

# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!



Christos Voskrese!

Voistinnu Voskrese!

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## SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018 - SAINT PHOTINI / SAINT GEORGE

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday May 6** – *Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, Saint Photini (Fifth Sunday of Pascha) / Feast of Saint George*

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 205-206 (includes also the Tropar, Kondak, Prokimen, and Alleluia verses of Saint George

**Epistle:** Acts 11:19-30      **Gospel:** John 4:5-42      *the Glorious Martyr and Wonderworker p. 158)*

Please note that Fr. Daniel will be away tomorrow evening (5/7) and this coming Thursday (5/10). **In case of an emergency, please contact Father Eli at (570) 947-3708.**

**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.*



**Mother's Day!**

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 : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. 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 29, 2018*

\$551.00	General Collection
\$75.00	7 Day Light
\$285.00	Church Dues
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$8.00	Taper candles
\$25.00	Memory of John Polanichka
\$100.00	Memory of Elizabeth Basalyga

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**\$1,051.00**      **Total Collection**

## PARISH NEWS

- **Church School** will be held on **Sunday, May 20**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet on **Sunday, May 20**, 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](http://campnazareth.org). Registration closes after Friday, May 25. Visit [campnazareth.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:acrodywe@gmail.com) or by calling (973) 627-1462.  
Checks can be sent to:

- **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](mailto:2018camperclassic@gmail.com) . )
- **Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Ensemble** - Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folkdance group “Barvinok” [Periwinkle in Ukrainian] **TODAY** at 4:00pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world reknowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by phoning (570) 241-1223.

## SAINT GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR



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### Tropar (Tone 4)

You fought the good fight with faith, O Martyr of Christ, George. \* You exposed the evil of the persecutors \* and offered an acceptable sacrifice to God. \* Therefore, you also received a crown of victory \* and through your prayers, O holy one, \* obtained the forgiveness of sins for all.

“ This glorious and victorious saint was born in Cappadocia, the son of wealthy and virtuous parents. His father suffered for Christ, and his mother then moved to Palestine. When George grew up he entered the military, where he attained, in his twentieth year, the rank of tribune, and as such he was in the service of the Emperor Diocletian. When Diocletian began his terrible persecution against the Christians, George came before him and courageously confessed that he was a Christian. The emperor had him thrown into prison and ordered that his feet be placed in stocks and that a heavy stone be placed on his chest. After that, the emperor commanded that George be tied to a wheel, under which was a board with large nails, and he was to be rotated until his whole body became as one bloody wound. After that, they buried him in a pit with only his head showing above ground, and there they left him for three days and three nights.

Then George was given a deadly poison to drink by a magician. But through all these sufferings, George continuously prayed to God, and God healed him instantly and saved him from death, to the great astonishment of the people. When he also resurrected a dead man through his prayers, many accepted the Christian Faith. Among these were Alexandra, the wife of the Emperor Diocletian; the chief pagan priest; the farmer Glycerius; and Valerius, Donatus, and Therinus. Finally, the emperor ordered the beheading of George and his own wife, Alexandra. Blessed Alexandra died on the scaffold before being beheaded, and Saint George was beheaded in the year 303. The miracles which have occurred over the grave of Saint George are countless. Numerous are his appearances, both in dreams and openly, to those who, from that time to today, have invoked him and implored his help.

Inflamed with love for Christ the Lord, it was not difficult for this saintly George, for the sake of his love, to leave all: rank, wealth, imperial honor, his friends, and the entire world. For this love, the Lord rewarded him with a wreath of unfading glory in heaven and on earth, and with eternal life in His Kingdom. In addition, the Lord bestowed upon him the power and authority to assist all those in afflictions and difficulties who honor him and call upon his name. ”