

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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February 2, 2014  
Sunday of Zacchaeus

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 2 *Sunday of Zacchaeus.* Leo the Great,  
Bishop of Rome.  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Blue Pew Book, pp.  
99–101  
Altar Society Meets  
Adult Enrichment - quick planning  
meeting

Wed., Feb. 5 Martyred Bishop Clement of Ancyra.  
6 AM *Pirohi Prep*  
9 AM-ish *Pirohi Making*

Sun., Feb. 9 *Sunday of the Publican and the  
Pharisee.* St. John Chrysostom.  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets  
Church School - Elementary Classes  
Men's Club meets

### FEASTS AND FASTS

*No Fasting:* The week of the Publican and Pharisee,  
Feb. 9 – 15, there is no fasting allowed as we continue  
our preparation for the celebration of the Great Fast.

### PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Stephen Roberts.

*Living:* Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary  
Chupron. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Fr.  
George Dursa. 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.  
George & Anna Senich. Kathryn Stocoski.

*In Assisted Living Homes:* Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts.

*Altar Vigil Lights (2):* Health of Fr. George Dursa -  
from his friends.

*Panachida:* Stephen Roberts – 40 day memorial.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

#### Sunday, January 26, 2014

\$ 721.00	General Collection
\$ 25.00	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
\$ 68.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 115.00	Holy Days
\$ 180.00	Church Dues
\$ 125.50	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 17.50	Tapers
<b>\$ 1259.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

*Thanks and God bless!* To **Mary Brizinski**,  
chairperson of the St. Nicholas Dinner, and to *all* who  
helped make that dinner a success. The Dinner made  
a profit of \$1105.00.

### PARISH STUFF

#### Church School.

- Elementary classes meet next Sunday, Feb. 9.
- **Adult Enrichment Gatherings:** Special Planning Meeting. For one reason or another, scheduling these meetings is getting to be interesting, to say

the least. Wednesdays especially are looking difficult. I would like to have a quick meeting with those who regularly participate to decide what would be the best day of the week and time to meet. The monthly calendar has a *suggested* Tuesday evening meeting. What would *you* like?

**Altar Society** meets today.

**Maintenance Person needed:** The Parish Board is looking for a person to do regular maintenance in the church and the hall. Salary is \$100/month. If you are interested, or if you would like to see a job description, please see Jane Togher.

**New Jordan Water:** is available in the stainless steel "Holy Water" font on the Theotokos side of the church.

**PIROHI MAKING:** this Wednesday we will begin Pirohi Prep at 6 AM. We should be ready to start pinching by 9 AM-ish. We had a short crew last Wednesday and still managed to get done reasonably early. A couple more people would make a big difference. Hopefully they will show up.

PIROHI MAKING (WED)	PIROHI SALE (FRI)
February 5	
February 12	February 14
February 19	
February 26	February 28
<i>Not March 5</i>	
March 12	March 14
March 19	
March 26	March 28
<i>Not April 2</i>	
April 9	April 11 - Last Sale

**Priests' Retreat:** You will see on the monthly calendar that the Bishop has called for a priests' retreat in February at Camp Nazareth. I will be there for those days, as well as most of the other clergy in the diocese. In case of an emergency, please call my cell phone.

**FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF**

**International Dinner Club.** St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18510 is having their INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB on Thursday, February 13, 2014. The price is \$25.00 per person and there are two seatings; 5:30 or 6:30pm. The phone number is 570-343-5151 and the

deadline is February 10th. "A Taste of Italy" will start with Fresh Baked Focaccia Bread, Italian Wedding Soup and an Antipasto. The Entree will be Tuscan Chicken Ravioli with Beef Wrapped Asparagus and the Dessert is a delicious Strawberry Pound Cake drizzled with orange liquor and topped with balsamic soaked strawberries and freshly made whipped cream. Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda and a complimentary glass of wine or beer is also included. Do not miss this fantastic dinner!

**Prenten Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner** – Father Myron Myronyuk and his parish family of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Scranton PA, cordially invite you to join us for our annual Pre-Lenten PORK & SAUERKRAUT/ KAPUSTA DINNER on Sunday, February 23, 2014, beginning at 12:30pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street. *Menu:* Slow roasted pork loin, homemade pan gravy, Ukrainian kapusta (sweet and sour cabbage), real mashed potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students \$6.00 (age 6-12); Age 5 and under free. *Advance reservations required:* phone Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164 (please do not call the church). Takeouts available between 11:30 a.m. and 12 noon only. Doors open at 11:30am. Door prizes will be awarded along with a 50/50 drawing. Welcome to our table!

**Myasopusna (Meat-fare Sunday) Celebration** – Dinner tickets are now available for Transfiguration of Our Lord Church's Myasopusna festival, held at the church's banquet hall, in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 from noon to 3:30 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) festival is the parish's annual prenten celebration, preceding the Lenten Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of haluptsi, kobasa, varenyky, kapusta, borscht, blackbread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. A variety of Ukrainian crafts, including pysanky, embroidery, woodcrafts, beadwork, and ceramics, will be on display and available for sale or by raffle. This year's raffle features Ukrainian Easter basket covers, hand-embroidered by parishioner Anna Kutsup, and gerdany (Ukrainian necklaces), hand-beaded by the Milinichik sisters of Allentown. Following dinner, live entertainment will include the Holy Year Choir, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble,

and the Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. Dinner tickets are \$15, with an advanced ticket price of \$12, if purchased by February 10. The church hall is located at the corners of Bliss Street and Center Street, in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. Tickets can be purchased by calling 570-735-4654 or 570-824-3880.

