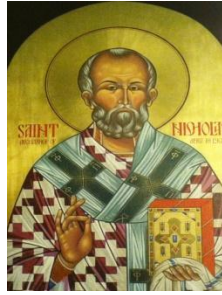


The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017 - THE MAN BORN BLIND and SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21 – Sunday of the Man Born Blind, Saint John the Evangelist (*The Sixth Sunday of Pascha*)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 206-207
Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
Gospel: John 9:1-38
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY!

Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Tuesday, May 23 – 6:30 PM Vespers
Wednesday, May 24 – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns p. 159
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Feast of the Ascension

Wednesday, May 24 – 6:30 PM Great Vespers
Thursday, May 25 – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 208-211
Epistle: Acts 1:1-12
Gospel: Luke 24:35-53

Sunday, May 28 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 211-212 (*Antiphons and "Be Exalted" from Ascension*)
Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18, 28-36
Gospel: John 17:1-13
Panachida for all departed St. Nicholas parishioners who served their country.



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 REMEMBER: Any parishioner who wishes to remain in good standing must fulfill their yearly obligation of coming to the Sacrament of Confession at least once. If you have not yet come, please do so by the Feast of Pentecost.}**

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. 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. Sylvia Zubrickas. Lovie Swingle. 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. Rita Sher. 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 Patricia Snell 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:

May 14, 2017

\$398.00	General Collection
\$8.00	First Sunday
\$154.00	7 Day Light
\$186.00	Church Dues
\$2.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$3.00	Palm Sunday Offering
\$20.00	Easter Offering
<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>Taper Candles</u>
\$780.00	Total Collection

Parish News

- **Sunday School** will meet **next Sunday May 28** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday May 28** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Altar Society** will meet **Sunday June 4** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Church Board** will meet **Sunday June 4** immediately following the Altar Society Meeting.
- **Please note:** The customary blessing of graves will take place this coming Memorial Day (NEXT MONDAY). Father Daniel will be going to each cemetery (there are four). There will first be a Panachida at each cemetery with the customary reading of names. Then for all those who wish to have the graves of their family members blessed, please let Father Daniel know which graves and where at the cemetery. *Thank you!*

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

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

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.

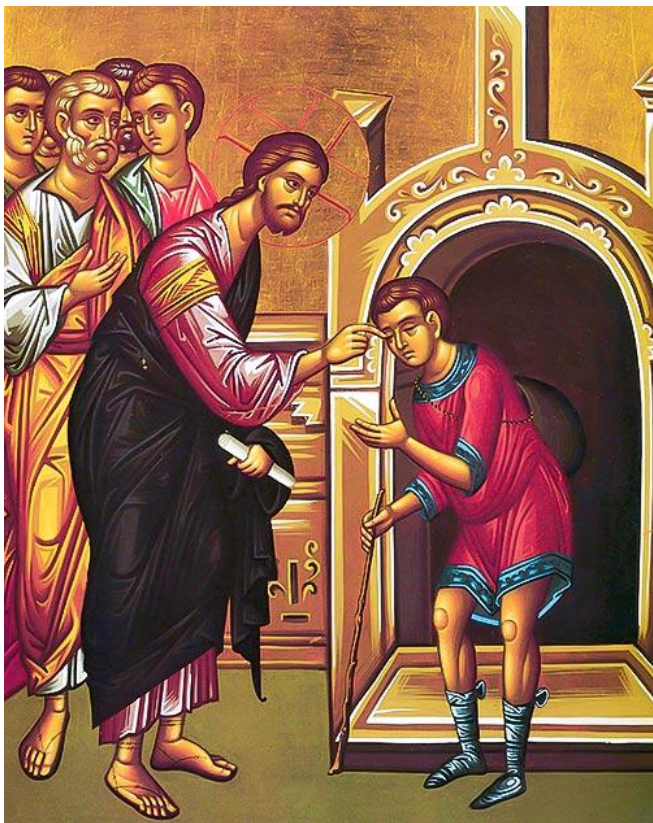
Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling 304-296-4319.

2017 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat! Registration for the annual Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat is now open! The retreat will take place from Sunday June 25th to Wednesday June 28th at Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA! Find the link to register at www.acrod.org, see the flyer posted in the Church Hall, or see last week's bulletin!

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

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

IMAGE and TEXT from: <https://www.goarch.org/-/sixth-sunday-of-pascha-sunday-of-the-blind-man>



“ The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes. When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam.”

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay – not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" ”

Kondak (Tone 5)

With eyes that are spiritually blind
I come to You, O Christ; * and like
the man who was blind since birth
* I cry out to You with repentance:
* You are a shining Light to those
who are in darkness.