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SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

May 3, 2015

Christ Is Risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Anesti! Feltamadt Krisztus Al Massih Kam!

Indeed He Is Risen! Vo Istinu Voskrese! Alithos Anesti! Valoban Feltamadott! Hakkan Kam!

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., May 3 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC Monk Theodore

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – pp. 202–203. Music for “The Angel Exclaimed” on 195 & for the Greek “Christ is Risen” on 196.

Panachida: Fr. Matthew Baker and Fr. Thomas Hopko – 40-day memorial

Church School Meets

Altar Society meets

Wed., May 6 MID-PENTECOST. GREAT-MARTYR GEORGE.

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – special sheets.

Panachida: Stephen Roberts

Sat., May 9 Martyred Bishop Basil of Amases

10:30 AM Mysteries of Initiation – Nadia & Roman Ludwig

Sun., May 10 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. Martyred Bishop Simeon.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – pp. 205–206

Mothers’ Day

Panachida: For all deceased mothers of parish and parishioners

Confessions: Before Divine Liturgy

FASTING AND FEASTING

PASCHAL SEASON: The traditional rules of fasting state that we return to the ordinary Wednesday & Friday fast after Thomas Sunday.

The Feast of Mid-Pentecost & the Feast of St. George the Great-martyr are both celebrated this Wednesday, May 6. Divine Liturgy will be at 9 AM.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Fr. Matthew Baker. Fr. Thomas Hopko. Emma Sacco.

Living: Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Matt, Lori & Nathan Algar. Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Tim & Christina Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Ted Goosley. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Dawn & Warren Kieffer. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Theresa Niester. Margie Pecuch. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

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

Assisted Living Homes: Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts.
Eternal Light: Memory of Donald Naglak by Delores Naglak.

Congratulations & God's Blessings on Nadia and Roman Ludwig, who will receive the Holy Mysteries of Initiation this coming Saturday. May God bless Nadia & Roman, their parents Dan & Teri, and godparents Dawn Kieffer and Adam Jones. Many years!

PARISH STUFF

Altar Society: will hold its regular meeting today.

Church School meets today.

Grave Blessings on Memorial Day, May 25: 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)
- Nicholson

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 know the number so that I can try to call ahead.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH	
ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH	
APRIL 26, 2015	
\$ 368.00	General Collection
\$ 85.00	7 Day Light
\$ 13.00	Holy Days
\$ 368.00	Church Dues
\$ 11.00	Taper Candles
\$ 10.00	Decorated Candles
\$ 2.00	Patriarchal Pence
\$ 100.00	Memory of Emma Sacco
\$ 957.00	Total Collection

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing Food Collection Project:

This past Wednesday 3 boxes of food was delivered to the Bread Basket. They continue to thank us for our

ongoing donations, particularly during the summer months when school is out and the need continues.

The food donation container continues to be available in the Church Hall. Please help fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc. This is an ongoing good thing.

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets! We now have the raffle tickets for the annual Camp Family Day. \$20 each. Please see Nick Polanichka for yours before they run out!

Family Camp at Camp Nazareth June 5 – June 6. The Registration Form, Flyer and Schedule are all available on the Camp website: campnazareth.org. Planned are a variety of activities and events that will allow your family 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. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please send in your registration forms soon. They are due by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Wilkes-Barre Greek Food Festival! Wed., May 6 – Sat., May 9, 11 AM to 8 PM daily! Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 32 East Ross St. 570-823-4805. <http://greekfoodfestival.webs.com>. See flyer in hall for details!

St. John's Auxiliary, 310 Broadway St., Scranton is having a *Flash* potato/cheese Pirohi Sale on Monday, May 18, 2015. The price is \$8.00 per dozen. Please pre-order by calling 570-343-8820 by Friday May 8th. Pick up is at the Church Hall on Monday between the hours of 12 to 4pm. Thanks!!!

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church Center International Dinner Club, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will be visiting "France" on Thursday May 14th, 2015. Seatings at 5:30 and 6:30pm. Reservations at 570-343-5151. Deadline is May 11. \$20.00 per person .The menu: a classic Bistro Salad including Bitter Frisee, crispy bacon, poached egg and topped w/ a sherry Dijon vinaigrette, followed by Coq Au Vin (Frenched Airline Chicken, braised w/wine and mushroom sauce) with Tartiffette (French Bacon

Potato and Reblochon cheese casserole) and Green beans w/spring onions and carrots. The dessert is Cherry Clafoutis (Pitted black cherries in a thick flan-like batter, dusted w/powdered sugar and served w/mint whipped cream. Water, Soda, Coffee and Tea included. Cash Bar is available.

Young Women's Encounter: The YWE event runs concurrently with our Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat.

If there are any women in the parish who would desire to serve as volunteer chaperones during the event, you are encouraged to contact Pani Eleni Stagon as soon as possible at Eleniee@yahoo.com or 304-296-4319.

