

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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NOVEMBER 8, 2015

HOLY GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIUS

23TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Nov. 8 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. *Great-martyr Demetrios*  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets.  
*Men's Club meets.*  
*Altar Society meets.*

Sun., Nov. 15 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. Martyrs Akyndinos et al.  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Tone 7, pp 99–101  
*Panachida:* Julia Kovacs – 40 Day Memorial.  
*Parish Board meets.*  
*Church School meets*

**Confessions:** Before Divine Liturgy

## PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Edward Hawley. Julia Kovacs. Pat Addio. Margie Pecuch. Julia Kovacs.

*Living:* Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Stephanie Bonk. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Mary Kneiss. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy

Majcher. Rose Markiewicz. Dolores Naglak. 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:* Nancy Dubas by the Bonk family.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Thanksgiving Community Program:** I put some misinformation about this community charity project in the bulletin last week.

Please read the letter at the end of this bulletin. There you will find information about both a Thanksgiving Dinner on Tue., Nov. 24 and a Food Basket Program on Wed., Nov. 25. We are being offered ample opportunities to do something good for the community at large. What will you do?

**Christmas Gift Tree for U.S. Veterans:** As in past years, our parish has volunteered to support the Gino Merli Veterans Center Veterans with Christmas gifts for the vets. The Veteran's Gift Tree is now up and

available in the hall. Parishioners can select a veteran star, with a name and wish list from the tree. The Center requested that the gifts be wrapped with the Veteran's Star attached to the wrapping.

Please return the gifts to the Church Hall by Sunday, December 13th. Remembering our veterans during the Christmas season is a way of thanking them for their service to our country.

Thank you for your support of our veterans.

**Breadbasket of NEPA:** The collection bins are in the hall and filling 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

**Church School** meets next Sunday.

**Men's Club** meets today.

### RENOVATIONS PLANNED!

The Rectory and the Parish Hall both are in need of some serious repairs and renovations. At the October meeting, the Parish Board voted to accept a bid from S&H Construction Co., to do the following work:

#### Church Hall

Replace *Front Double Doors* and *Basement Door* at the bottom of the stairs. Paint *all exterior doors*.

**Total cost: \$1644.**

*On hold* until funds are available: Painting of the *banquet hall* and *hallway*. Refinish the *wood floor*.

#### Rectory

Paint *all interior*. Refinish *wood floors on first floor, stairs and upstairs hall*. Install *paddle fan* in living room. **Total cost: \$4636.**

*On hold* unless funds are donated: replace *all vinyl shutters*, cost \$1128. We have an anonymous donor who will cover half the cost if the other half is also donated by parishioners.

If anyone wishes to donate toward any of these projects, please see Nick Polanichka or send your donation to the rectory.

### PARISH FUND RAISERS

**PIROHI SALE!!!** Next Sale is Friday, November 20 We'll be working Wed, Nov. 18 and Thu., Nov. 19. Both days we will start around 8 AM.

### FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

#### TRUCK FOR PLOWING NEEDED AT CAMP NAZARETH

Camp Nazareth is in need of a Truck, (used or new) for Plowing!

Winter is coming...again...and that means great Winter Sports, but it also means plowing the Camp ½ mile long driveway. The 1997 Ford F-150 finally gave out and is no longer suitable for driving. The Camp still has the plow and its mounting frame. Now it just needs a used or new truck.

Anyone interested in donating part or all of the cost of a Camp plow truck is asked to contact Fr. Stephen at the Camp at 724-662-4840 or at [campnazareth@acrod.org](mailto:campnazareth@acrod.org).

**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.

#### 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](http://acrod.org), or see Fr. Nik.

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*[The following is adapted from a letter published by the Mayor of Scranton]*

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### **39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

"The life of a man consists  
not in seeing visions  
and in dreaming dreams,  
but in active charity  
and in willing service."

Henry Longfellow

Mayor William Courtright salutes *three* community based programs to help needy families and lonely adults this Thanksgiving.

#### *Interfaith Prayer Service*

An Interfaith Prayer Service sponsored by the Scranton Area Ministerium, under the direction of Rev. Calvin Rich will be conducted on Monday, November 23<sup>th</sup> at 12:10 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa.

#### *Thanksgiving Dinner – Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.*

Thirty-nine years ago, Sister Adrian Barrett, IHM, began gathering the elderly, lonely and less fortunate to share in an elegant Thanksgiving dinner. Through the efforts of the community, the Thanksgiving Celebration served 24 people in 1976. Last year 1700 people sat down to a festive evening, which included the music of the Ferdle Bistocchi Memorial Orchestra under the direction of Doug Smith. That program was dedicated in memory of Alyn Scheatzle, who for 37 years contributed his many talents and resources to make the Thanksgiving dinner a continuing success. This year's dinner is hosted by Sister Ann Walsh, IHM, successor to Sister Adrian and will again be at the Scranton Cultural Center on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### *Family to Family Program – Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.*

This year the Annual Thanksgiving Community Program is dedicated to honor the charity and service of Dr. Jim and Mary Lou Burne, founders of the Family to Family program.

Twenty-nine years ago, Dr. Jim and Mary Lou Burne and their children, began the Family-to Family Program to which families donate \$25.00 to provide a food basket which those needy mothers and fathers with children can take home and enjoy in the warmth and comfort of their own homes on Thanksgiving Day.

In the past 29 years over **415,000** people have been served. This year Linda Robeson and her son Ryan will succeed the Burne family and host the Family to Family program. **3000** baskets will be given out Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Scranton Cultural Center beginning at 9 a.m.

*How Can **You** Be a Part of The Thanksgiving Community Program This Year?*

On behalf of the Community, the Mayor asks all people to reach into their hearts and donate or volunteer whatever they can.

## THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER

*Donations:* Donors are needed to help support the dinner. Please call Friends of the Poor office 348-4429 or send donations to: Thanksgiving Community Dinner, Friends of the Poor, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton PA 18509.

*Volunteer Help:* Sister Ann needs chefs, servers, table setters, and clean-up workers. Volunteers are needed Tuesday at the Scranton Cultural Center:

### **Schedule for the Dinner on Tuesday**

- 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Potato peeling party — bring your own peeler
- 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Table set up and decorations
- 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Carvers
- 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Servers and helpers
- 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Clean-up workers

Sister Ann reminds us that this event marks 39 years of community compassion for those less fortunate who would otherwise go without a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Sister further states that with the support, donations and volunteers this "Special Happening" will continue to be a success.

## FAMILY TO FAMILY PROGRAM

SCRANTON CULTURAL CENTER

The Robeson family has ordered over \$85,000 in food items, including 3000 turkeys and trimmings to make the baskets.

*Donations:* A donation of \$25.00 covers the cost of one basket. Please send your donation of \$25.00 or whatever you can to:

Peoples Security Bank, 526 Cedar Ave., Scranton, PA 18505

*Volunteer Help:* Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. to prepare the baskets.

### **Schedule for Baskets on Wednesday**

- 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Workers to unload trucks
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Basket packers and distributors