

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY AUGUST 19, 2018 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday August 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 166-168

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19

Gospel:

Matthew 17:1-9

Blessing of First Fruits immediately following the Amvon Prayer

Panachida for Helen and Macar Oneschuck given by Daniel Oneschuck

Friday August 24 – 6:00 PM – Paraklis to the Mother of God

Rummage Sale! - Friday (8/24) and Saturday (8/25), from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please come and help! Thank you!

Sunday August 26 – Maximus the Confessor (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Tone 4 – pp. 90-92 (with hymns from Transfiguration pp. 166-168)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-42

Panachida for Olga Dzlinsky given by the Basalyga 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. 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.

Eternal Light : In memory of Susan and Stephen Baronych 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.

UPDATE: **7 Boxes of Food** were delivered to the Bread Basket this past Wednesday (8/15/18). The volunteers continue to be amazed at the generosity and are truly grateful for our ongoing support of their efforts to feed those most in need in our community. Let's keep up the good work!

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

August 12, 2018

\$483.00	General Collection
\$75.00	7 Day Light
\$6.00	Holy Days
\$5.00	Taper Candles
\$15.00	Eternal Light
<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>Maintenance and Repairs</u>
\$594.00	Total Collection

"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...'"

PARISH NEWS

- The **Parish Board** will meet **Sunday September 2** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- We are going to have a **rummage sale this Friday, August 24th, and Saturday, August 25th, 2018.** We are accepting clean clothes in good condition, toys, household items, and jewelry for the rummage sale, as well as baked goods for the bake sale. If you are able to either or both of the days, please come and help out. Let's make this a successful fundraiser for the church!

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE / DEANERY

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.

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.

Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Edwardsville PA (93 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville, PA) will be hosting its **20th Annual Ethnic Food Festival** on Saturday, August 25, 2018, from 11 AM to 6 PM, rain or shine. The menu includes: pirohi, potato pancakes, halupki, halushki, pulled pork, goulash, clam chowder, homemade bread, pagach, homemade pies, cakes, cookies and more! There will also be games, theme baskets, ethnic items, and Pysanky. "Come join us for food, fun and friendship. All proceeds benefit the church building fund."

A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY

- *Saint Philaret of Moscow / the Elders of Optina*

O Lord, allow me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon Your holy will. In every hour of the day, reveal Your will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that comes to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with the firm conviction that Your will governs all. In what I do and say, guide my thoughts and feelings. In unexpected events, do not let me forget that all things are sent by You. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without making others bitter or embarrassing them. Give me the strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day and everything that it will bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray Yourself in me. AMEN!

THE SEVEN HOLY YOUTHS (“SLEEPERS”) OF EPHESUS

Commemorated on August 4/17

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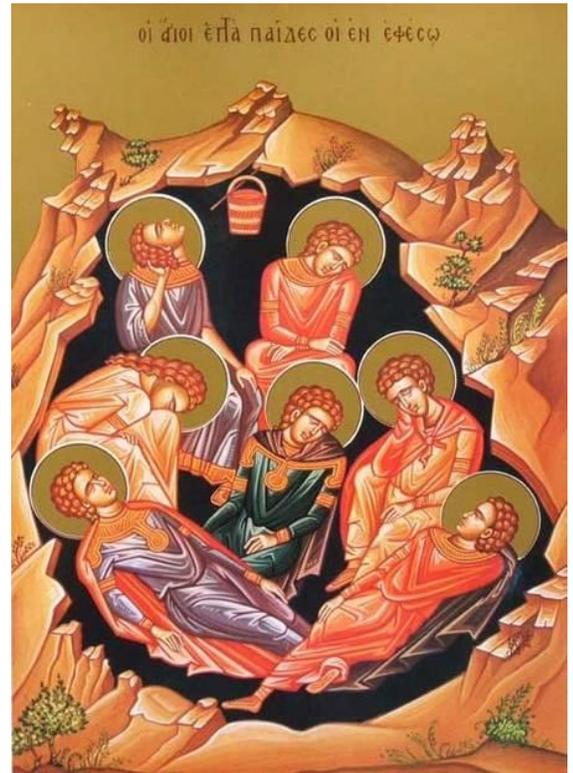
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Troparion (Tone 4)

What a marvel of faith! * The seven holy youths lived in a cave as in a palace, * and they passed on without corruption. * After time had marched on, they came out as if from sleep * and are fitting signs of the resurrection of all. * Have mercy on us, O Christ, through their prayers.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

Despising the corruptible things of this world, * they received gifts which were incorruptible. * They died but did not decay. * Coming out after many years, they bury unbelief. * O faithful people, come to praise them today, * and let us raise a hymn to Christ.



“ There was a great persecution of Christians during the reign of Decius. The emperor himself went to Ephesus, and there arranged a boisterous and noisy celebration in honor of the lifeless idols – as well as a terrible slaughter of Christians. Seven young men, soldiers, refrained from the impure offering of sacrifices. They earnestly prayed to the one God to save the Christian people. They were the sons of the most influential elders of Ephesus. Their names were Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus and Antoninus.

When they were accused before the emperor, they retreated to a hill outside of Ephesus called Celion, and there they hid in a cave. When the emperor learned of this, he commanded that the cave be walled shut. Yet, God – according to His far-reaching providence – caused a miraculous and long-lasting sleep to fall upon the young men. The imperial courtiers Theodore and Rufinus (themselves secret Christians) built a small copper box into the wall. It contained lead plaques on which were written the names of these young men, and which recorded their martyric deaths during the reign of Emperor Decius.

More than two hundred years passed. During the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), there was a great dispute about the resurrection of the dead, and there were some who doubted in it. Emperor Theodosius was in great sorrow as a result of this dispute among the faithful, and prayed to God that He, in some way, would reveal the truth to men. Then some shepherds of Adolius, who owned the hill Celion, were building folds for their sheep, using stones from the cave. They removed stone after stone.

Suddenly, the youths awoke from their sleep, as youthful and healthy as on the day they fell asleep. The news of this miracle was spread abroad in every direction, so that Theodosius himself came with a great entourage and conversed with the youths, to his delight. After a week, they again fell into the deep repose from which they had awakened, to await the General Resurrection. Emperor Theodosius wanted to place their bodies in gold caskets; but they appeared to him in a dream, and told him to leave them in the earth as they had been laid there. ”