The following is from His Grace, Bishop Gregory:

Protocol N. 10/2015
Glory to Jesus Christ!
Dear Diocesan Parents and Children,
This summer, our Diocese is happy to host the 2nd Annual Young Women's Encounter! The YWE is designed specifically for our Diocesan young women. The Young Women's Encounter will provide an opportunity for the young women of our Diocese to spend time in each others' company, have fun, pray together, and learn about how God calls each woman to serve His church with her unique talents and abilities.

The Young Women's Encounter will take place from Sunday, June 28th to Wednesday, July 1st, 2015. The YWE will be held at the Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church in Windber, Pennsylvania. Young women in our Diocese ages 12-18 are encouraged to attend. Please do not miss this opportunity for the girls of our Church and Diocese to gather with one another and grow in their faith.

Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. Registration forms will be made available in the coming weeks & space is again limited to the first 30 young women.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer at our youth events! Working in His vineyard with much love,
+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Orthodox Christian Studies Center Benefit Cocktail Party Tuesday, June 17, 2014 | 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Thalassa Restaurant | 179 Franklin St. | Tribeca, N.Y.
The Orthodox Christian Studies Center has earned the

most prestigious grant available for humanities-based scholarship in the United States: a National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) Matching Challenge Grant. The NEH will award the center \$500,000 if—and only if—Fordham raises \$1.5 million. Join us to celebrate winning the NEH Grant and to help raise our portion of the matching challenge. All proceeds go to the National Endowment for the Humanities Matching Challenge Grant: Enhancing Orthodox Christian Studies. Tickets include cocktails, authentic Greek food, live music, and entertainment. For more information, contact Valerie K. Longwood at 212-636-7439 or longwood@fordham.edu. For additional information, please visit www.fordham.edu/orthodoxy.

Conference in Preparation for the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church - Co-sponsored by the Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA) and the Orthodox Christian Studies Center. Friday, June 26 – Saturday, June 27, 2015. Fordham School of Law | 150 W. 62nd St. (between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues)| New York, N.Y.

In 2016, the leaders of the autocephalous Orthodox Churches from around the world will gather at the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople/Istanbul for a much discussed and anticipated Council.

This conference is a series of papers, panel discussions, and a research poster competition addressing several themes from the Agenda for the Great and Holy Council:

- Autocephaly and Diaspora
- The Canonical Impediments to Marriage
- Ecumenical Relations
- The Contribution of the Orthodox Church to the Realization of Justice, Freedom, Brotherhood, and Love among Peoples
- Fasting regulations
- His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia will present the Florovsky Lecture, the keynote of the conference. A scholar at the University of Oxford who lectures throughout the world, Metropolitan Kallistos resonates equally with laypersons and clerics, on both timeless mysteries and urgent contemporary concerns.

In his presentation of the 2005 Orthodoxy in America Lecture at Fordham, Ecological Crisis; Ecological

Hope: The Orthodox Vision of Creation, His Eminence describes the Earth as a gift from God and cautions us not to allow selfishness to destroy its resources. His seminal books, The Orthodox Church and The Orthodox Way, are among the most frequently read volumes on Eastern Orthodoxy in the English language.

The Florovsky Lecture will be followed by a reception and exhibition of a juried competition of research posters.

The conference is hosting the Annual Meeting of OTSA and will include the regular business meeting for OTSA members at which officers will be elected.

Support for the conference provided by the Nicholas J. & Anna K. Bouras Foundation, Inc. and the Virginia H. Farah Foundation.

On-campus accommodation is available on campus on a first come, first served basis. To book, click "register online" below. To stay at the nearby Empire Hotel, call 212-265-7400 and ask for the "Fordham rate" (\$297 per night). REGISTER ONLINE. For more information, contact Jake Braithwaite at 212-636-7501 or braithwaite@fordham.edu.

St. Tikhon's Monastery 111th Memorial Day Pilgrimage May 22 – May 25. Come join us this Memorial day Pilgrimage and venerate the Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Hawaii. She arrives Saturday afternoon and will be with us through Monday night. A healing unction service for the sick will be held with the Icon on Monday at 2:30 pm at the All Saints Bell Tower Chapel. The event is open to the general public. Bring a friend!

ST. TIKHON PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 22, 2015

- 3:30 pm Official Opening of the 111th Pilgrimage Greeting of the Hawaiian Myrrh Streaming Icon with Moleben 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 23, 2015

- 9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
A meal for all pilgrims in the Monastery dining hall following services
- 1:00 pm 73rd 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 24, 2015

- 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 25, 2015

- 7:30 am Divine Liturgy – Monastery Church
- 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- 12:15 pm Veteran's Pannikhida 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

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him. The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, "paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts."