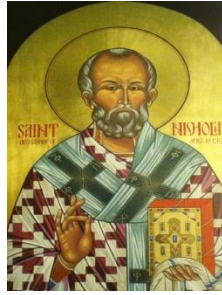


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SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Lent (Saint Mary of Egypt)

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 2 – Fifth Sunday of Lent – Saint Mary of Egypt

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Blue Pew Book – Resurrection Tropar (Tone 8 – p. 102); hymns p. 185
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45
Panachida for John Hafich Sr. given by the Pucher Family
OUR LENTEN MISSION IS TODAY! – VESPERS (ST. MARY OF EGYPT) – 3:00 PM

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

Friday, April 7 – 6:30 PM Vespertal Liturgy on the Feast of the Annunciation (*in order to receive Communion, one must fast at least 3 hours prior*)

Saturday April 8 – Lazarus Saturday

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 186-187
Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29, 13:1-8 **Gospel:** John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday (*with the blessing and distribution of palms and pussy willow branches*)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 188-191
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 **Gospel:** John 12:1-18



Confessions: (30 minutes) *Prior to as well as following 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! NOTE: if you want Confession, please be prepared and sitting in the front pew. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living: Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. Ronald Hazuda. 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. Nicholas Wyborski. 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. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotleski. 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. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Mary Kay Wroblewsky. Sara Wydock. 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 John Hafich Sr. given by the Pucher Family.

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:

March 26, 2017

\$873.30	General Collection
\$85.00	7 Day Light
\$1,640.00	Pirohi
\$176.00	Church Dues
\$110.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$14.00	Taper Candles
\$50.00	Flowers
<u>\$334.00</u>	<u>IOCC</u>
\$3,289.30	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>April 5</i>	<i>April 6</i>	<i>April 7</i>

Parish News

- **LENT** - We are now five weeks into the Great Fast! Palm Sunday is already next Sunday and Holy Week is around the corner. Remember Lent is a time of increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and true repentance. We are required 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 **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday April 9** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Sunday School** will be held **next Sunday April 9** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Church Board** will meet **Sunday April 30** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

The **Altar Society** will host an **Easter Bake Sale** this coming *Friday, April 7th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM!* We are asking for **any type of baked goods** for the sale. Please contact Carol Pugh if you are able to

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 coming Friday, April 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM. To order, there is a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall.

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE (for more info, or to register, please go to www.acrod.org or www.campnazareth.org)

Young Women's Encounter! –Plans have been announced for the Fourth Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter which will take place **from Sunday, June 25th to Wednesday, June 28, 2017** at Sts Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA which is open to young women in our Diocese ages 12-18.

This engaging experience will include spiritual discussions and special events. Participants will explore the role of women in the church and develop and strengthen friendships with other Orthodox young women. The YWE will highlight ways young women can live our Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts.

Registration information is forthcoming. Please watch www.acrod.org for the latest information.

Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling 304-296-4319.

2017 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat! – June 25-28, 2017 in Johnstown, PA. SAVE THE DATE!

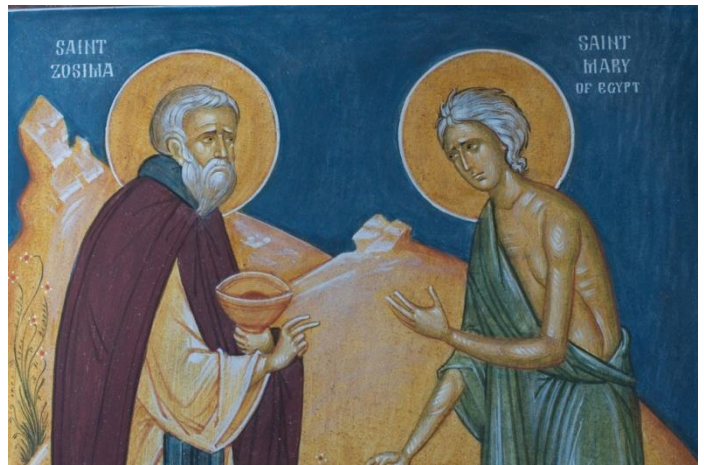
2017 Metropolitan Orestes Bowling Tournament! - Sts Peter and Paul Church of Rockaway, NJ (Chapter 43) is pleased to be the host for the 2017 69th Metropolitan Orestes Memorial Bowling Tournament. Come join them for an enjoyable weekend of bowling, Christian Fellowship and worship in Rockaway, NJ. All are welcome and need not be ACRY members to participate! Sign up today!

