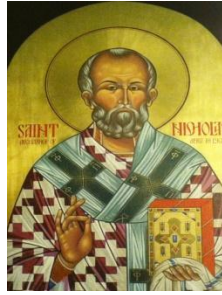


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2017

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, February 19 – Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat-Fare Sunday)**

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Blue Pew Book – Tropar → Resurrection Tone 2 (p. 84) and Special Hymns → p. 177

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1-2      **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

*Panachida for Walter Orzolek given by Laurence Czibik.*

#### **Sunday, February 26 – Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare Sunday)**

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Blue Pew Book – Tropar → Resurrection Tone 3 (p. 87) and Special Hymns → p. 178

**Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4      **Gospel:** Matthew 6: 14-21

*Panachida for Kathryn Stocoski given by the Parish Board.*

#### **Sunday, February 26 – 3:00 PM Forgiveness Sunday Vespers**

**Confessions:** *Prior to scheduled services. If you cannot make it, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you.*

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Mary Kay Wroblewsky. Aubrey Wydock. Eugene Vaskalis.

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

Assisted Living: Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light: In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

**Parish Life**

**FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!**

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

*“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...’”*

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:**

*February 12, 2017*

\$773.00	General Collection
\$75.00	7 Day Light
\$1,038.00	Pirohi
\$46.00	Holy Days
\$188.00	Church Dues
\$7.00	Taper Candles
\$10.00	Christmas Offering
<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>Easter Offering</u>
<b>\$2,147.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

<b>Spring 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Wednesday PREP</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Thursday PINCHING</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Friday SALES</b> 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
<i><b>February 22</b></i>	<i><b>February 23</b></i>	<i><b>February 24</b></i>
March 8	March 9	March 10
March 22	March 23	March 24
April 5	April 6	April 7

**Parish News**

- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday School** will be held **next Sunday February 26** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men’s Club** will meet **next Sunday February 26** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

**News Around the Diocese**

**Support ZOE for Life!** While the time to contribute to the 2016 Advent Mission Project has ended, “ZOE for Life!” is still *always* in need of baby items. Many mothers in crisis cannot afford a car seat and babies cannot be released from the hospital without a safe car seat. Pack ‘n Plays can serve as a safe sleeping alternative to a crib. ZOE House is also in constant need of infant layette items: clothing, linens, baby wash, and baby lotion. A “baby registry” has been created on Amazon.com (view the link on [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)). All items will be shipped directly to “Zoe For Life!”

To encourage the purchase of items on the registry, churches may wish to host a “virtual” baby shower. Please consider gathering together in the spirit of Orthodox Fellowship and shop the National ACRY baby registry. All items will be shipped to ZOE directly. The baby registry will remain available until 2018!

ZOE also has a campaign “Bottles for Babies” underway. Churches may wish to place a baby bottle in a common area to collect loose change. *Ours is in the back of the church! If you ever cannot find it and/or wish to make a contribution, please see Father Daniel!*

Please take time to visit [Zoeforlifeonline.org](http://Zoeforlifeonline.org) for more information on ZOE for Life and ZOE House. **While the time to participate in the 2016 Advent Mission Project has ended, the Baby registry is available until 2018 and we still have the blue baby bottle for loose change!**

**Diocesan Lenten Retreat Schedule**

(If you wish to attend, please fill out the corresponding signup form(s) found at [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org))

**Central Region** – Saturday March 25, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST) --- St. Nicholas Church in Homestead, PA

**Eastern Region** – Saturday April 1, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (EST) --- St. Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA

**Western Region** – Saturday April 1, 2017 beginning at 2:00 PM (CST) --- St. Michael’s Church in Niles, Illinois

**Pocono Deanery Lenten Mission Schedule**

Sunday March 5 --- Lansford, PA --- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers --- Father Alexi preaching

Sunday March 12 --- Freeland, PA --- Paraklis to the Mother of God --- Father Robert Preaching

Sunday March 19 --- Dickson City, PA --- Moleben to the Holy Cross --- Deacon Michael Azar preaching

Sunday March 26 --- Nesquehoning, PA --- Vespers for Sunday of Saint John of the Ladder --- Father Daniel preaching

Sunday April 2 --- Scranton, PA --- Vespers for Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt --- Father Lawrence preaching

# SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

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## **Kondak – Tone 1**

When You will come to earth in glory, O God, \* and all things will tremble before You, \* the river of fire will flow before Your judgment-seat \* and the books will be opened and all hidden things revealed, \* deliver me from the unquenchable fire \* and make me worthy to stand at Your right Hand, O righteous Judge.



## **The Icon of the Last Judgment**

“The icon of the Sunday of the Last Judgment incorporates all of the elements of the parable from Matthew 25:31-46. Christ sits on the throne and before him the Last Judgment takes place. He is extending his hands in blessing upon the Theotokos on his right, and John the Baptist on his left. Seated on smaller thrones are the Apostles, represented by Peter and Paul, a depiction of the words of Christ in Matthew 19:28.”

