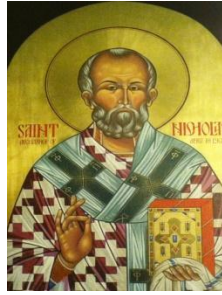


The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY APRIL 23, 2017 – Saint Thomas Sunday

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23 – Saint Thomas, the Apostle (*The Second Sunday of Pascha*)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 199-200
Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 Gospel: John 20:19-31
Panachida for Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.
1:00 PM – the Baptism and Chrismation of Courtney Elaine Cole

Sunday, April 30 – Myrrh-Bearing Women (*The Third Sunday of Pascha*)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 200-201
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:42-47, 16:1-8
Panachida for Nicholas and Agnes Towarnicki given by John and Donna Shimo.

Confessions: (30 minutes) **Prior to** as well as **following scheduled services**. When you come for Confession, please be prepared and sitting in the front pew. If you cannot make it for the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: Father Daniel will be away this week from Tuesday until late Friday (*Clergy Convocation at Camp Nazareth and traveling to and from the Camp*). In the event of an emergency, please contact Father Alexei Kaluzhny (570-903-3612) or Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger (570-956-0749).
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. Deacon James Phifer. 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. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigie. Gary Wassel. Mary Kay Wroblewsky. 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:

April 16, 2017

\$297.00	General Collection
\$165.00	7 Day Light
\$42.00	Pirohi
\$75.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$43.00	Taper Candles
\$2,261.00	Easter Offering
<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Memory of Denise Sovitch</u>
\$3,083.00	Total Collection

- **Sunday School** will be held **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Church Board** will meet **next Sunday April 30** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

Camp Nazareth Alumni Reunion! - 40th Anniversary Alumni Day – May 20 2017

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!

Fifth Annual Diocesan Family Camp! - Our Diocese is pleased to announce its fifth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families “camping” together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year’s theme – “Your Family’s Sacred Story”. Jesus and His family fled to Egypt. Noah and his family entered the ark. Abraham and his family left their home. Lot and his family fled Sodom. Stories of faith and God’s mercy are part of every family’s Sacred Story. Come learn about families of great faith in the Scriptures and be inspired. Share your own “Sacred Story” and help other families be inspired.

Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 9 – Sunday, June 11, 2017.

Each year we have a wonderful time together and we are looking forward to being together again this year. A variety of events and activities have been planned that will allow families to learn, have fun and pray together, and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp. With the newly renovated and expanded cabins, together with the new High and Low Ropes Course the Camp has even more to offer our families this year.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon. Registration closes after Friday, June 2.

Young Women’s Encounter! REGISTER NOW! – 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 Diocesan Summer Camp! Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries – Week of July 16-22. Register online now! Register at https://www.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=396857

