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OCTOBER 25, 2015

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE.

FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 25 21st Sunday after Pentecost. 3rd Sunday of Luke. *Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.* Bishop Martin of Tours. Symeon the New Theologian.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets.
Special Collection at Divine Liturgy in support of the OCF, our nation-wide Orthodox College Ministry Program.

Panachida: Helene Flaherty - 40 day memorial.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sat., Oct. 31 Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Noon to 4 PM – Spaghetti Dinner

Sun., Nov. 1 22th Sunday after Pentecost. 4th Sunday of Luke. Prophet Joel

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Tone 5, pp 93–95
Church School

Confessions: Before Divine Liturgy

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Helene Flaherty. Edward Hawley. Julia Kovacs. Pat Addio. Margie Pecuch.

Living: Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden.. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert &

Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Theresa Niester. 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 Roberts. Kathryn Stocoski.

Eternal Light: Julie Kovacs - the Bonk family.

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

3D Time! Once again it is time to consider becoming a *Distinguished Diocesan Donor*. As you all know, the vast majority of 3D funds goes to support our Camp Nazareth. Please consider becoming a 3D'er for only \$100 per person. The Banquet will be on Sunday, Nov. 8, at St. George's. We will be listing parish donors in the bulletin.

Church School meets next Sunday.

REMINDER!!

TODAY!

ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- ☺ We need 25 members for a quorum.
- ☺ *Topics for the agenda are welcome.* Please contact Jane Togher or place them in the suggestion box located in the Church hall in order to have them added to the agenda.
- ☺ This meeting includes, as always, elections to the Parish Board. The list of the seats open for election this year:
 - ☺ Officers of the Board:
 - ☺ President - Jane Togher
 - ☺ Vice-President - Bill Wassel
 - ☺ Secretary - John Shimo
 - ☺ Treasurer - Nick Polanichka
 - ☺ Financial Secretary - Maryann Polanichka
 - ☺ Three Trustees:
 - ☺ Mary Brizinski
 - ☺ Walter Orzolek
 - ☺ Bill Thomas
- ☺ The following 1-year auditor terms will end:
 - ☺ Lorraine Kacaba
 - ☺ Christina Bracey

PARISH FUND RAISERS

PIROHI SALE!!! Next Sale is Friday, November 6/October 23. We'll be working Wed, Nov. 4 and Thu., Nov. 5. Both days we will start around 8 AM.

We want to thank all those who came out to work last week. For various good reasons, we wound up a few people short on both days, and both days turned out to be a little longer and harder than usual. Again, we are asking that anyone who can spend some time with us making pirohi please consider helping out. Even if you can only give a couple of hours, it will mean a lot.

Spaghetti Dinner: TAKE OUT OR DINE IN Saturday October 31st. 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM or Until Sold Out
Price \$10.00 a Person. Includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Dessert. To Order ahead call 570/344-1522

Bake Sale! At the Spaghetti Dinner, Oct. 31. Since it is Halloween, we are asking *everyone in the church*, not just the Altar Society, to bake something for the bake sale such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, cobbler, candy apples, etc. We would appreciate it if you could contact Carol Pugh to let her know what you are bringing at 570-489-2321 or toots638@comcast.net.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Oct. 18, 2015

\$714.00 General Collection
2.00 1st Sunday
82.00 7 Day Light
26.00 Holy Days
294.00 Heat Offering
18.00 Taper Candles
268.00 Maintenance & Repairs
7.00 Eternal Light
100.00 Memory of Julie Kovacs

\$1,511.00 Total

Distinguished Diocesan Donors: Stephanie Bonk, Ed Bonk, Jr. Carol Pugh.

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

College Student Sunday & Special Collection: *You've seen* the ad in the bulletin the last few weeks. So, just a reminder: *today*, there will be a **Special Collection** for the benefit of the OCF, our pan-Orthodox Campus Ministry Program. Please help out as much as you can.

ANNUAL FALL YOUTH ENCOUNTER: Due to planned renovations at Camp Nazareth, The National Jr. ACRY will be hosting its Weekend Encounter at St Nicholas Orthodox Church in New York City over Veteran's Day Weekend. The event will be held from November 6 -8, 2015, and is open to youth ages 8 - 18. You do not have to be a member of the Jr. ACRY to attend.

Due to kind hospitality of St. Nicholas Church, New York, the cost will be only \$65.00 for the weekend. Please register ASAP. There are three steps to registering this year: (1) RSVP by October 18th to juliatimko@hunterschools.org with your name, age, and any allergies you may have. (2) Download and complete the registration form on <http://acrod.org/news/7283/jrencounter2015> and (3)

send it with a check for \$65 payable to "St. Nicholas Choir" by October 25th to: Justine Timko, 89 79th street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. The deadline to register for the event is October 25th.

