

# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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### Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Saints of Karpatska Rus and the Martyr Bishop Methodius of Patara

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Romans 2: 10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-23

*Panachida for Denise Sovitch, given by Michael Coviello*

Thursday, July 7 – Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

9:00AM – Divine Liturgy (*no vespers on Wednesday*)

Sunday, July 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

### **Upcoming Feasts:**

Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24/July 7)

Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29 / July 12)

**Confessions:** Before scheduled services (preferably weekday) or by appointment.

### *Please Keep in Your Prayers*

*Living :* Fr. Paul Herbert, Fr. Lawrence Barriger, Fr. Mark Leasure, Fr. James Gleason, Fr. George Dursa, Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Stephanie Bonk. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Bob Chalk. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert Hawley. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. John Lange. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel

*At home :* Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Anna Senich.

*Assisted Living:* Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Kathryn Stocoski. Dolores Naglak. Mary Kneiss.

*Eternal light:* In memory of John Sakulich given by his family.

### **Parish News and Information**

**Special Parish Board Meeting** – today immediately following Divine Liturgy

### **NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**National Senior ACRY Announces First Mission Trip to St. Herman's House** (info from <http://www.acrod.org>): With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the first Sr. ACRY mission trip to Saint Herman's House in Cleveland, Ohio in an ongoing effort in the ACRY to provide opportunities for hands-on mission work. With the success of ACRY Ambassador

Daniel Coffman's Real Break Trip to Saint Herman's, the national board has decided to spend a weekend helping at the house.

Saint Herman's House was founded in 1977 with the purpose to provide shelter, clothing and food to the homeless men of the greater Cleveland area. At any given time, they can house up to 28 men and provide more than 73,000 meals a year.

The mission trip to Saint Herman's House has been inspired by the Jr. ACRY and their countless trips to Saint John the Compassionate in Toronto. With this visit, the National ACRY hopes to encourage the faithful of the Diocese to volunteer their time and talents to help those less fortunate.

For those who are interested, the National Board is currently seeking a team of 12 volunteers to help at Saint Herman's House during the weekend of August 12-14. If you wish to know more information about the trip or to volunteer, please contact Father Peter Paproski at [rppaproski@gmail.com](mailto:rppaproski@gmail.com) or 203-375-2564. If you wish to know more about Saint Herman's House, their website is [www.sainthermans.com](http://www.sainthermans.com) or contact Daniel Coffman at [dpc693@yahoo.com](mailto:dpc693@yahoo.com).

**His Grace Bishop Gregory has returned safely from the Great and Holy Council!**

His Grace is thankful for all who kept him in their prayers for his trip to and participation in the Great and Holy Council in Crete. Detailed information, pictures, and videos concerning the Council can be found here:

<https://www.holycouncil.org>

- Or search for links at -

<http://www.acrod.org>

**Diocesan Summer Camp 2016:**

Week 3 – July 3 → August 6 – Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries. Send your children / grandchildren to Camp for a week or more! They can make lasting friendships, have great fun, enjoy excellent food, and most importantly, draw closer to and learn more about God and His Church.

**Beetreat!** – Pan Orthodox Youth Retreat led by Steve Christoforou (from Be the Bee Series on YouTube) on August 27, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Saint Michael's Orthodox Church in Binghamton! Register online at: [bethebee.goarch.org/retreats](http://bethebee.goarch.org/retreats) (for more info visit the Diocesan Website)

## The Lives of the Saints

The Holy Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara

from *The Prologue of Ohrid: Volume One (January – June)*, *Orthodox Saints: Spiritual Profiles for Modern Man (April 1 – June 30)*, and [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

(Image from: <http://www.orthodoxmonasteryicons.com> )

“Methodius dedicated himself to humble asceticism from his youth, and like a city on a hill he was seen and called to the episcopacy in the city of Patara in Lycia. Considered one of the Church’s greatest theologians and philosophers, Methodius was well-learned and extremely eloquent. Drawing his strength from the truth of Jesus Christ, Methodius wrote much against heresies threatening the Church, including the widespread heresy of the Origenists. He stressed the call to live a spiritual life and always defended a proper understanding of the Church’s doctrinal and dogmatic teachings. Many said that ‘His God-inspired words shone throughout the entire world like lightning.’ In the end, the pagans would rise up against him, torture him, and behead him in Chalcis in Syria in the year 311(/312).”

The 12 Saints of Carpatho-Rus:

1. Saint Maxim of Gorlich
2. Saint Ludmilla
3. Saint Procopius of Sazava
4. Saint Rostislav
5. Saint Cyril
6. Saint Methodius
7. Saint Wenceslaus
8. Saint Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre
9. Saint Moses the Hungarian
10. Saint Gorazd
11. Saint Alexis of Khust
12. Saint Ephrem of New Torzhok

