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MARCH 27, 2016

COMMEMORATION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 27 Remembering St. Gregory Palamas.
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets
Church School meets.
Deanery Mission at Lansford canceled.

Wed., Mar. 30 Monk Alexis. Bishop Patrick,
Enlightener of Ireland.
8:00 AM *Pirohi Prep*
5:30 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Thu., Mar. 31 Archbishop Cyril of Jerusalem
8:00 AM *Pirohi Making*

Fri., Apr. 1 Martyrs Chrysanthus & Daria.
10 AM – 3 PM *Pirohi Sale*
5:30 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Vespers for the Deceased and
reading of the Hramoty (list of
names).

Sat., Apr. 2 3RD ALL SOULS SATURDAY. Martyred
Monks of the Sabbas Monastery
Services for the deceased on Friday night.

Sun. Apr. 3 Veneration of the Holy Cross. Bishop
Serapion of Thmuis.
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets
3:00 PM Moleben to the Holy Cross at St.
Mary's, Dickson City. Fr. Larry
preaching.

Confessions are available before Lenten services. See Parish Calendar for times.

LENTEN SERVICES

This Wednesday at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate the Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

This Friday at 6:00 PM, we will celebrate Vespers for the Deceased.

This Saturday is the 3rd All-Souls Saturday. We will remember the deceased at the Friday night service.

The **Deanery Lenten Mission.** This week the Deanery Mission has been canceled. The next one will be next Sunday at St. Mary's in Dickson City. See box below for the schedule.

FASTING

Great Lent. Diocesan Rules require that all must fast/abstain from Meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent. These are the rules for the Traditional Fast for this week, repeated from the bulletin of 2/21:

- Monday through Friday inclusive, one meal a day is permitted, to be taken in the afternoon following Vespers, and at this one meal xerophagy [*Strict Fast*] is to be observed.
 - A reminder: *strictly speaking*, Strict Fast means total abstinence from the following:
 - meat

- Animal products (cheese, milk, butter, eggs, lard, etc.).
 - fish with backbones (shellfish are allowed)
 - oil (i.e. olive oil) and wine (i.e. all alcoholic drinks).
- On Sunday and Saturday, two main meals may be taken in the usual way [i.e., cooked], around mid-day and in the evening, with wine and olive oil; but meat, animal products and fish are not allowed.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Deacon Michael Kozar.

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. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Rose Markiewicz. Theresa Niester. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigie. Gary Wassel.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living Homes: Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Kathryn Stocoski. Dolores Naglak. Mary Kneiss.

PARISH FUND RAISERS

Pirohi Sales: *Thanks* to all who helped out this past week. Next sale is this Friday, April 1, with the usual workdays of Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31. See Parish Calendar. After we see how this sale goes, a decision will be made about the April 15 sale, but I understand that we already have orders for the April 15 sale.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Breadbasket of NEPA: Donation boxes are in the hall.

PARISH STUFF

THE NAZARENE This new publication from our Camp Nazareth is intended for our young people and their parents. Copies are available in the vestibule. Please don't forget to pick up yours!

Church School meets today.

Deanery Mission here April 10. Plans are being made to host the Deanery Mission in a couple of weeks. Some items have already been donated for the fellowship supper after the Vespers. If you would like to donate something, please check out the list in the hall to see what we already have, and sign up for something else. You can also talk to Carol Pugh about how you can help for the dinner.

DEANERY MISSION SCHEDULE

Revised and updated March 20, 2016

Sun, March 20 @ St. Michael, Freeland: 3:00 PM Paraklis. Fr. *Nik* will be preaching.

Sun., Mar. 27 @ St. Nicholas, Lansford: 3:00 PM – *Canceled.*

Sun., Apr. 3 @ St. Mary, Dickson City: 3:00 PM Moleben to the Cross. Fr. Larry will be preaching.

Sun., Apr. 10 @ St. Nicholas, Scranton: 3:00 PM Lenten Vespers. Fr. Bob will be preaching.

Sun., Apr. 17 @ St. John the Baptist, Nesquehoning: 3:00 PM Lenten Vespers Deacon Michael Azar from St. George parish will be preaching.

Sun., Apr. 24 @ St. George, Taylor: 3:00 PM Vespers. Fr. Dan Vaskalis from St. Michael parish will be preaching.

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Lenten Pizza and Soup Sale: St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having a "PIZZA & SOUP SALE" for Lent. We will offer Old Forge Style Baked (\$12) or Unbaked (\$10). Add \$1 extra for onions. Each week we will offer a soup of the week at \$8.00 per qt. Pre-order by Thursday at 570-905-7387 - Pick up will be from 4-7pm on Fridays during Lent. There will be a different Soup of the week each week. All proceeds will benefit the Church.

Camp Nazareth Family Camp 2016: Our Diocese is pleased to announce its fourth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship

with God and with one another.

This year's theme – *“Not letting Orthodoxy be your Family's Secret Identity”*. Our Family's Orthodoxy is both Public and Private...sometimes our family has to be like Superman and sometimes like Clark Kent!!

Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5, 2016.

