

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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August 16, 2015

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 16 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Myrrh-bearer Salome

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Tone 2, pp 84–86.

*Parish Board regular monthly meeting.*

WED., AUG. 19 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of First Fruits.

Sun., Aug. 23 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Post-festive of Transfiguration. Martyred Deacon Lawrence.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets

**Confessions:** Before Divine Liturgy

## FASTS . . .

*DORMITION FAST BEGAN AUG. 1/14* 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. 6/19). Diocesan rules require only the usual fast from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## . . . & FEASTS

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD. Wednesday, 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 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: Friday, 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.

## PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Julia Worobey. Connie Lou Slater.

*Living:* Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Tim, Christina, Cole & Oliver Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Dawn, Anna Mae Kuklis. John

Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Theresa Niester. Margie Pecuch. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel.

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

*Assisted Living Homes:* Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts. Kathryn Stocoski.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Breadbasket of NEPA:** The collection bins are in the hall and starting to fill up again! Please help support this ongoing charity by bringing in canned goods and dry goods to donate to those who need our help!

### PARISH STUFF

**Hall Rentals:** Just a reminder: the guidelines posted in last week's bulletin are available in the parish office in the hall.

**Parish Board** meets next Sunday, Aug. 16.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

August 9, 2015

\$376.00 General Collection  
 87.00 7 Day Light  
 50.00 Hall Donation  
 19.00 Taper Candles

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\$532.00 Total

### PARISH FUND RAISERS

**PIROHI SALES.** As mentioned last week at the Liturgy, pirohi sales are coming up fast. Sale dates are in the box below. This fall, there are no conflicts with Holy Days and Pirohi Work Days, so for all sales this fall we are planning to *Prep on Wednesdays* and *Pinch on Thursdays*.

We'd also like to remind folks what it takes to make pirohi. If you have not been involved in the past, but would like to be now, here's a list of what's done and who does it:

1. How many people are needed?
  - a. *Preparation Day:* Need about 6 to 7 people:
  - b. *Pinching day:* Need at least 12 people:

2. Prep days are planned to be as in the past:
  - a. Wednesday 7 AM starts the Prep work.
  - b. Thursday 8 AM we start pinching.
  - c. *However, we can be flexible.* If we were to get a sufficient number of volunteers who need other start times, etc., we will adjust to accommodate.
3. Maryann & Nick Polanichka are coordinating the Pirohi Project again this year. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer your time, please speak with them.
4. Please consider helping with this important parish endeavor. Thanks for your support.

PIROHI SALE DATES	
<i>Price remains \$7/dz.</i>	
Please mark your calendar!	
September 11	November 6
September 25	November 20
October 9	December 4
October 23	December 18

**Chicken Dinner** Saturday, September 19. 12 Noon to 4 PM or until sold out.

- \$10/dinner, includes ½ chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, dessert.
- *Eat In, or Take Out!*
- Pre-orders are welcome! Call 570-344-1522 and leave a message. We will get back to you!
- *Altar Society members* asked to donate desserts.
- *Help!* If you would like to donate your time in helping with the dinner, please speak with Carol Pugh or Bill Thomas.

### FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

**Slavic Festival** at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. on Fri. Aug. 14 (4-10pm); Sat. Aug. 15 (3-10pm); Sun. Aug. 16 (12-5pm). Their will be Live Entertainment Friday, (Joe Stanky), Saturday, Doubleshot and Sunday, (D.J. Sara). Featuring Homemade Ethnic Foods, Carnival Foods, Clams, Homemade Soups, Beer Tent, Games, Raffles, White Elephant Sale and More!!!

**St. John the Baptist, Nesquehoning Annual Parish Picnic** Sunday, August 23, 2015, at the Nesquehoning

Hose Company Pavilion. The day's schedule is as follows: His Grace Bishop Gregory will be visiting St. John the Baptist Parish to celebrate THE DIVINE LITURGY at 10:00 AM marking the *25th Wedding Anniversary of Father Robert and Pani Peggy Teklinski, as well as, Father Robert's 15th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.*

PICNIC BEGINS AT THE PAVILION AT 1:00 PM.

