

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JULY 15, 2018 - THE PLACING OF THE ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday July 15 – The Placing of the Robe of the Theotokos (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 6 – pp. 96-98 (with Tropar and Kondak for Placing of the Robe – see end of bulletin)
Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35
Panachida for Eugene Vaskalis given by Family

Sunday July 22 – Hieromartyr Pancratius (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 7 – pp. 99-101
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22
Panachida for Mildred Orzolek given by The Altar Society
Small luncheon in the Church Hall following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome!

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 Tigie. 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 Floyd Swingle Jr. given by Lovie Swingle.

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.

UPDATE: 10 boxes of food items were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday (7/11/18). The volunteers are amazed at the continued generosity shown by Saint Nicholas parishioners. They are so thankful for the continued support in their efforts to provide for the needs of the community.

“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:

July 8, 2018

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| \$389.00 | General Collection |
| \$66.00 | 7 Day Light |
| \$53.00 | Holy Days |
| \$26.00 | Tapered Candles |
| <u>\$10.00</u> | <u>Vigil Lights</u> |
| \$544.00 | Total Collection |

PARISH NEWS

- The **Altar Society** is still looking for new members (including a Vice President and a Secretary). If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Carol Pugh. Thank you!
- The **Parish Board** will meet on **Sunday July 29** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- We are going to have a **small summer luncheon** following Divine Liturgy **next Sunday, July 22, 2018**. There are signup sheets in the vestibule and in the Church Hall. Please plan ahead and join us for some excellent food and fellowship!
- We are going to have a **rummage sale on Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th 2018**. 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!

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

- **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 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 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 PLACING OF THE ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS

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

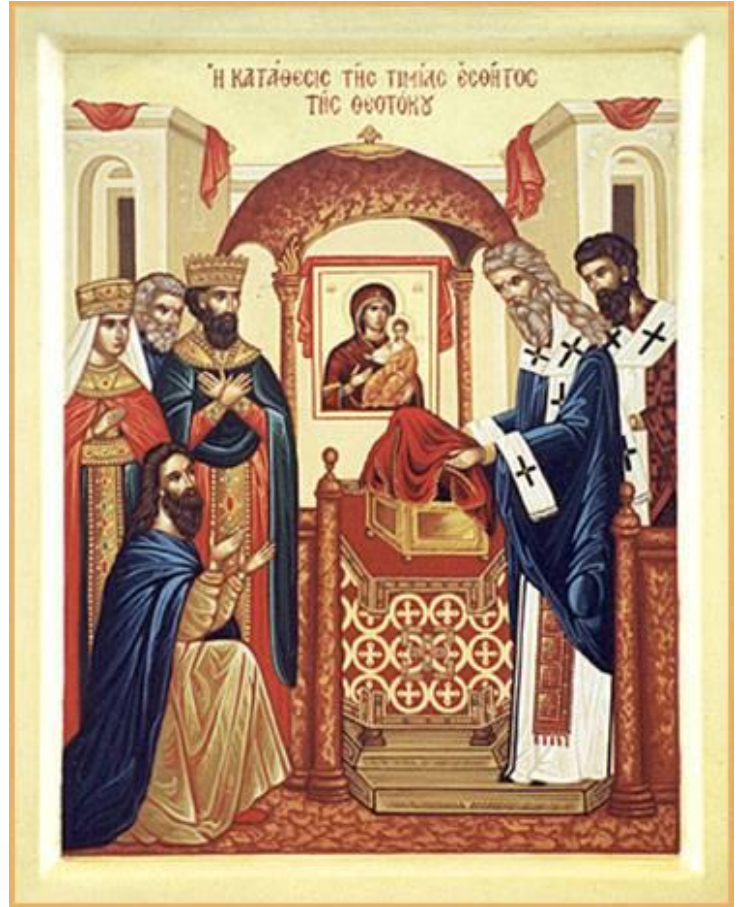
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Troparion (Tone 8)

Ever-virgin Mother of God and protection of the human race, * you gave the robe and cincture of your most pure body to your city as a powerful protection. * These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal childbirth. * For in you, both time and nature have been renewed. * Therefore, we pray that you grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

As a mantle of immortality * you have given to the faithful the garment that covered your most pure body, * O Virgin whom God Himself has blessed and divine protection of the human race. * With love we celebrate the feast of the deposition of your mantle, * and we sing with faith: * Rejoice, O Virgin, for you are the pride of Christians.



“ In the time of the Emperor Leo the Great (457 – 474) and Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, were traveling in the Holy Land to venerate the holy places. They stopped in Nazareth for a while, at the home of a Jewish maiden who kept the robe of the All-holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing of their sufferings through prayer and touching the robe.

Galibus and Candidus brought this holy object to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The robe was solemnly placed in the Church of Blachernae. (This church had been built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet, and was called Blachernae after Blacheran, a commander from Scetis, who had been slain there.) This feast was instituted in remembrance of the placing of the robe of the All-holy Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae. ”