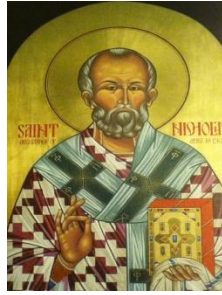


The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY MAY 28, 2017 – FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28 – Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (*Sunday after Ascension*)

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.

Friday, June 2 – 6:30 PM Moleben to Saint Nektarios (*with Anointing*)

Saturday, June 3 – Fifth All Souls Saturday, *Saints Constantine and Helen*

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – Hymns pp. 235-240 Epistle: Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 John 10:1-9

Feast of Pentecost {THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE FEAST OF PENTECOST IS A FAST-FREE WEEK}

Saturday, June 3 – 6:30 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 213-216
Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 **Gospel:** John 7:37-52, 8:12

Monday, June 5 – Day of the Holy Spirit (*with the customary procession around the church following Liturgy*)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Blue Pew Book pp. 216-217
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19 / 1 Corinthians 13:11-13 **Gospel:** Matthew 18:10-20, 28:18-20

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 Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Matushka Catherine Jula. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. 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 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 Tigue. 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 Marion Fundak given by the Bonk 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 21, 2017

\$503.00	General Collection
\$75.00	7 Day Light
\$27.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$146.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$8.00	Taper Candles
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$194.00	Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry
<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Memory of Patricia Snell</u>
\$1,153.00	Total Collection

Parish News

- **Sunday School** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Altar Society** will meet **next Sunday June 4** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Church Board** will meet **next Sunday June 4** immediately following the Altar Society Meeting.
- **Grave blessings:** The customary blessing of graves will take place tomorrow! Father Daniel will be going to each cemetery (there are four in total – St. Nicholas, Abington, Fairview, and Nicholson), beginning with our St. Nicholas Cemetery at 9:00 AM. 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, or see the flyer posted in the Church Hall!

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

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Equals to the Apostles and Teachers of the Slavs

IMAGE from www.google.com

TEXT from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid: VOLUME ONE



“ Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers from Thessalonica, of distinguished and wealthy parents, Leo and Maria. The elder brother Methodius spent ten years as an officer among the Macedonian Slavs and thus learned the Slavic language. After that, Methodius withdrew to Mount Olympus and dedicated himself to monastic asceticism. It was here that Cyril (Constantine) later joined him. When the king of the Khazars, Kagan, requested preachers of the Christian Faith from Emperor Michael III, these two brothers were found and sent among the Khazars by command of the Emperor.

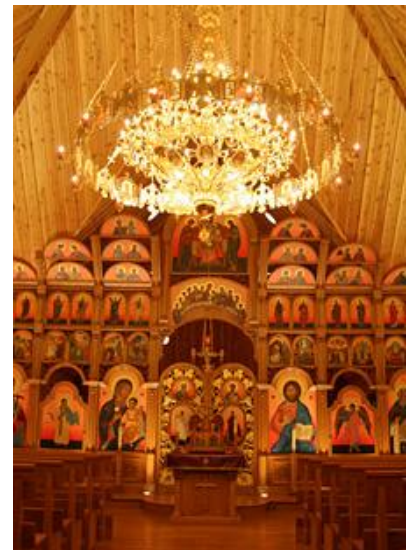
After some time, Cyril and Methodius returned to Constantinople, where they compiled the Slavonic alphabet consisting of thirty-eight letters. They then proceeded to translate ecclesiastical books from Greek into Slavonic. At the request of Prince Rastislav, they traveled to Moravia, where they spread and confirmed the sacred Faith and made more copies of the books, distributing them to the priests to teach the youth.

At the request of the pope, Cyril traveled to Rome. There he became ill and died, on February 14, 867. Then Methodius returned to Moravia and labored to strengthen the Christian Faith among the Slavs until his death.

Following Methodius’s repose in the Lord (April 6, 885), his disciples, the Five Followers, with Saint Clement the bishop at their head, crossed the Danube River and traveled south into Macedonia. There, from Ohrid, they continued their labor among the Slavs, which Cyril and Methodius had begun in the north. ”

Tropar (Tone 4)

O Cyril and Methodios, inspired by God, * you became equal to the Apostles in this life. * Since you were the teachers of the Slavs, * intercede with the Master of All, * that He may strengthen all Slavic peoples in the Orthodox Faith, * and that He may grant peace to the world * and great mercy to our souls.



The beautiful exterior and interior of Saints Cyril and Methodius Church at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.