

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JULY 22, 2018 - THE HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS

PARISH CALENDAR

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!

Sunday July 29 – Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils / Hieromartyr Athenogenes

(Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tropar Tone 8 (p. 102) then special hymns (p. 164)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Panachida for Marion Sosnowski given by Andrew Barnett

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. Annette Pivovarnik. AnnMarie Tigue. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

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

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

Altar Vigil Lights: For the health and protection of Cali and Max Domin given by Paul Domin. "Whose heart is of love and of grace divine!" --- from "Rejoice O Virgin"

Eternal Light : In memory of Mildred Orzolek 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:

July 15, 2018

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| \$633.00 | General Collection |
| \$79.00 | 7 Day Light |
| \$1.00 | Holy Days |
| \$290.00 | Maintenance and Repairs |
| \$21.00 | Eternal Light |
| \$12.00 | Tapered Candles |
| \$40.00 | Donation |
| \$50.00 | Memory of Marion Sosnowski |
| \$1,126.00 | 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 **next Sunday July 29** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **Please remember that we are having a luncheon after Liturgy today! All are welcome!** The menu includes: whimpies, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, cheese, pickles, chips, and various desserts and beverages. **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 / DEANERY

- **2018 Diocesan Summer Camp!** Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries – THIS WEEK (July 22-28). 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.**



Wooden Churches of the Rusyns - The Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society will present an enlightening program on the wooden churches of the Rusyns hosted by St. George's ACRY. Keynote speaker Dr. Michele Parvensky will present an energetic discussion on her years of discovery and travels photographing and researching the magnificent European wooden churches of the Rusyns. The program is free and all are welcome!

PLACE: St. George's Orthodox Church (Banquet Hall)
DATE AND TIME: August 18, 2018 at 11AM (Light refreshments will be served prior to the program at 10:30am.)

THE HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS

BISHOP OF TAORMINA

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

IMAGE from: <https://www.google.com>

Troparion (Tone 8)

Like an arrow on fire, you were aimed at Taormina * to vanquish the godless and to bring light to the faithful. * You strengthened them in the faith by your preaching, * and you finished your work by spilling your blood. * O martyred priest Pancratius, pray for your flock and for all who honor your memory.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

You appeared to the people of Taormina as a star, * and you became a priest-martyr for Christ, O Pancratius. * As you stand before Him, pray for us who love you.



“ This saint was born in Antioch, during the time that the Lord Jesus walked as a man among men on earth. Hearing about the miracles of Christ, the parents of Pancratius desired to see the lord, the Miracle-worker. Together with Pancratius, they traveled to Jerusalem, where they saw Jesus, heard His words, and witnessed His miracles. There Pancratius became acquainted with the Apostle Peter. After the Ascension of the Lord, both the parents and the son were baptized in Antioch. Pancratius withdrew to a cave in Pontus, where the Apostle Peter found him. In agreement with the Apostle Paul, he appointed Pancratius as the Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. In Taormina Saint Pancratius worked many miracles, destroyed the idols, baptized the unbaptized, strengthened the baptized, and righteously governed the Church of God.

A heathen commander by the name of Aquilinus heard that the entire city of Taormina had become Christian, and set out with an army in order to destroy the city. Saint Pancratius calmed the fears of the faithful, and he himself went out from the city with the clergy, carrying in his hands the invincible weapon, the honorable cross. When the army approached the city, a darkness fell upon them and the soldiers were overcome with great fear. They were then seized with great confusion, and turned against one another, stabbing and slaughtering each other with their swords. Thus the God-pleaser Pancratius saved the city and his flock by the power of his prayer before the Lord. Finally, Pancratius was stoned by envious and evil heathens, and found his repose in the Lord. His holy relics lie in Rome. ”