

# ST. NICHOLAS NEWS

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JUNE 5, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

JUNE 12, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNCIL OF NICEA

Christ Is Risen!

Christos Voskrese!

Christos Anesti!

Indeed He Is Risen!

Vo Istinu Voskrese!

Alithos Anesti!

### PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., June 5 SUNDAY OF THE MAN  
BORN BLIND. Myrrh-bearer  
Mary, wife of Clopas.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – special  
sheets

Panachida: Denise Sovitch - 40  
Day commemoration

*High School Graduation*

*Parish Board Meets.*

*Family Day at Camp Nazareth.*

Thurs., June 9 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD  
INTO HEAVEN

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at St.  
George's in Taylor. *There  
will be no service here.*

Sun., June 12 FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup>  
COUNCIL OF NICEA.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special  
Sheets. Fr. Myron Oryhon  
celebrating.

*Men's Club regular monthly  
meeting scheduled for today*

Sun., June 19 PENTECOST. Fathers' Day.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – special  
sheets

Mon., June 20 PENTECOST MONDAY:  
DESCENT OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – special  
sheets. Procession in honor  
of the Holy Spirit.

Sun., June 26 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special  
Sheets.

**Confessions:** available before scheduled  
services.

### FASTING AND FEASTING

**PASCHAL SEASON:** We continue the usual  
Wednesday and Friday fast.

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** – Because I  
will be away, there will be no services here  
on this day. All are encouraged to attend  
Divine Liturgy at St. George's in Taylor.

**PENTECOST** - The Great Feast of Pentecost  
is celebrated on Sunday, June 19.  
PENTECOST MONDAY is the Holy Day in  
honor of the Holy Spirit, when we take the

Pentecost Procession.

**No Fast:** - No Fasting is permitted during  
Pentecost Week, from June 19 through  
June 25, even on Wednesday and Friday,  
in honor of the goodness of the Holy  
Spirit.

The usual Wednesday – Friday fast  
resumes after Sunday, June 26.

### PEOPLE STUFF

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Deceased:* Denise Sovitch.

*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.  
Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John  
Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn  
Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia  
Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann  
Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel.

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

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

*Eternal Light:* Denise Sovitch by  
Laurence Czibik

## PARISH STUFF

**Parish Board Meeting** – is scheduled for today, June 5.

**High School Graduation:** Congratulations to our High School Graduate Stephen Barnett. We celebrate not only Stephen's moving on to the next phase of his life. We also celebrate and thank Stephen for his excellent service to the parish as Altar Server for many years. Not only has he served exceptionally well, he has also done an excellent job helping to train younger servers as they have come forward. Thank you, Stephen, and God bless you!

**Transferred:** As I announced last Sunday, I am being transferred to another parish as of June 30. This week I received my official letter of transfer, stating that I will be taking over St. Michael's parish in Rankin, PA (just outside of the city of Pittsburgh). The Parish Board also received an official letter, stating that Fr. Daniel Vaskalis will be coming in as the new pastor here.

**Time away:** I will be out of town this coming week on family business (this was scheduled before the news of my transfer). Fr. Myron Oryhon, who has already substituted here, will be here next Sunday, June 12, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Please be gracious as you always are to Fr. Myron.

I am coming back sometime after June 12.

If there are any emergencies, please call Fr. Mark Leasure at 570-562-1170. You can also call my cell phone.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Breadbasket of NEPA.** Let's start filling them up again!

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH

May 29, 2016

\$360.00	General Collection
\$ 77.00	7 Day Light
\$ 14.00	Pirohi
\$ 10.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 12.00	Tapered Candles
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 9.00	Renovations
<b>\$489.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

*Renovation Donations to date: \$1029*

### FROM THE DIOCESE, ETC.

**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 Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Windber, Pennsylvania. Young women in our Diocese ages 12 - 18 are strongly encouraged to attend.

Registration details are forthcoming on our Diocesan website [acrod.org](http://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](mailto:acrodywe@gmail.com).

**St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church**, 205 N. Main St., Pittston is having a "**TRUNK SALE**" on June 4th, 2016 in the Church Parking Lot. Clear your garage and sell your stuff without strangers at your house. Pack up your "junk" and throw it in the trunk and make dollars! We will open from 8am to 3pm; set-up at 7am. Pre-paid spots are only \$10.00 each. Limited Space available. 1st Come - 1st Served. No Refunds. Call today to reserve your spot! 570-905-7387. E-Mail - [lindahando@hotmail.com](mailto:lindahando@hotmail.com). Rain Date is June 11th. Food will be available.

**St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church**, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton International Dinner Club is featuring "EASTERN EUROPEAN CUISINE" on June 9. The menu will start with Fresh Cabbage Soup with the Entrée of Chicken Paprikash over Kluski Noodles with a side dish of Zucchini served with cream Smetana Sauce. The dessert will be Cheese filled Crepes topped w/assorted berries. Coffee, Tea, Water and Soda are included with the meal and a Cash Bar is available. The cost is \$20.00 per person and you can make reservations by calling 570-343-5151 before June 6, 2016.

## SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

After the Midfeast (John 7:14), the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Temple

again and taught the people who came to Him (John 8:2). After leaving the Temple, He opened the eyes of a man "who was blind from his birth (John 9:1).

The miracle described in today's Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. St Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, "Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes..."

The Gospel says, "Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind" (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man's empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

In his MENAION, St Demetrius of Rostov calls the blind man St Celidonius (see his account of St Lazarus in the Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles on January 4).

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