

# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY JULY 1, 2018 – THE MARTYR LEONTIUS

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday July 1 – Martyr Leontius** (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 4 – pp. 90-92

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel:

Matthew 8:28-9:1

*Panachida for Duane and Jacob Kuklis given by Daniel Oneschuck*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Daniel will be away this afternoon until Wednesday (July 4) for the 2018 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat. If you need the services of a priest between today and Tuesday (July 3), please contact Fr. Eli at (570) 947-3708. If you need a priest on Wednesday (July 4), please contact Fr. Alexei at (570) 903-3612.

**Friday July 6 – 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Liturgy for Mildred Orzolek** (The Martyr Agrippina)

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (given by the Orzolek Family)

Hymns for the Departed (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 235-240

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:5-8

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-54

### THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Friday July 6 – 6:00 PM – Vespers**

**Saturday July 7 – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Special Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 160-161

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4

Gospel:

Luke 1:5-25, 57-69, 76-80

**Sunday July 8 – The Virgin Martyr Febronia (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 5 – pp. 93-95

**Epistle:** Romans 12:6-14

**Gospel:**

Matthew 9:1-8

*Panachida for Betty Dirda given by Sonja and Steve Fueshko*

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. Delores Naglak. Anna Senich. AnnMarie Tigue.  
Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

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

**Assisted Living** : Susan Danchak. Elizabeth Dutko. Delores Naglak.

**Eternal light** : In memory of John Sakulich given by 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 24, 2018*

\$1,054.00	General Collection
\$2.00	First Sunday
\$81.00	7 Day Light
\$50.00	Holy Days
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$3.00	Tapered Candles
<b>\$1,197.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

## PARISH NEWS

- The **Altar Society** is looking for new members (including a Vice President and a Secretary). If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Carol Pugh. Thank you!
- The **Altar Society** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday, July 8**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet on **Sunday July 29** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- We are going to have a **rummage sale on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018**. More information is forthcoming. Please note that we are accepting clean clothes in good condition, any household items, and jewelry for the rummage sale, and baked goods for a bake sale. If you have any questions and/or are willing to contribute, please contact Carol Pugh. Let's make this a successful fundraiser for the church!
- We are going to have a **small summer luncheon** following Divine Liturgy **on July 22, 2018**. There is a signup sheet in the Church Hall. Please plan ahead and join us for some excellent food and fellowship!

## 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 *today 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..."

- **2018 Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat** – *today* → *July 4, 2018*.
- **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](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 ACRY] - Holy Ghost Orthodox Church and ACRY Chapter #30 will be the host of the **74th National Senior and 35th National Junior ACRY Convention** which will take place Labor Day weekend, August 31st through September 3rd, 2018 at [Crowne Plaza Philadelphia - King of Prussia](#), 260 Mall Boulevard, King of Prussia, PA 19406. This is the same venue that hosted the 2014 ACRY Convention.

**A rate** of \$109 (+ tax) for a double occupancy room has been secured for the weekend. These room rates are also secured for the day before the convention (Aug 30th) to allow everyone the opportunity to visit the area. **Reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, July 31, 2018 in order to obtain the convention rate.** An on-line link appears below for your use when booking rooms for the weekend. **Those** who prefer may call the hotel directly at 610-265-7500 and reference National ACRY Conference to obtain the special convention rate.

**For early arrivals**, a golf outing has been arranged for Friday, August 31st, beginning at 9:00 am. Also, the hotel is directly across the street from the King of Prussia mall, one of the largest shopping malls in the US. Valley Forge National Park, the site of General George Washington's winter encampment in 1777-78 is only a five minutes from the hotel. The City of Philadelphia, with its many attractions such as the Philadelphia Art Museum, Philadelphia Zoo, Franklin Institute, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, is a 30-minute drive from the hotel.

Please visit the special [2018 Convention Web Page](#) for all necessary registration information. Please make plans now to attend this enjoyable Diocesan Family weekend in the Greater Philadelphia, PA area. Deadline for all convention related registration including, hotel, meals, program book, and excursions is **Monday July 30, 2018**.

# THE MARTYR LEONTIUS

TEXT from: [THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid](#)

IMAGE from: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

## Kontakion (Tone 3)

You shamed the evil treachery of the torturers, \*  
and you prevailed against the false worship of  
the Greeks. \* You presented the knowledge of  
God in piety to all the people. \* For all of this we  
honor you with love, O wise Leontius.



“ Leontius was a Roman commander in Tripoli in Phoenicia during the reign of Emperor Vespasian. He was born in Greece and was “of great physical stature, powerful, strong and brave in battles.” Hadrian, the imperial deputy, sent a military detachment to arrest Leontius, for Hadrian was a fierce adversary and persecutor of Christians. Hypatius, the senior officer of this detachment, became ill en route with a bitter fever, because of which the detachment had to slow down its march. One night an angel of God appeared to Hypatius and said to him: “If you want to be well, cry out three times toward heaven with all your soldiers, ‘O God of Leontius, help me!’”

Hypatius informed his companions of his vision and all in unison cried out as the angel had instructed, and immediately Hypatius became well. This miracle astonished all, but especially Theodulus. Hypatius and Theodulus then went ahead of the other soldiers to seek Commander Leontius. Leontius received them graciously and served them. When he expounded his faith in Christ to them, their hearts burned with love for Christ, and at that moment a bright cloud descended upon Hypatius and Theodulus and dew fell upon them from the cloud.

It was the Holy Spirit of God Himself baptizing these converted souls, and at that moment Saint Leontius spoke these words, “In the name of the All-holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” The evil Hadrian, learning that Hypatius and Theodulus had become Christians, ordered that they be scourged without mercy and then beheaded with an axe. Thus reposed these two spiritual children of Leontius.

Then Hadrian decreed cruel tortures for Leontius, but Leontius remained unwavering in his holy Faith. His entire body was covered with wounds, but he diligently prayed that God not abandon him. In the midst of the cruelest torments, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, encouraging and comforting him. Finally the torturers knocked the martyr Leontius to the ground and beat him until he gave up his soul to God. The sufferings of Saint Leontius were personally witnessed by a certain Notarius, who recorded all that he saw on lead tablets and placed them in the martyr’s grave. Saint Leontius suffered honorably in the year 73. ”