Once again, our picnic will feature a pig roast by LORAH'S PIG ROASTERS CATERER from Walnutport, PA. The menu will consist of roast pork, roasted chicken, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. Parishioners are kindly asked to make desserts.

Tickets are \$15 each for adults and children are free. Picnic tickets will be on sale in the Church Hall each Sunday starting on June 14th and ending on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Call for more information: Rectory (570) 669-6623 Church Hall (570) 669-6036.

Come to the Annual Parish Picnic and enjoy good food, fellowship, games, raffles, and prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Twenty-fourth Annual Ukrainian Folk Festival, Celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day.** Sunday, August 23, at 12:00 Noon. The Ukrainian American Sport Center Tryzub (County Line and Lower State Rds., Horsham, PA.) invites you to attend our festival. Enjoy an outdoor concert of Ukrainian Folk and Modern Dance, Music and Song, featuring: ISKRA Ukrainian Dance Ensemble from Whippany, NJ; Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble from Jenkintown, PA; violinist Innesa Tymychko Dekajlo from Lviv, Ukraine; The Vox Ethnika Orchestra from New York; and the Prometheus Ukrainian Male Chorus from Philadelphia, PA. A Ukrainian Social Dance (Zabava) to the tunes of The Vox Ethnika Dance Band will follow the stage show. Ukrainian ethnic foods, baked goods, standard picnic fare and cool refreshments will be plentiful. Visit vendors' grove and the kids' fun area. Information: 267-664-3857; website: [www.tryzub.org](http://www.tryzub.org).

**NEW!!! Ethnic Dinner** *St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 522 Main St., Dickson City, PA 18519.* THURSDAY, SEPT. 10. 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Featuring Holubki, Kielbasi, Halushki, Vegetable, Roll and Dessert. \$12/dinner.

- *Take out only!*
- Advance Orders Requested

- Group orders welcome! Call by Sept. 8!
- 570-489-3301 *or* 570-489-4283

**5th Annual 2015 Rummage Sale** *Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa.* St. Cyril's Parish Hall – NEW LOCATION – for 2015 207 River Street, Olyphant. SEPTEMBER 18th 19th 20<sup>th</sup>. Time: 8:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Rev. Nestor Iwasiw 570-489-2271. <http://stcyrils.weconnect.com>. Free parking across the Street from St. Cyril's Church on River Street.

**Ukrainian Folk Group to Perform in Scranton.** St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Scranton is proud to announce the appearance of the "Korinya Ukrainian Folk Band" which will be joined by several members of the "Kazka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble" on Sunday, September 20, 2015 beginning at 3:00pm at *St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue.* Adult tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00. Children fifteen years of age and younger are free. Tickets purchased at the door the day of the performance are \$20.00. For ticket purchase and additional information, please contact Dr. Olenka (Helen) Chandoha at 570 842-3539; Diann Wolfe at 570 341-9383; or Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. *Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged as a sell-out is expected.*

- "Korinya" which means "Roots" in Ukrainian is a young and energetic ensemble from the Hudson Valley of New York State. They have performed extensively in the United States and Canada having appeared at the Ukrainian Institute in New York City, the Yonkers Ukrainian Heritage Festival, the popular Soyuzivka and CYM Ukrainian Resorts, the Toronto Canada Ukrainian Festival and others. In addition, their performance at the 2012 Boyko Festival in Ukraine resulted in their being awarded first place.
- "Kazka" with headquarters in Sugarloaf PA is a well-known Ukrainian folk dance group having performed in Ukraine and throughout the North Anthracite region including the Anthracite Heritage Museum at McDade Park, Scranton; the annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at Minersville/Primrose, PA; the Ukrainian Homestead Annual Folk Festival at Lehighton, PA; Patchtown Days at the Eckley Miners Village,

Eckley, PA; and many other venues.