**Camp Nazareth – Looking Ahead for this summer:** The 2014 Schedule has been posted on the Camp's website - [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org). With all the necessary forms.

If anyone is interested in being on the Camp's Medical Staff (MD, RN or LPN required), please contact Fr. Steve at the Camp. Please also note that the Nurse or Doctor on staff each week will receive a campership for one of their children or for someone whom they designate.

We ask our parents and parishioners to especially encourage our parish children to participate in the Camp this year. *Please remember* that we have historically covered the camp fees for all the children in the parish who attend the camp.

*Camp Summer Staff:* The camp is looking for young folks who are interested in working at the following job openings: counselor, head counselor, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, athletic director, program director, and lifeguard. The link for staff employment is [www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm](http://www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm).

*Last but not least:* Please note that the week for our Pocono Deanery is Week 1– July 13-19, 2014.

### **Venerable Brigid (Bridget) of Ireland**

February 1 (14)

Saint Brigid, “the Mary of the Gael,” was born around 450 in Faughart, about two miles from Dundalk in County Louth. According to Tradition, her father was a pagan named Dubthach, and her mother was Brocessa (Broiseach), one of his slaves.

Even as a child, she was known for her compassion for the poor. She would give away food, clothing, and even her father’s possessions to the poor. One day he took Brigid to the king’s court, leaving her outside to wait for him. He asked the king to buy his daughter from him, since her excessive generosity made her too expensive for him to keep. The king asked to see the girl, so Dubthach led him outside. They were just in time to see her give away her father’s sword to a beggar. This sword had been presented to Dubthach by

the king, who said, “I cannot buy a girl who holds us so cheap.”

St Brigid received monastic tonsure at the hands of St Mael of Ardagh (February 6). Soon after this, she established a monastery on land given to her by the King of Leinster. The land was called Cill Dara (Kildare), or “the church of the oak.” This was the beginning of women’s cenobitic monasticism in Ireland.

The miracles performed by St Brigid are too numerous to relate here, but perhaps one story will suffice. One evening the holy abbess was sitting with the blind nun Dara. From sunset to sunrise they spoke of the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and of the love of Christ, losing all track of time. St Brigid was struck by the beauty of the earth and sky in the morning light. Realizing that Sister Dara was unable to appreciate this beauty, she became very sad. Then she prayed and made the Sign of the Cross over Dara’s eyes. All at once, the blind nun’s eyes were opened and she saw the sun in the east, and the trees and flowers sparkling with dew. She looked for a while, then turned to St Brigid and said, “Close my eyes again, dear Mother, for when the world is visible to the eyes, then God is seen less clearly by the soul.” St Brigid prayed again, and Dara became blind once more.

St Brigid fell asleep in the Lord in the year 523 after receiving Holy Communion from St Ninnidh of Inismacsaint (January 18). She was buried at Kildare, but her relics were transferred to Downpatrick during the Viking invasions. It is believed that she was buried in the same grave with St Patrick (March 17) and St Columba of Iona (June 9).

Late in the thirteenth century, her head was brought to Portugal by three Irish knights on their way to fight in the Holy Land. They left this holy relic in the parish church of Lumiar, about three miles from Lisbon. Portions of the relic were brought back to Ireland in 1929 and placed in a new church of St Brigid in Dublin.

The relics of St Brigid in Ireland were destroyed in the sixteenth century by Lord Grey during the reign of Henry VIII.

The tradition of making St Brigid’s crosses from rushes and hanging them in the home is still followed in Ireland, where devotion to her is still strong. She is also venerated in northern Italy, France, and Wales.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2014</h1>						
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<b>2</b> Sunday of Zacchaeus  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Adult Enrichment - short planning meeting Altar Society meets	3	4	<b>5</b> Martyred Bishop Clement of Ancyra  <i>6 AM Pirohi Prep</i>  <i>9 AM-ish Pirohi Making</i>	6	7	8
<b>9</b> Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Men's Club meets Church School - Elementary Classes	10	<b>11</b> Mar. Bishop Ignatius of Antioch  6 PM (Tentative) Adult Enrichment Group	<b>12</b> THREE HOLY BISHOPS  <i>6 AM Pirohi Prep</i> 9 AM Divine Liturgy <i>10 AM-ish Pirohi Making</i> <b>No Fasting This Week</b>	13	<b>14</b> Pre-Festive of Encounter. Brigid of Kildare.  <i>Noon – 4:30 PM Pirohi            Sale</i> 6 PM Great Vespers <b>No Fasting This Week</b>	<b>15</b> ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD  9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Candles
<b>16</b> Sunday of the Prodigal Son  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Parish Board Meets	17	18	<b>19</b> Virgin Martyr Dorothy  <i>6 AM Pirohi Prep</i> <i>9 AM-ish Pirohi Making</i> <b>Priests' Retreat at Camp            Nazareth</b>	<b>20</b> Bishop Parthenius  <b>Priests' Retreat at Camp            Nazareth</b>	<b>21</b> Great-martyr Theodore  <b>Priests' Retreat at Camp            Nazareth</b>	<b>22</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> ALL SOULS SATURDAY. Last Day of Feast of the Encounter.  9 AM Divine Liturgy and reading of Hramoty
<b>23</b> Meat-Fare Sunday  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School - All Classes	24	<b>25</b> Abp. Meletius of Antioch  6 PM (Tentative) Adult Enrichment Group	<b>26</b> Martyr Martinian. Apostles Aquila & Priscilla.  <i>6 AM Pirohi Prep</i> <i>9 AM-ish Pirohi Making</i>	27	<b>28</b> Apostle Onesimus  <i>Noon – 4:30 PM Pirohi            Sale</i>	