. All are encouraged to bring a basket of fruits and veggies from their garden (even if your garden is at the Price Chopper) to be blessed at the end of Liturgy. We will also bless grapes that day, the "fruit of the vine" from which we make the wine that becomes Our

Lord's own most precious offering - his Holy Blood.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS: **Wednesday, Aug. 28.** On this day we celebrate the death of our most holy Mother. After her death, her Son took her both body and soul into heaven to dwell with Him forever. This is a preview of our own bodily resurrection at the end of the world. At Vespers the evening before we hold a procession with the Shroud of Holy Mary Theotokos, much like the one we do on Great Friday with Our Lord. On this day, we bless flowers and herbs, in remembrance of the events which gave witness to Her miraculous assumption. All are encouraged to bring a bouquet or herbs to church to be blessed on this day.

*Special Note:* Great Vespers for Dormition will be celebrated at 7:00 PM instead of the usual 5 PM, due to a scheduling conflict.

### . . . & FASTS

*DORMITION FAST BEGINS AUG. 14 (1).* In the middle of summer, the Church provides us the opportunity to reconnect with our spiritual life, as we fly through all the distractions that summertime brings. The Dormition Fast begins August 14/1 and goes to August 27/14. The traditional fast requires a Strict Fast (no meat, dairy, wine or oil) for those fourteen days, with these exceptions: the fast is mitigated (lessened) on Saturdays. There is no fast on Sundays or on the Feast of the Transfiguration (Aug. 6). Diocesan rules require only the usual fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Donald Naglak.

*Living:* Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary Chupron. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Dawn, Warren & Colten Kieffer. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Jeff Thomas. William Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey. Eric Youshock.

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

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

*Altar Vigil Lights (2):* Health of Jeff Thomas - by the family.

#### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

##### August 4, 2013

\$ 449.00	General Collection
\$ 70.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 3.00	Taper Candles
\$ 190.00	Memory of Julia Soares
\$ 79.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
\$ 43.00	Holy Days
\$ 10.00	Altar Vigil Candles
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 20.00	Maintenance & Repairs
<b>\$ 871.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

##### August 11, 2013

\$ 1064.00	General Collection
\$ 90.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 9.00	Taper Candles
\$ 270.00	Church dues
\$ 32.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
\$ 48.00	Holy Days
\$ 5.00	Parking
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 20.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 35.00	Memory of Donald Naglak
<b>\$ 1580.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

#### PARISH STUFF

**The Parish Board** meets today.

**Parish 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Just a reminder to keep Sunday, October 27 on your calendar as the day we will celebrate our parish's 75<sup>th</sup>. More details should be available soon about this event!

**Sunday Liturgy Time Change Poll:** For those who

were not present last Sunday: just wanted to let you know that the people in church indicated a very strong preference for leaving the time for Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM, so that is where we will leave it. Those who preferred 8 AM or earlier are welcome to come to pray then, but you still have to wait for the Liturgy. Those who preferred 10 AM or later still have to come on time. Oh well.

**Altar Society News** -The Altar Society ladies agreed to have another cookie walk in December, probably in conjunction with the December pirohi sales. We ask you to start stocking up ingredients and start baking and freezing!. More about this later.

Thanks and God bless! The Altar Society also voted to donate the cost of the wood floor in the Altar installed last year.

Next Altar Society Meeting is Sunday, September 1.

#### OTHER STUFF

**BUS TRIP to "TRYZUB" 22nd ANNUAL UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL**

North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to the 22nd Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival at the Ukrainian American Sport Center - "Tryzub" - in Horsham, PA on Sunday, August 25, 2013.

The event goes from 12 noon to 8:00pm & will highlight a stage concert of colorful Ukrainian folk dancers as well as musicians from Ukraine and the United States. Ukrainian ethnic foods, standard picnic fare, baked goods, cool refreshments, Ukrainian arts /crafts bazaar and children's fun area will be available.

The 55 passenger AJ Limo Coach bus will pick up in Berwick at 9:00am, Edwardsville at 9:45am and Scranton at 10:15am. Cost is \$35.00 per person which includes admission ticket to the Festival. Full advance nonrefundable payment reserves a seat. For reservations contact Janina in Berwick at 759-2824; Andrew in the Wilkes-Barre area at 822-5354; Paul in the Scranton area at 563-2275.

**BOOK AND BAKE SALE** - St. Thomas More Parish, located at N. Main Ave. & Theodore St., North Scranton, will hold a sale of lovingly used books, including a large selection of children's books and religious books, on Saturday, September 14, 2013, from 9 am to 2 pm. Homemade baked goods will also be for sale, and lunch will be served from 11 am to 1 pm. Parking is available in the lot beside the school.