

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JUNE 17, 2018 – SAINT METROPHANES, FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday June 17 – Saint Metrophanes (Third Sunday after Pentecost)
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 2 – pp. 84-86
Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 **Gospel:** Matthew 6:22-33
Panachida for all of our departed Fathers and Grandfathers

Sunday June 24 – The Apostle Bartholomew (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 3 – pp. 87-89
Epistle: Romans 6:18-23 **Gospel:** Matthew 8:5-13
Panachida for John Sakulich given by Family

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL OF OUR
FATHERS,
GRANDFATHERS, AND
GODFATHERS!

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 Marion Sosnowski 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:

June 10, 2018

\$349.00	General Collection
\$5.00	First Sunday
\$57.00	7 Day Light
\$11.00	Tapered Candles
\$10.00	Vigil Lights
\$10.00	Eternal Light
\$600.00	Memory of Mildred Orzolek
\$1,042.00	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

- The **Altar Society** is looking for new members (including a Vice President and a Secretary). If anyone is interested in joining, please see/contact Carol Pugh. Thank you!
- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- We are going to have a **rummage sale on Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th 2018**. More information is forthcoming. If you have any questions and/or are willing to contribute, please see/contact Carol Pugh. Let's make this a successful fundraiser!

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

- 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.
- **2018 Diocesan Summer Camp!** Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries – Week of July 22-28. Register online now at: https://www.campnetwork.com/Register/Register.php?camp_id=396857. Summer Camp is an excellent opportunity to learn more about God and the Church, to make new friendships and rekindle old ones, and most of all, to have FUN – IN – CHRIST! Please consider sending your children or grandchildren!
- **JOHNSTOWN, PA [National Junior ACRY]** - If you've ever been to Camp Nazareth, chances are you can't wait to go back. Wouldn't it be great if you were able to go for free?! **Each year, the National Jr. ACRY holds a Camp Essay Contest that anyone across the diocese can enter.** If your essay is chosen as the winner, the National Jr. ACRY will pay for one full Diocesan week of camp if you are a National Jr. ACRY member. If you are not a member of the National Jr. ACRY, half of your camping week will be paid for.
Who can enter? - ANYONE, whether a Jr. ACRY member or not.
What is the topic? - Write about/reflect on last year's camp theme: Psalm 86:12 "I give thanks to You... with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your Name forever."
How long? - The essay must be 200 words or less.
When is it due? - By 12:00 Midnight on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.
Where do I send it? - E-mail your submissions as either a Word attachment or a GoogleDoc to Jr. Advisor, Rachel Pribish at rachelprib@gmail.com (Be sure to put "Camp Essay Contest" in the subject line!)
Please include your name, address, telephone number, and chapter number or home parish at the conclusion of your essay. This information will be removed by Rachel before the essays are judged anonymously by the board. A decision about the essay contest will be announced on Sunday, June 24th.
We look forward to receiving your essays AND seeing you all at that beautiful place in among the mountains this summer!

SAINT METROPHANES

THE FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

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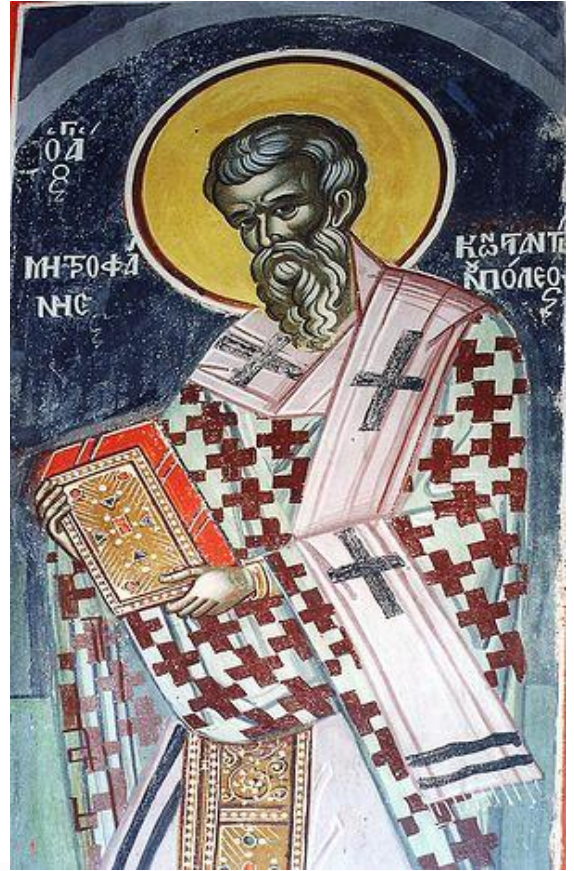
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Troparion (Tone 1)

Preaching the great mystery of the Trinity, * you spread the word of Christ throughout the world. * As the shepherd of Christ's flock, you drove off the spiritual wolves in their attack; * you save from perdition all those who call on you. * Glory to Him who gave you this might! * Glory to Him who chose you! * Glory to Him who defends the true faith through you!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

You preached the faith of Christ clearly. * You increased the numbers in his flock, * and now you rejoice with angels as a reward. * Therefore, we ask you to pray for us, O blessed Metrophanes.



“ His father, Dometius, brother of the Roman Emperor Probus, fled from Rome as a Christian during the persecution of Christians and arrived at Byzantium. Titus, the Bishop of Byzantium, ordained him a presbyter. Following the death of Titus, Dometius became the Bishop of Byzantium. After the death of Dometius, his eldest son, Probus, occupied the episcopal throne, and after the death of Probus, Metrophanes assumed the episcopal throne.

When Emperor Constantine first saw Metrophanes, he loved him as a father. At the time of the First Ecumenical Council (325 AD), Metrophanes was already a man of 117 years and unable to participate in the work of the Council, so he appointed Alexander, his vicar, as his representative. The emperor petitioned the Council to confer upon him (Metrophanes) the title of Patriarch. Thus, he was the first Patriarch of Constantinople.

Further, the emperor invited the entire Council to visit the ailing and aged archpastor. When the emperor asked him whom he wished to name as successor to the patriarchal throne, Metrophanes named Alexander of Alexandria. Then he said to Alexander: “O brother, I leave you as my most worthy successor.” He (Metrophanes) then took the hand of Archdeacon Athanasius (later Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria) and praised him before all. After this prophecy, Metrophanes sought forgiveness from all and within ten days gave up his soul to God, in the year 325. ”