

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2018 – SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday March 25 – *Saint Mary of Egypt* (The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – p. 185 (first – Tropar Tone 1, p. 81)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel:

Mark 10:32-45

Panachida for Ann Kost Bural given by John Kost

3:00 PM – *Our Lenten Mission!*

Wednesday, March 28 3:30 PM – Moleben to the Holy Cross

Friday, March 30 3:30 PM – Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts (*please fast at least 3 hours before receiving Communion*)

Saturday, March 31 – *Lazarus Saturday*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 186-187

Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:1-8

Gospel:

John 11:1-45

Sunday April 1 – *Palm Sunday* (with the blessing and distribution of willows and palms)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 188-191

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel:

John 12:1-18

PALM SUNDAY (April 1st, 2018) – collection to benefit Saint John the Compassionate Mission as part of the 2018 Youth Lenten Project

Confessions: (30 minutes) Prior to as well as following scheduled services. When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank 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. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. John Hrywnak. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. Elizabeth Dutko. AnnMarie Tigie. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Michael Coviello.

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...'"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Cole Bracey, who celebrates his birthday today, March 25, 2018! May God grant him many happy and blessed years!

Na M'nohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

March 18, 2018

\$994.00	General Collection
\$8.00	First Sunday
\$99.00	7 Day Light
\$1,453.00	Pirohi
\$285.00	Church Dues
\$352.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$8.00	Taper candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$50.00	Easter Offering
\$25.00	Palm Sunday
\$25.00	Flowers
\$25.00	<u>IOCC</u>
\$3,331.00	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

SPRING 2018 PIROHI SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
March 28	March 29	March 30

- **Church School** will be held **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club meeting** has been rescheduled to the end of April.
- **LENT! We are now FIVE weeks into the Great Fast!** This is a time of increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and repentance. The Church calls us to come to the **MYSTERY OF CONFESSION AT LEAST ONCE**, and to fast from meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Furthermore, in general, in order to remain members of the Orthodox Church and therefore of this parish **in good standing, we must come to Confession and receive Communion at least once, during the Lenten Season.** But remember, we must never allow the minimum to become the maximum!
- **Easter Kolachi Sale!** The Men's Club is now taking orders for their famous Kolachi! Rolls are only \$8.00 each. Available flavors: Walnut, Poppy seed, Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry (Seedless) Coconut. Pick-up date: this Friday, March 30, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM. To order there is a sign-up sheet in the church hall or call [570-344-1522](tel:570-344-1522) and leave a message with your order. PLEASE ORDER ASAP!!!

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE / DEANERY

- **Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat** at Camp Nazareth! Our Diocese is pleased to offer its first annual Senior Citizens' Retreat this year from April 23-25 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA, for all Seniors age 65 and older. Join His Grace Bishop Gregory for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. For more information, visit www.acrod.org or see Father Daniel.
- **Young Adult Spring Retreat** – Friday May 4, 2018 to Sunday May 6, 2018 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. Topic: GOD'S PLAN... YOUR PLAN... WILL IT EVER MAKE SENSE? Keynote speakers: His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, and Stephen Christoforou. Register online at: pittsburgh.goarch.org/ya. For questions or more info please visit youngadultsretreats@gmail.com or phone (724) 662-4840 or (412) 621-8543.
- JOHNSTOWN, PA -- [Diocesan Chancery] - Plans are now in place for the **FIFTH Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter** which will take place from Sunday, July 1st to Wednesday, July 4th, 2018 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend. This engaging experience will highlight how young women can live our Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. This year we will particularly be focusing on prayer, with the Mother of God as a model for all Orthodox Christians, and the verse Romans 12:12, "... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation and continuing steadfastly in prayer..."

Registration will be primarily online like last year and will be open soon. A link will be placed on the home page at www.acrod.org when registration opens. Space will be limited to the first thirty respondents, so participants are urged to register in a timely manner. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 8, 2018. All parishes of the Diocese are urged to underwrite the \$100.00 participation fee for their young women in recognition of all the ways that these young women serve their parishes. Kindly have registration fees paid by the registration deadline. Checks can be sent to:

Young Women's Encounter
66 Beach Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling (973) 627-1462.

POCONO DEANERY LENTEN MISSION SCHEDULE

TODAY

--- 3:00 PM --- Scranton, PA --- Vespers for Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt --- Deacon Michael preaching

NEWS AROUND THE SCRANTON COMMUNITY

SEATS ARE FILLING UP FAST!

Please remember that Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (Scranton) is sponsoring a **springtime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 19, 2018.** There will be two stops in Manhattan: the 911 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero and the 42nd annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side. Adults \$70.00; Seniors 65+ \$64.00; Youth 7 to 17 years \$62.00. Participants can follow the above two-step itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. For those not visiting the Museum the cost is \$44.00. Departure from Saint Vladimir Church **428 North Seventh Avenue** will be at 8:00am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30pm. **For additional details and to make reservations contact Dave Pietryka at (570) 954-8517 or Paul Ewasko at (570) 563-2275.** Due to the large number of visitors, Museum staff strongly recommends early confirmation of the number of tickets to be ordered. Therefore we ask that reservations and nonrefundable payment be made preferably before April 1. Checks should be made out to Saint Vladimir Church.

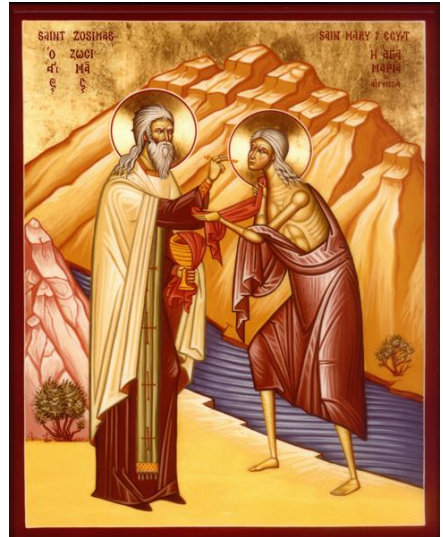
SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

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Tropar of Saint Mary of Egypt – Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O mother,
* for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. * By so
doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes
away, * but to care instead for the soul, since it is
immortal. * Therefore your spirit, O holy mother Mary, *
rejoices with the angels.



“ When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition. Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world.

And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; in solitude, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me." Her death is reckoned by some to have taken place in 378, by some, in 437, and by others, in 522. She is commemorated also on the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. Her life was recorded by Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem.

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