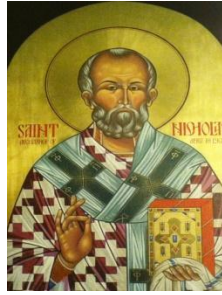


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SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2017

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Blue Pew Book – Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4 – p. 90); hymns pp. 179-180
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-30, 12:1-2 **Gospel:** John 1:43-51
Panachida for Mary Pivovarnik given by Betty Davies.
LENTE MISSION IN LANSFORD – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY VESPERS – 3:00 PM

Monday, March 6 – 6:30 PM Paraklis to the Mother of God

Friday, March 10 – 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in order to receive Communion, one must fast at least 3 hours prior to the Presanctified Liturgy)

Saturday, March 11 – Second All Souls Saturday – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent – Saint Gregory Palamas

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Blue Pew Book – Resurrection Tropar (Tone 5 – p. 93); hymns p. 181
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3 **Gospel:** Mark 2:1-12
LENTE MISSION IN FREELAND – PARAKLIS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD – 3:00 PM

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 do not wait until the last minute!*

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 Mary Pivovarnik given by Betty Davies.

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 26, 2017

\$388.00	General Collection
\$67.00	7 Day Light
\$1,464.00	Pirohi
\$4.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$35.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$10.00	Taper Candles
<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>Hall Donation</u>
\$2,128.00	Total Collection

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

Parish News

- **LENT** - We are one week into the Season of Lent! It is a time of increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and true 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. However, we must never allow the minimum to become the maximum!
- **The Altar Society** will meet **today** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday School** will be held **next Sunday March 12** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **The Men’s Club** will meet **next Sunday March 12** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **The Parish Board** will meet **Sunday March 19** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

News Around the Diocese

Diocesan Lenten Retreat Schedule
 (If you wish to attend, please fill out the corresponding signup form(s) found at 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 Nilus, 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

Please note that there are **signup sheets** for our **Lenten Mission** (April 2 – the Fifth Sunday of Lent) **in the Church Hall!** Signup as soon as you can! For more info please see Carol Pugh. Thank you!

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

TEXT and IMAGE from www.goarch.org



The Sunday of Orthodoxy

“ The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine Empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: ‘We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour, but not of real worship, which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerates in it the reality for which it stands.’

A Regional Synod was called in Constantinople in 843. Under Empress Theodora, the veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Empress, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodios, and monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons to their rightful place. The day was called the ‘Triumph of Orthodoxy.’ Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the ‘Sunday of Orthodoxy.’

Orthodox teaching about icons, as defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787, is embodied in the texts sung on this Sunday. ”