We had a wonderful time together last year and we are looking forward to being together again this year. A variety of events and activities have been planned that will allow families to learn, have fun and pray together, and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp. With the newly renovated and expanded cabins, together with the new High and Low Ropes Course the Camp has even more to offer our families this year.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please send in your registration forms soon. They are due by Friday, May 20, 2016 and can be found at the Camp website -- campnazareth.org.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH

March 20, 2016

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| \$ 358.00 | General Collection |
| \$ 74.00 | 7 Day Light |
| \$2906.00 | Pirohi |
| \$ 651.00 | Church Dues |
| \$ 91.00 | Maintenance & Repairs |
| \$ 10.00 | Vigil Light |
| \$ 7.00 | Eternal Light |
| \$ 25.00 | Taper Candles |
| \$ 20.00 | Iocc |
| \$4142.00 | Total Collection |

Renovation Donations to date: \$1000

RUMMAGE SALE APRIL 2; ITEMS NEEDED

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish (at St. Joseph Church, 1625 North Main Avenue at Theodore Street) will hold a Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a large array of clothing, housewares, toys, baked goods, and lunch. Donated ITEMS of all types are most welcome, and may be dropped off any time prior to Friday, April 1; please call the Parish Office at 570-343-0634 to set up a time for drop-off.

ST. MARY'S INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton, Pa. presents "ITALY" on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Seatings are at 5:30 and 6:30pm. This enticing Menu starts with Polenta, then a succulent Chicken Marsala served in a delicate wine and mushroom sauce accompanied by Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce. Top it off with a Cannoli for dessert. Coffee, Tea and Water are included and a Cash Bar is available. Call by April 11th with your reservation at 570-343-5151. The cost is \$20.00 per person!

EASTERN REGION DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

AT

**THE CONFERENCE CENTER AT VALLEY
FORGE**

**1485 VALLEY FORGE ROAD
PHOENIXVILLE, PA**

COST TO ATTEND (INCLUDES LUNCH):

\$20.00 ADULTS / TEENS

\$7.00 (AGES 6 TO 12)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

APRIL 2, 2016

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NATIONAL A.C.R.Y**

Sign Up Sheet is in the hall. Please sign up and we will send in one form for everyone.

All are encouraged to attend.

The Diocesan 3rd Annual Young Women's Encounter will take place from Sunday June 26th to Wednesday June 29th, 2016. The YWE will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Windber, Pennsylvania. Young women in our Diocese ages 12 - 18 are strongly encouraged to attend.

Please do not miss this wonderful opportunity for the young women of our Church and Diocese to gather with one another and grow in their faith. We ask for your prayers and support as we plan this event. With God's help and your participation, we hope this

event will continue to bless our wonderful young women.

Registration details are forthcoming on our Diocesan website acrod.org. Please register as soon as possible

– Space is limited! For more information or if you have any questions please contact Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com.

O Christ our God, You give strength to all who fall, and rescue all who have been cast aside. - Lenten Amvon Prayer.

Very Reverend & Reverend Fathers; Sunday School Teachers; Parish Organizations.

RE: Lenten Project 2016

The National Junior ACRY calls upon all to help aid in the Mission of our Diocesan Apostolate of Saint John the Compassionate, in the inner city of Toronto, Ontario. The National Junior ACRY hears the call from the hymns of the Great Fast/Lent and invites everyone to help fulfill this plea of the voice of the Church.

Members of the Junior ACRY had the opportunity to visit the Mission this past summer and witness Christ's love, which labors through the Mission to minister to the needs of so many. Last year's donation from the National ACRY along with a matching grant from the John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation was hand delivered by National President Josef Samilenko to Fr. Roberto on behalf of all who donated to the Lenten Project. The Project raised over \$12,000.00 for the Mission last year.

The Very Reverend Father Roberto Ubertino who leads the Mission along with the staff and volunteers helps provide assistance to those in need in the inner city. The Mission has continued to provide meals, job training, spiritual counsel and education to all those in need in part because of the generous contributions made by individuals and organizations. This mission is growing with the expansion of a drop in center in the Scarborough area of Toronto, which is one of the poorest areas of the city. This expansion can be aided by your contribution made during this time of the Great Fast when our focus is truly on the needs of others.

The Mission needs support from those who can offer their financial support. This support is needed to insure that the programs of the Mission can continue to help transform the lives of those in need and to expand in areas that are in need. You can visit the Mission's website for detailed information on its many ministries: www.stjohnsmmission.org

The National Juniors invite individual chapters, parishes, church school classes and other parish organizations to aid in this endeavor of providing for the needs of others through this Diocesan Mission during this season of Lent.

You can help by holding an event or fund-raiser to provide funding for the Mission. You can also have a collection box in the parish hall for use during your social time. Special collection containers can be given out to families to have in their homes to use during Lent. Funds will be coordinated through Saints Peter & Paul ACRY in Windber, Pennsylvania. Checks can be made out to Saints Peter & Paul ACRY Chapter 13, and sent to 141 Hoffman Farm Road, Windber, PA 15963. Please call Fr. Miles at 814.467.7444 if you have any questions. Funds can be sent in throughout the Great Fast until May 22. By God's mercy a trip is being planned to the Mission for this summer, so that the funds raised by the project will be hand delivered to the Mission.

We pray you will join us in this ministry. May the good Lord assist you in all the work you do in His name so that your light may so shine forth before men.

Very Rev. Fr. Miles Paul Zdinak
Junior ACRY Spiritual Advisor

Josef Samilenko
Junior ACRY President