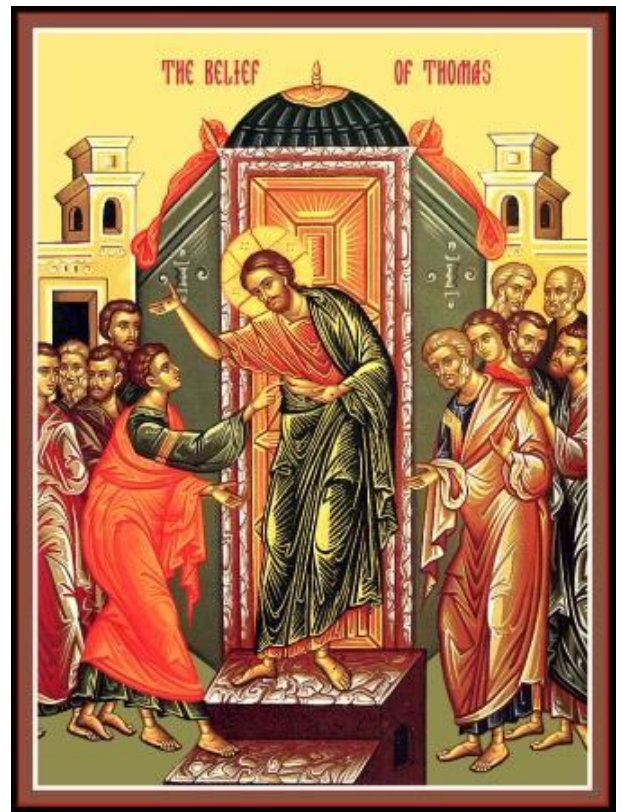
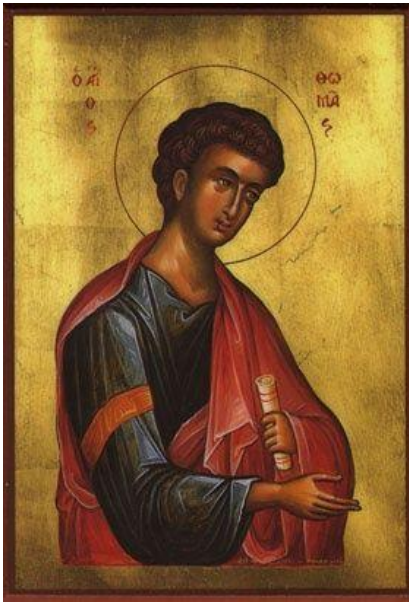
AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Easter Dinner “Sviachene” Celebration - Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton’s Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner “Sviachene” celebration on Sunday, April 30, 2017, beginning at 12:30pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of borsch, holubchy, pyrohy, ham, kobasa, horseradish, rye bread, dessert and beverages. Takeouts will be available from 11:30am to 12 noon. Door prizes will be awarded along with a theme basket raffle. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$8.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations contact Maria Black at (570) 503-1514. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 24.

THE HOLY APOSTLE THOMAS

IMAGES from <http://www.orthodox.net> , www.google.com

TEXT from THE PROLOGUE of *Ohrid*: VOLUME TWO: *July to December*



“ Thomas was one of the Twelve Apostles. Through his doubt in the Resurrection of Christ the Lord, a new proof was given of that wonderful and saving event. The resurrected Lord appeared to His disciples a second time, in order to convince Thomas. The Lord said to Thomas: *‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’* And Thomas answered and said to Him, *‘My Lord and my God’* (John 20:27, 28). After the descent of the Holy Spirit, when the apostles cast lots to see where they would go to preach, the lot fell to Thomas to go to India. He was a little saddened that he had to go so far away, but the Lord appeared to him and encouraged him. In India, Saint Thomas converted many, both aristocrats and poor, to the Christian Faith, and established the Church there, appointing priests and bishops. Among others, Thomas converted two sisters to the Faith – Tertiana and Migdonia – both wives of Indian princes. Because of their faith, both sisters were ill-treated by their husbands, with whom they no longer wanted to live after their baptism. Eventually, they were allowed to go. Being freed of marriage, they lived God-pleasing lives until their repose. ”

“ Dionysius and Pelagia were betrothed, but when they heard the apostolic preaching they did not marry, but devoted themselves to the ascetic life. Pelagia ended her life a martyr for the Faith, and Dionysius was ordained a bishop by the apostle. Prince Mazdai, Tertiana’s husband, whose son, Azan, was also baptized by Thomas, condemned the apostle to death. Mazdai sent five soldiers to kill Thomas. They ran him through with their five spears, and thus the Holy Apostle Thomas rendered his soul into the hands of Christ. Before his death, he and the other apostles were miraculously brought to Jerusalem for the burial of the Most-holy Theotokos. Arriving too late, he wept bitterly, and the tomb of Holy Most-pure One was opened at his request. The Theotokos’ body was not found in the tomb: the Lord had taken His Mother to His heavenly habitation. Thus, in his tardiness Saint Thomas revealed to us the wondrous glorification of the Mother of God, just as he had once confirmed faith in the Resurrection of the Lord by his unbelief. ”