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September 8, 2013
11th Sunday After Pentecost

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 8 11th Sunday after Pentecost. Martyrs
Adrian and Natalie.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Tone 2, pp. 84–86.
Men's Club meets

Wed., Sept. 11 *Beheading of St. John the Baptist*

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
40-day remembrance: Charles Gala, Sr.
Pirohi Prep after Liturgy
STRICT FAST TODAY

Thu., Sept. 12 Post-feast of St. John the Baptist
AM: Pirohi Making

Fri., Sept. 13 Deposition of the Venerable Belt of
Holy Mary Theotokos

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM *Pirohi Sale*

Sun., Sept. 15 12th Sunday after Pentecost. Martyr
Mammas. Patriarch John.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Tone 3, pp. 87-89.
Parish Board meets

FEASTS & FASTS

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST is on Wed.,
September 11 (August 29). This is a *Strict Fast* day,
(Aug. 29). *Services will be as scheduled.* St. John,
cousin of Our Lord and the great herald of Our Lord's
coming, was beheaded for no reason by Herod the
Great – no reason, that is, except that he told the truth.

We celebrate this great day of witness with *Strict Fast*,
mourning the evil done by those who “have ears but
will not hear, have eyes but will not see.”

It is also traditional to not eat any food that comes in
a head (lettuce, etc.), and to not use plates or knives,
as a reminder of how St. John, the man Jesus called,
“The greatest man ever born of woman,” died.

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): For the Health and Salvation of
Walter & Mildred Orzolek on the occasion of their
50th Wedding Anniversary by children and
grandchildren.

Panachida: Donald Naglak - 40th day memorial.

Congratulations & God's Blessings! To Teri Bentler and Daniel Ludwig, who were Crowned in Marriage yesterday. God grant them many years!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

September 1, 2013

\$ 487.45	General Collection
\$ 73.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 12.00	Taper Candles
\$ 10.00	Altar Vigil Lights
\$ 60.00	Holy Days
\$ 64.00	1 st Sunday
\$ 20.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 726.45	Total Collection

PARISH STUFF

Parish 75th Anniversary, October 27:

- Divine Liturgy will be at 10:00 AM that day.
- Banquet tickets will be \$30 each for adults.
- There will be a menu choice of beef, chicken or fish for the meal.
- As you will see in the letter, we have worked up special prices for parish children in order to encourage all of our parishioners to attend the banquet.
- Letters should be out *this week!*

1st Pirohi Sale This Week! I know that you have all been breathlessly anticipating the start of Pirohi Season, so here is some basic start-up info. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We can use all the help we can get for this all-important fund raiser.

This week:

- *Wed., Sept. 11.* Prep work will begin after the Divine Liturgy.
- *Thu., Sept. 12.* We'll start making them at the usual time – you know, like 3 AM. Oh, sorry, I meant about 9 AM.
- *Fri., Sept. 13.* Sale will be 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, as usual.

Parish Board meets next Sunday.

Men's Club meets today.

Church School News. The First Church School meeting has been pushed back to Sunday, September 22. *All classes, including the Jr/Sr Hi School class,* will meet that day. The Fall Schedule will be available soon.

- We are in need of one, maybe 2 new teachers. If anyone is willing to help us with teaching grade school classes, please see me as soon as possible.
- *Grade School Classes* We are planning to hold classes every other Sunday, as we did last year. It seemed to work out fairly well, so we are trying it again.
- *Junior High/High School Classes* will be held once a month, again with Fr. Nik.
- **The Church School is one of the most important ministries of our parish.** Please consider giving us a hand with this valuable work!

Adult Enrichment Gatherings: Beginning *Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6 PM.* A number of people have been asking about the possibility of getting together on a regular basis to discuss our faith, theology, bible, etc. Fr. Nik has agreed to give this a try-out. We will meet *every other* Wednesday in the hall. Sessions will be about one hour, with perhaps some time after the formal session for anyone who wants to discuss more informally.

As of now, no specific topic is scheduled. I will have some material prepared, but will also be looking for input regarding what people may be interested in. All adults are welcome.

Candlesticks and Lamps. You may have noticed that most of the Candlesticks on the altar and in front of the Iconostasis are looking a bit worse for wear. What you may not have noticed is that the 6 sticks on the Main Altar and the floorstands in front of the icon screen are breaking up – literally. We have decided to replace these candlesticks in 2 ways:

- We are resurrecting the old brass candlesticks for the 3 altars and the altar servers. They are well-made cast and worked brass – modern stuff just can't compete with the old tried and true. The Main Altar will have two 3-branched candlesticks, as laid out in the rubrics, and there will be 2 single candlesticks for each Side Altar and for the servers. The cost for refurbishing these will be

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>St. Nicholas Orthodox Church</h1> <h2>September 2013</h2>						
1 10 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy <i>Special Board Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7 St. Bartholomew Noon Bentler-Ludwig Wedding
8 11 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy <i>Men's Club Meeting</i>	9	10	11 BREAKING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 9 AM Divine Liturgy <i>Pirok Prep after Liturgy</i> <i>Strict Fast today</i>	12 Post-feast of St. John 9 AM-ish Pirok Making	13 Belt of Holy Mary 9:30 - 4:30 Pirok Sale	14
15 12 th Sunday of Pentecost 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy <i>Parish Board Meeting</i>	16	17	18 Prophet Zachary & Elizabeth 6 PM Adult Education Meeting	19 St. Michael at Colossae <i>Father Nik attending OTSA Conference</i>	20 Pre-feast of Birth of Holy Mary <i>Fr. Nik attending OTSA Conference</i>	21 BIRTH OF HOLY MARY THEOTOKOS <i>No services here. Fr. Nik @ OTSA Conference.</i> 9 AM at St. George's, Taylor: Divine Liturgy
22 Sunday Before the Holy Cross 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy <i>Church School - All grades</i>	23	24	25 Last day of Feast of Birth of Holy Mary <i>AM - Pirok Prep</i>	26 Pre-feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 AM-ish Pirok Making 7 PM Great Vespers & Litija	27 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9 AM Divine Liturgy 9:30 - 4:30 Pirok Sale <i>Strict Fast today</i>	28
29 Sunday After the Holy Cross 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	30					

- Each 3-branched candle is \$300.
- Each single candle is \$100.
- The four floor candle stands in front of the icon screen will be replaced with hanging lamps. We don't have a final price on these yet, but they will be, I hope, around \$100 each. I will get a final number as soon as possible.

We would like to offer those who originally donated items to have the first opportunity to donate the replacements:

- Those who donated the current Main Altar candlesticks would have first dibs on any of the Altar candlesticks.
- Those who donated the four main icons on the icon screen would have first dibs on the new hanging lamps.

However, we have no available complete record of who donated what, so we only know a few of those people.

So, . . . Everyone is welcome to make a donation, but if people identify themselves as an original donor, they move to the top of the pack.

We want to have this project completed for the 75th anniversary celebration. If anyone wishes to make a donation, please speak with one of the Officers of the Parish Board.

OTHER STUFF

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.

11TH ANNUAL UKRAINIAN FOOD FESTIVAL – St. Michaels Orthodox Church on 540 North Main Ave., Scranton. Sunday, Sept.22 from 11AM– PM. We will feature our homemade Ukrainian food such as: Halushky, Pyrohy, Halupchi, Kielbasi, Cabbage, and delicious deserts. All are welcome!

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