EKUMEN CHORALE CONCERT! *Sunday, November 1, 3:00 PM.* Ss Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham St., Plymouth, PA. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Ekumen Chorale includes both Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic members.

Fund-raising Pasta Dinner for Geno Comonie: GENO COMONIE, a life time resident of Olyphant has been battling Multiple Myeloma, a form of bone cancer. November 7th, 2015 Saturday, the Pasta Dinner at the Eureka Hose Co. Firehouse at 700 block of East Grant Street., Olyphant, PA 18447. Call Kim Atkinson at 570-383-9552. Plenty of Free Parking. Raffle gifts and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase. Donations also accepted by contacting Kim Atkinson.

Sit-down dinners starts at 4:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. Take out Dinners are available from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are pre-sold at \$10.00/ticket. Dinner includes: Pasta, salad, rolls, dessert and refreshments. Limited amount of tickets will be sold at the door.

INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB, St. Mary's Church, 320 Mifflin Ave, Scranton, Pa. The Center will host "A Taste of Italy" on Thursday, November 12, 2015 with seatings at 5:30 and 6:30pm. The price is only \$20.00 per person and reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151. Closing Date is November 9. The menu will start with a lovely Chicken and Spinach Tortellini and an Appetizer of Ricotta Gnocci in a brown butter and sage cream sauce. The Entrée will be Chicken Scapapiello (whole chicken in bite size pieces with peppers, onions, fried potatoes, broccoli, and sweet sausage in a lemon and light brown sauce. The dessert will be Tiramisu. A Non Alcoholic beverage service will be included but a Cash Bar is available.

Annual Harvest Dinner. Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Sunday, November 22, 2015 - 12:30pm . St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under. Advance reservations close Sunday,

November 15 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. For reservations contact Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164.

Marywood University,
Suraci Gallery,
Shields Center for Visual Art, 2nd Floor

**THE MOTHER OF GOD AND THE SAINTS:
A CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION**

As we honor Marywood University's 100th anniversary and IHM tradition, we welcome the community to experience magnificent icons and relics on loan from St. Tikhon's Monastery and the Metropolitan Museum of the Orthodox Church of America at St. Tikhon's Monastery in Waymart, PA. Organized by Fr. John Perich, curator for St. Tikhon's Museum and Icon Repository, and Fr. Richard G. Cannuli, OSA, Villanova University, the discerning exhibition celebrates the continuing dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodoxy.

Sun., Oct. 25 at 4 PM, a Lecture will be given titled, "Witnessing the Mother of God and her intercessory role in the lives of the Saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church." Given by Archpriest Fr. John Kowalczyk, Professor at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and Alumnus of Marywood University.

Reception will follow.

Free admission and open to the public.

OCF'S WINTER BREAK COLLEGE CONFERENCE!

As you will read below, this fantastic event will be offered free of charge to our Diocesan College Students (\$250 registration fee and a portion of their travel expenses up to a total of \$500)

All parish college students are urged to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity for fellowship with other Orthodox Christians their age.

This year, as in the past, full scholarships and partial reimbursement of travel expenses to College Conference East are being offered to our (ACROD) Diocesan Students on a first-come-first-serve basis to encourage more students to attend. Students are urged to register online ASAP on the OCF Website. For more details, please read last week's bulletin, or go on the diocesan website, acrod.org., or see Fr. Nik.

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

October 11/23 or the nearest Sunday

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius . The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

ST INNOCENT OF ALASKA

October 6/19

St Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America (in the world John Popov-Veniaminov), was born on August 26, 1797 in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age seven, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 they sent him to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector thought it proper to change the surnames of some of the students. John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of the deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk (+ July 8, 1814). On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic exploit in severe conditions and at great risks to life. Saint Innocent baptized ten thousand people, and built churches, beside which he founded schools and he himself taught the fundamentals of the Christian life. His knowledge of various crafts and arts aided him in his work.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the

celebration of the Liturgy, memorial services and the all-night Vigil, he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples, among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received worldwide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and divine services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by St Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of St Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, St Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow cathedra. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church (already in 1839 he had proposed a project for improving the organization of missionary service).

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent a Missionary Society was created, and the Protection monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin (afterwards Saint Nicholas of Japan, (February 3) was set up, to whom St innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience. The guidance by St Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful, by his efforts, the church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy.

St Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-St Sergius Lavra. On October 6, 1977, St Innocent was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church.