Camp Nazareth Alumni Reunion! - May 20 2017

SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

IMAGE from <http://www.schgoc.hi.goarch.org/>

TEXT from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid



“Saint Mary of Egypt”

“The biography of this wonderful saint was written by Saint Sophronius, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Once, during Great Lent, a certain priest-monk, the Elder Zosimas, withdrew into the wilderness beyond the Jordan, a twenty-day trek. Suddenly, he caught sight of a human being with a withered and naked body, whose hair was as white as snow, and who fled from Zosimas’s sight. The elder ran for a long while, until this person stopped at a brook and cried out: ‘Abba Zosimas, forgive me for the sake of the Lord. I cannot face you, for I am a naked woman.’ Zosimas then threw his outer garment to her, which she wrapped around herself, and then she showed herself to him. The elder was frightened upon hearing his name spoken from the mouth of this woman whom he did not know. Following his prolonged insistence, the woman related her life’s story.”

“She was born in Egypt, and at the age of twelve began to live a life of debauchery in Alexandria, where she spent seventeen years in this perverted way of life. Driven by the adulterous flame of the flesh, she one day boarded a boat which was sailing for Jerusalem. Arriving at the Holy City, she wanted to enter the church in order to venerate the Honorable Cross, but some invisible force restrained her, preventing her from entering the church. In great fear, she gazed upon the icon of the All-holy Mother of God in the narthex and prayed that she be allowed to enter the church to venerate the Honorable Cross, all the while confessing her sinfulness and uncleanness, and promising that she would go wherever the All-pure One would direct her. She was then permitted to enter the church. Having venerated the Cross, she went back to the narthex and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: ‘If you cross over Jordan you will find true peace!’ Immediately she purchased three loaves of bread and started out for the Jordan, arriving there that same evening. The next day she received Holy Communion in the Monastery of Saint John and crossed over the Jordan River. She remained in the wilderness for forty-eight years in great torment and fear, struggling with passionate thoughts as though with wild beasts. She ate vegetation.”

“After she finished her narrative, when she stood for prayer, Zosimas saw her levitate in the air. She begged him to bring her Holy Communion the following year on the shore of the Jordan, where she would then come to receive it. The following year Zosimas arrived with Holy Communion on the shore of the Jordan in the evening. He wondered how the saint would cross the Jordan. Then, in the light of the moon, he saw her approach the river, make the sign of the Cross over it and walk upon the water as though upon dry land. After Zosimas communed her, she begged him to come the following year to the same brook where they had first met. Zosimas came and discovered her lifeless body on that spot. Above her head in the sand was written: ‘Abba Zosimas, bury the body of the humble Mary on this site; render dust to dust. I died on April 1, the same night of the saving suffering of Christ, after having received Communion of the Divine Mysteries.’”

“From this inscription Zosimas first learned her name and the awesome miracle – that the previous year, when she received Holy Communion, she arrived that same night at this brook, which took him twenty days to reach. Thus, Zosimas buried the body of this wonderful saint, Mary of Egypt. When he returned to the monastery, Zosimas related the entire story of her life and the miracles which he had personally witnessed. Thus the Lord knows how to glorify penitent sinners. Saint Mary is also commemorated, on [this], the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent. The Church holds her up as an example to the faithful during these days of the Fast as a model of repentance. She reposed about the year 530.”