- *Korinya* website address : [www.korinya.yolasite.com](http://www.korinya.yolasite.com)
- *Kazka* website address: [www.kazkaensemble.org/](http://www.kazkaensemble.org/)

### **St. Mary's Villa, Coming Events:**

Tuesday, August 18th @ 6pm

- "Young Living Essential Oils 101"

- Free educational event to provide information about wellness both inside and out!

Wednesday, August 26th 2pm - 4pm

- "First Auxiliary Meeting - Mad Hatters Tea Party Theme"

- Food/Refreshments provided

- RSVP by 8/21 to Addie @ 570-795-2808

Thursday, August 27th 5pm - 7pm

- "Art Show / Silent Auction"

- 7 paintings of the Poor Sisters of Jesus crucified

- Food/Refreshments and Entertainment

- RSVP to Dave @ 570-795-2810

\*\*This event is located at the Pavilion behind our nursing home\*\*

Where: One Pioneer Place, Elmhurst Township, PA 18444. Contact tel: (570) 795-2810.fax: (570) 795-0010

## HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS

August 9/22. From [www.o.ca.org](http://www.o.ca.org)

*St. Matthias may be the most unknown of the Twelve Apostles. This is his life.*

The Holy Apostle Matthias was born at Bethlehem of the Tribe of Judah. From his early childhood he studied the Law of God under the guidance of St Simeon the God-Receiver (February 3).

When the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to the world, St Matthias believed in Him as the Messiah, followed constantly after Him and was numbered among the Seventy Apostles, whom the Lord "sent them two by two before His face" (Luke 10:1).

After the Ascension of the Savior, St Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles (Acts 1:15-26). After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Matthias preached the Gospel at Jerusalem and in Judea together with the other Apostles (Acts 6:2, 8:14). From Jerusalem he

went with the Apostles Peter and Andrew to Syrian Antioch, and was in the Cappadocian city of Tiamum and Sinope. Here the Apostle Matthias was locked into prison, from which he was miraculously freed by St Andrew the First-Called.

The Apostle Matthias journeyed after this to Amasea, a city on the shore of the sea. During a three year journey of the Apostle Andrew, St Matthias was with him at Edessa and Sebaste. According to Church Tradition, he was preaching at Pontine Ethiopia (presently Western Georgia) and Macedonia. He was frequently subjected to deadly peril, but the Lord preserved him to preach the Gospel.

Once, pagans forced the saint to drink a poison potion. He drank it, and not only did he himself remain unharmed, but he also healed other prisoners who had been blinded by the potion. When St Matthias left the prison, the pagans searched for him in vain, for he had become invisible to them. Another time, when the pagans had become enraged intending to kill the Apostle, the earth opened up and engulfed them.

The Apostle Matthias returned to Judea and did not cease to enlighten his countrymen with the light of Christ's teachings. He worked great miracles in the Name of the Lord Jesus and he converted a great many to faith in Christ.

The Jewish High Priest Ananias hated Christ and earlier had commanded the Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, to be flung down from the heights of the Temple, and now he ordered that the Apostle Matthias be arrested and brought for judgment before the Sanhedrin at Jerusalem.

The impious Ananias uttered a speech in which he blasphemously slandered the Lord. Using the prophecies of the Old Testament, the Apostle Matthias demonstrated that Jesus Christ is the True God, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, Consubstantial and Coeternal with God the Father. After these words the Apostle Matthias was sentenced to death by the Sanhedrin and stoned.

When St Matthias was already dead, the Jews, to hide their malefaction, cut off his head as an enemy of Caesar. (According to several historians, the Apostle Matthias was crucified, and indicate that he instead died at Colchis.) The Apostle Matthias received the martyr's crown of glory in the year 63.