

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



Christos Voskrese!

Voistinnu Voskrese!

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SUNDAY MAY 13, 2018 - SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday May 13 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind (Sixth Sunday of Pascha)
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 206-207
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34 Gospel: John 9:1-38
Panachida for all of our departed Mothers and Grandmothers.



Happy Mother's Day to
all of our Mothers,
Grandmothers, and
Godmothers!



The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Wednesday May 16 – 6:00 PM – Great Vespers

Thursday May 17 – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 208-210

Epistle: Acts 1:1-12

Gospel: Luke 24:35-53

Sunday May 20 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (Seventh Sunday of Pascha)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 211-212 (includes Antiphons from the Feast of Ascension)

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Please note: Father Daniel will once again be blessing graves for Memorial Day. More information is forthcoming. This year, please be aware that in the event of rain, the grave blessings will be rescheduled. Thank you!

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. Luke Mihaly. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. John Baranik. 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 Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. 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. Jennifer Hrywnak. Mary Phillips. Johnny Huniyack. Dorothy Bentler. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Frank Shimo. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. Gary Wassel. Elizabeth Dutko. AnnMarie Tigue. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

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

Assisted Living: Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light: In memory of all of our departed Mothers, Grandmothers, and Godmothers given by the Pucher Family.

Parish Life

Eternal Memory! Christ is Risen!

Marion Sosnowski reposed in the Lord this past Wednesday evening (5/9/18). Please keep her soul and the comfort of her family in your thoughts and prayers. May her memory be eternal! Christos Voskrese!

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:

May 6, 2018

\$252.00	General Collection
\$113.00	Special Collection
\$43.00	Holy Days (Saint George)
\$71.00	7 Day Light
\$3.00	Taper candles
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\$482.00	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

- **Church School** will be held **next Sunday, May 20**, and then again on **Sunday, June 3**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. June 3 will be the last class before summer break.
- The **Parish Board** will meet **next Sunday, May 20**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet on **Sunday, May 27**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Camp Nazareth Family Day** (Sunday, June 3, 2018 – part of Family Camp 2018) **Raffle Tickets** are available for purchase! If you are interested, please see Father Daniel or Jane Togher. They are \$20.00 each. The Grand Prize will be \$10,000 cash, and other prizes range from varying cash amounts to 1 Week Camping Sessions.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER that we need to come to the Sacrament of Confession AT LEAST ONCE during the Liturgical Year. It is necessary to remain members in good standing!**

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE / SCRANTON COMMUNITY

- **Camp Nazareth Family Weekend and Family Day** – JOHNSTOWN, PA [Diocesan Chancery] —
Our Diocese is pleased to announce its sixth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with [Family Day](#), **scheduled from Friday June 1 to Sunday June 3**. 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 is “Being Grateful for Your Family.” Come join His Grace Bishop Gregory in the beautiful environment of Camp Nazareth. Come and learn what it means to be a grateful family. “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You the Father of Lights...” St. James writes in his letter (James 1:17). Did you ever consider that the biggest of these gifts may be your family? Come to Family Camp and see what God has given you and IS giving you through your family!
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. Register online at campnazareth.org. Registration closes after Friday, May 25. Visit campnazareth.org for more information.
- **2018 Metropolitan Orestes Bowling Tournament!** This coming Memorial Day weekend, May 25-28, 2018, the 70th National A.C.R.Y. Metropolitan Orestes Memorial Bowling Tournament will take place in Perth Amboy, NJ hosted by Jr. ACRY Chapter #45. Come join them for an enjoyable weekend of bowling, Christian Fellowship and worship in Perth Amboy, NJ! All are welcome and need not be ACRY members to participate! Sign up today! For more information and to sign up, visit www.acrod.org .
- 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. Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling (973) 627-1462. Checks can be sent to:

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

- **2018 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat** – July 1 – July 4, 2018. SAVE THE DATE! For more info, please see the flyer posted in the Church Hall.
- The first ever **Camp Nazareth Classic Golf Tournament** will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 10, 2018 at the Traditions at the Glen Resort in Johnson City, NY. All parish golfers welcome to participate! Checks should be made payable to “St. Michael’s,” with “CNC Golf Tournament” in the memo line. Please send them to the tournament chairman, Dr. Nicholas Seketa, 1104 Tamara Lane, Johnson City, NY 13790. (Telephone is: (607) 798-9455; E-mail: 2018camperclassic@gmail.com.)

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

IMAGE from: myocn.net



“ **The Icon of the Feast** (from: <https://www.goarch.org/ascension>)

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A *mandorla* is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples, represent the Church.

The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. Saint Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church.

The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit. ”

Hymn of the Ascension

Be exalted * above the heavens O God, * and let Your * glory be over all the earth!