

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JULY 8, 2018 – THE VIRGIN MARTYR FEBRONIA

PARISH CALENDAR

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

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ILLUSTRIOUS APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Wednesday July 11 – 6:00 PM – Vespers

Thursday July 12 – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 162-163

Epistle: Corinthians 11:21-33, 12:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

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

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Panachida for Eugene Vaskalis given by Family

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.

Altar Vigil Lights: In memory of John Sakulich given by Family.

Eternal Light : In memory of Eugene Vaskalis 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:

July 1, 2018

\$535.00	General Collection
\$72.00	First Sunday
\$90.00	7 Day Light
\$14.00	Holy Days
\$6.00	Tapered Candles
\$10.00	Vigil Lights
<u>\$7.00</u>	<u>Eternal Light</u>
\$734.00	Total Collection



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to Oliver Bracey, who celebrated his birthday yesterday, July 7, 2018! May God grant him many happy and blessed years!
Na M'nohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

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 **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** 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 24th and Saturday, August 25th 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 are signup sheets in the vestibule and in the Church Hall. Please plan ahead and join us for some excellent food and fellowship!



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Happy Anniversary to Mr. Timothy and Dr. Christina Bracey who will celebrate their wedding anniversary this Friday (7/13/18)! May God grant them many blessed years! Na Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

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 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 NATIVITY OF THE FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN

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

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

Troparion (Tone 4)

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, * in spite of our honor and devotion * we are unable to give you worthy praise. * Through your glorious and noble birth * your mother's childlessness was ended, * your father's tongue was freed, * and the incarnation of the Son of God * was proclaimed to the world.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today, she who was once barren * gives birth to the Forerunner of Christ, * the fulfillment of all prophecy. * In the Jordan, John laid his hand upon Him Whom the Prophets foretold * showing himself to be the Prophet, * the Herald and Forerunner of the Word of God.



“ Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great Gabriel, the archangel of God, appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before announcing the miraculous conception by the unwedded virgin, the archangel announced the miraculous conception by the childless old woman. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God, and thus his tongue was bound by dumbness and it remained thus until eight days after the birth of John. On that day the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and naming. When they asked the father what name he wished to give to his son, since he was mute he wrote on a tablet, “John.” At that moment his tongue was loosed and he began to speak.

The home of Zacharias was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. Throughout all Israel there was spread the news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zacharias, as well as that of his dumbness and the loosing of his tongue at the moment he wrote the name “John.” The news of this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children in Bethlehem, he directed men to the hills, to the dwelling place of the family of Zacharias, to kill John also. But Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged at this, King Herod sent his executioners to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was again Zacharias's turn to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zacharias was slain between the court and the temple, and his blood coagulated and petrified on the paving stones, remaining a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave, where she died soon after. The young child John remained alone in the wilderness under the care of God and His angels. ”