

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018 – THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday May 27 – Pentecost

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (with kneeling prayers and procession at the end of Liturgy)

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 213-216

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Panachida for all of our departed Veterans

FAST-FREE WEEK

Monday May 28 – Pentecost Monday (Day of the Holy Spirit)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 216-217 (with Antiphons, Entrance Hymn, Tropar, Kondak, and Glorification from Pentecost)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 18:10-20; 28:18-20

Grave Blessings: St. Nicholas Cemetery – 12:00 Noon / Abington Hills – 1:30 PM / Fairview – 3:15 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER: in the event of rain, grave blessings will be rescheduled (reschedule times TBD)

Sunday June 3 – Sunday of All Saints (First Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 217-218

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, and 19:27-30

Panachida for Agnes and Nicholas Towarnicki given by John and Donna Shimo

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 Wroblewsky.

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

Assisted Living : Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of all of our departed Veterans 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:

May 20, 2018

\$608.00	General Collection
\$74.00	7 Day Light
\$44.00	Holy Days
\$285.00	Church Dues
\$252.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$10.00	Vigil Lights
\$14.00	Eternal Light
\$18.00	Taper candles
\$43.00	Rebate – Maines Food Service
\$100.00	Memory of John Polanichka
\$115.00	Memory of Elizabeth Basalyga
\$1,563.00	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

- The **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Church School** will meet for the final class before summer break **next Sunday, June 3**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Altar Society** will meet **next Sunday, June 3**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.

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 this coming 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!

- 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

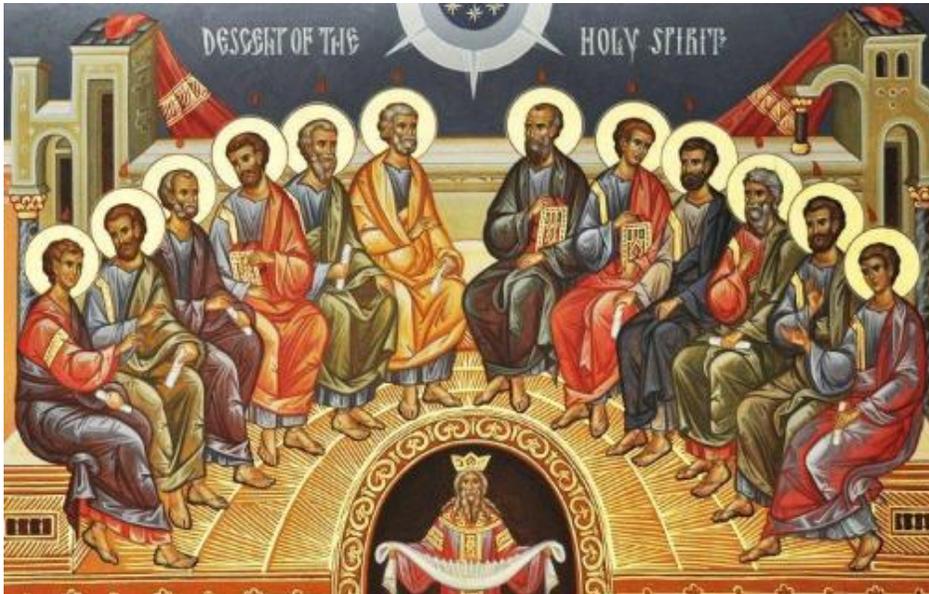
- **2018 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat** – July 1 – July 4, 2018. SAVE THE DATE! For more info, please see the flyer posted in the Church Hall.
- The first ever **Camp Nazareth Classic Golf Tournament** will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 10, 2018 at the Traditions at the Glen Resort in Johnson City, 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 PENTECOST (50 days after Pascha)

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Tropar of the Feast (Tone 8)

Blessed are You O Christ our God. * You filled the fishermen with wisdom, * sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. * Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net. * O Lover of mankind, glory to You.



“ The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47). ”