“Proceeding from the throne are the scrolls pronouncing the judgment upon the sheep and the goats. The faithful are received with the words that are written on the scroll to the right of Christ the Judge, “Come, you blessed of My Father, and inherit the kingdom” (v. 34). The scroll on the left condemns the unfaithful with the words, “Depart from me you cursed, into the everlasting fire” (Mt. 25:41).

“Before the throne, the progenitors of the human race, Adam and Eve, bow before Christ. In the center of the icon is the Archangel Michael. He is holding the scales of judgment and is surrounded by the books that contain the works of each person (Revelation 20:11-13). Also shown are the angels with trumpets announcing the return of Christ and signaling the resurrection of the dead and the commencement of the Last Judgment (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).”

“To the left of the Archangel are both the living and the dead who are approaching the throne and Christ the judge. Whereas Adam and Eve represent of all of humanity, this part of the icon shows that both the living and the dead will stand before Christ. At the bottom right of the icon is the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and the demons, and also for those who are not found worthy to inherit the Kingdom of God.”

“The icon offers a clear image of the theme of judgment with Christ on His throne, the Archangel with the scales and books, and the anticipation of the sentence of everlasting punishment for the unrighteous and the reward of eternal life for the righteous.”

## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>February 26</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy</p> <p>3:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers</p>	<p><b>February 27</b></p> <p><b>Lent Begins</b> – Strict Fast</p> <p>6:30 PM Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete</p>	<p><b>February 28</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete</p>	<p><b>March 1</b></p>	<p><b>March 2</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete</p>	<p><b>March 3</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>March 4</b></p>
<p><b>March 5</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil</p> <p>3:00 PM Lenten Mission (Lansford)</p>	<p><b>March 6</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Paraklis Service</p>	<p><b>March 7</b></p>	<p><b>March 8</b></p>	<p><b>March 9</b></p>	<p><b>March 10</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>March 11</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Second All Souls Saturday)</p>
<p><b>March 12</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil</p> <p>3:00 PM Lenten Mission (Freeland)</p>	<p><b>March 13</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Moleben to the Holy Cross</p>	<p><b>March 14</b></p>	<p><b>March 15</b></p>	<p><b>March 16</b></p>	<p><b>March 17</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>March 18</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Third All Souls Saturday)</p>
<p><b>March 19</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil</p> <p>3:00 PM Lenten Mission (Dickson City)</p>	<p><b>March 20</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Paraklis Service</p>	<p><b>March 21</b></p>	<p><b>March 22</b></p>	<p><b>March 23</b></p>	<p><b>March 24</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p><b>March 25</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Fourth All Souls Saturday)</p> <p><i>Western Region Lenten Retreat</i></p>
<p><b>March 26</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil</p> <p>3:00 PM Lenten Mission (Nesquehoning)</p>	<p><b>March 27</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Moleben to the Holy Cross</p>	<p><b>March 28</b></p>	<p><b>March 29</b></p>	<p><b>March 30</b></p>	<p><b>March 31</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy</p>	

## April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>April 1</b>  <i>Central and Eastern Lenten Retreats</i>
<b>April 2</b>  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil  3:00 PM Lenten Mission (Scranton)	<b>April 3</b>  6:30 PM Paraklis Service	<b>April 4</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 6</b>  6:30 PM Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation	<b>April 7</b>  9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Annunciation)  6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy	<b>April 8</b>  9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Lazarus Saturday)
<b>April 9</b>  PALM SUNDAY  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy	<b>April 10</b>  HOLY MONDAY  9:00 AM Bridegroom Matins  6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy	<b>April 11</b>  HOLY TUESDAY  9:00 AM Bridegroom Matins  6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy	<b>April 12</b>  HOLY WEDNESDAY  9:00 AM Bridegroom Matins  6:30 PM Unction Service	<b>April 13</b>  HOLY THURSDAY  9:00 AM Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil  6:30 PM The Passion Service (12 Gospels)	<b>April 14</b>  GOOD FRIDAY (Strict Fast)  6:30 PM The Burial Service	<b>April 15</b>  HOLY SATURDAY  9:00 AM Vespers Liturgy of Saint Basil  8:00 PM Resurrection Matins
<b>April 16</b>  <b><u>PASCHA!</u></b>  9:30 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy  4:00 PM Agape Vespers	<b>April 17</b>  BRIGHT MONDAY  9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Resurrection Matins	<b>April 18</b>  BRIGHT TUESDAY  9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Resurrection Matins	<b>April 19</b>  BRIGHT WEDNESDAY	<b>April 20</b>  BRIGHT THURSDAY	<b>April 21</b>  BRIGHT FRIDAY	<b>April 22</b>  BRIGHT SATURDAY
<b>April 23</b>  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (St. Thomas Sunday)	<b>April 24</b>	<b>April 25</b>  Clergy Convocation at Camp Nazareth	<b>April 26</b>  Clergy Convocation	<b>April 27</b>  Clergy Convocation	<b>April 28</b>	<b>April 29</b>
<b>April 30</b>  9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Myrrh-Bearing Women)						