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ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 22, 2013

12th Sunday of Luke. 26th of Pentecost.
Conception by St. Ann of Holy Mary Theotokos.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 22 12th Sunday of Luke. 26nd of Pentecost.
Conception by St. Ann of Holy Mary
Theotokos.

8:45 – 9:15 AM Confessions

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

Second Collection - Food Pantry

Church School - Elementary Classes

Parish Board Meets

Sun., Dec. 29 13th Sunday of Luke. 27st Sunday after
Pentecost. Sunday of the Holy
Ancestors of Our Lord.

8:45 – 9:15 AM Confessions

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

FEASTS AND FASTS

Filipovka (Philip's Fast, or Christmas Lent) The **Traditional Fast** requires: (a) Strict Fast (no meat, dairy, and in some places no wine or oil) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; (b) no meat on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The MINIMUM Diocesan Rule is no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Christmas Eve is a DAY OF STRICT FAST in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. No dispensation has been granted from fasting on Dec. 24, 25, or Jan. 1 (civil calendar).

During the Christmas Fast, Confessions are scheduled for Sunday morning 8:45 – 9:15.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

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

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

In Assisted Living Homes: Julie Kovacs.

Altar Vigil Lights (2): Memory of Floyd Swingle, Sr.
- Jim & Evelyn Reese

Eternal Light: Memory of Joseph Kneiss, Sr.

PARISH STUFF

Fr. Nik will be away this week from Monday through Friday evening or Saturday morning. In an emergency, you can call Fr. Mark Leasure (570-562-1170). You can also call Fr. Nik on his cell, just to keep him up to date.

St. Nicholas Dinner! A big thanks to all who prepped, cooked and worked at the St. Nicholas Dinner. Despite the weather, we had a nice turnout and every comment I heard was enthusiastically happy with the meal and the hall decorations. Many years!

The Pirohi Workers deserve a *HUGE* thank you for all the work and time they put into the Fall semester Pirohi Sales, especially this past week. Be sure to let them know that you appreciate all that they have done to raise money for the parish!. Many years to them all!

Christmas Cookie Walk! This event also went very well – almost everything sold out. There are a few items left for sale today, at discounted prices. Please speak with Carol Pugh about picking up that last minute item you'd like for your Christmas guests!

Thanks and God Bless! To all who worked at and donated for the Cookie Walk!

CHURCH DECORATING: Thanks and God bless! to those who came to help clean and decorate the church for Christmas. Nice job!

2014 Church Calendars & Envelopes: Are now available in the Church Hall. Please pick up yours today.

Parish Board update – still no takers for any of the vacancies. *Vice-President:* Immediate opening. *Trustee:* Immediate opening. *President:* As of January 1, 2014.

If you are interested in serving the parish, please speak to Bill Thomas, or Fr. Nik, who will convey your wishes to the Board. If more than one person volunteers for a seat, the board will inform the parish of the proper procedure for selection.

Church School (Elementary classes) meet today.

Parish Board meets today.

Christmas Food Drive. TODAY is the Last Day for the Food Drive! We are collecting non-perishable food items for our Christmas Food Drive.

A SECOND COLLECTION will be taken today to support both the local Food Pantry and the Christmas Mitten Tree Drive (see below).

Please pray for guidance for yourself and for all of us in the matter. And, while you are praying, put

some food in a big bag to bring to Church on Sunday.

Christmas “Mitten” Tree: Tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 23, will be the last chance to donate *New Mittens, Gloves, Hats and Scarves* for those kids in need in our area. Someone will be here at the hall from 10 AM to 3 PM to receive any last minute donations. All proceeds for this drive will go to *Families United*, a Foster Care program for children. Thanks and God bless for your donations!

Adult Enrichment Gatherings: will continue next year after Christmas. Date and time TBA.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

December 15, 2013

\$ 616.00	General Collection
\$ 12.00	Holy Days
\$ 64.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 90.00	Church Dues
\$ 53.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 9.00	Tapers
\$ 1894.00	Pirohi
\$ 2738.00	Total Collection

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Malanka! Northeastern Pennsylvania's 10th Annual MALANKA is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 11, 2014 from 6:00pm to 1:00am at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 728 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton.

The festive evening will include a generous Slavic and American dinner buffet catered by Paul Wanas of Accentuate Caterers, cash bar, complimentary bubbly toast and dancing to the internationally known Ukrainian orchestra "Fata Morgana". Door prizes will be awarded along with special awards for the lady and gentleman wearing the most attractive Ukrainian embroidered apparel.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting Michael Trusz at 570 489-1256. *No tickets will be sold at the door - advance reservations are required.*