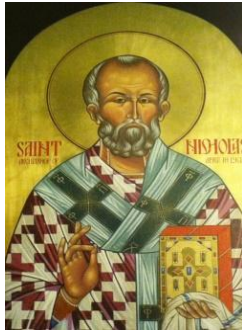


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SUNDAY AUGUST 27, 2017 -THE HOLY PROPHET MICAH

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 27 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Prophet Micah

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 3 – hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 87-89 (Tropar, Kondak, Birthgiver hymn, Prokimen, Alleluia)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Panachida for Mary Kneiss given by Carol Sakulich.

6:30 PM – Great Vespers for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos.

Monday August 28 – Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 169-171

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sunday, September 3 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Sunday after Dormition*) – The Apostle Thaddeus

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Everything from Dormition (Blue Pew Book pp.) *except* Prokimen / Alleluia (Tone 3 – p. 8)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

Panachida for Mary Kneiss given by Madeline Hodanich and Margaret Skotlewski.

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 it for 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. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. 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. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Dana Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

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

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

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:

August 20, 2017

\$434.00	General Collection
\$78.00	7 Day Light
\$19.00	Holy Days
\$56.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$10.00	Taper Candles
<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>Memory of Mary Kneiss</u>
\$727.00	Total Collection

Parish News

- The **Altar Society** will meet **this morning** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **Sunday September 10** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet **Sunday September 17** immediately following Liturgy.

FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
September 13	September 14	September 15
October 4	October 5	October 6
October 18	October 19	October 20
November 1	November 2	November 3
November 15	November 16	November 17
November 29	November 30	December 1
December 13	December 14	December 15

A NOTE ABOUT BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE BULLETIN:

Per a recent suggestion to have birthdays and anniversaries published in the bulletin, *if you would like your birthday - OR- wedding anniversary in the bulletin, please fill out the form in the vestibule (back of the church).* **THANK YOU!**

Suggestions read at the July 16, 2017 and August 20, 2017 Board Meetings:

The following received suggestions (read at the meetings by Father Daniel) have either already been addressed by the board or are in the process:

- Publishing of birthdays and anniversaries in the bulletin (***PLEASE SEE NOTE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE***)
- Trimming of shrubs and trees on church property
- Replacing of the hall doors
- Air conditioning in the hall
- Graffiti on the back side of the hall in the court.
- Rusting wrought iron railing around the church property

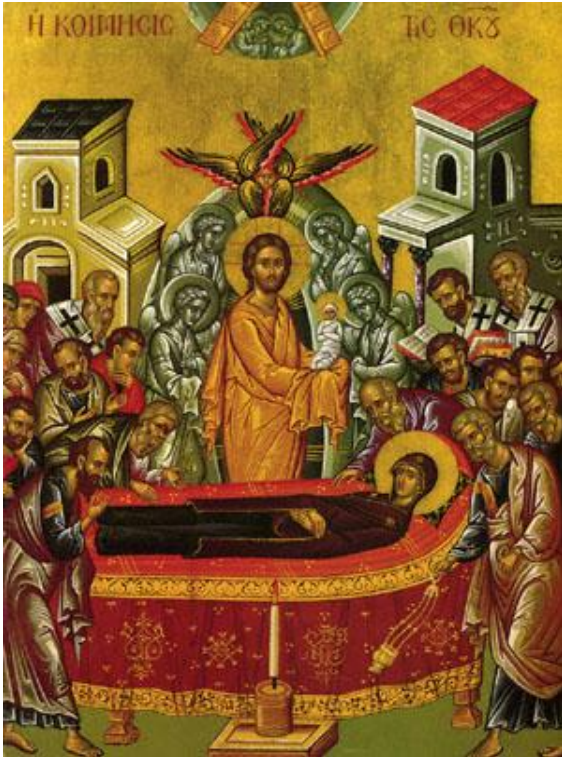
NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

(for more info, or to register, please go to www.acrod.org or www.campnazareth.org)

Second Annual Stewardship Retreat! - JOHNSTOWN, PA - [Diocesan Chancery] -- The 2nd Annual Stewardship Retreat will be held at Camp Nazareth from September 22-24, 2017. This Year's Theme is Igniting the Flame of True Stewardship. On Friday evening, Mother Christophora, Abbess of The Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration, will be the presenter. On Saturday, Bill Marianes, Ancient Faith Radio-contributor and Stewardship Evangelist from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, will be the day-long presenter. The Retreat is open to Coordinators, Clergy and members of Church Boards. There is no charge and lodging will be provided by the Camp. Anyone interested in attending, should notify their priest. Please respond by no later than September 1st, so that final arrangements can be completed at the Camp.

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

IMAGE and TEXT from: <https://www.goarch.org/dormition> HYMNS from: Blue Pew Book



Glorification

The angels at your Dormition, O Pure One, were filled with feelings of wonder and awe, at how the Virgin went from the earth unto Heaven.

Irmos

The laws of nature were overcome in you O Pure Virgin. In giving birth you remained a Virgin and in you, death is wed to life. You remained a Virgin after giving birth, and remained alive after death, always saving your descendants, O Mother of God.

“ Introduction

The Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on August 15 / 28 each year. The Feast commemorates the repose (“Dormition” and in Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

Biblical Story

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Theotokos in his own home.

Along with the biblical reference in Acts 1:14 that confirms that the Virgin Mary was with the Holy Apostles on the day of Pentecost, the tradition of the Church holds that she remained in the home of the Apostle John in Jerusalem, continuing a ministry in word and deed.

At the time of her death, the disciples of our Lord who were preaching throughout the world returned to Jerusalem to see the Theotokos. Except for the Apostle Thomas, all of them including the Apostle Paul were gathered together at her bedside. At the moment of her death, Jesus Christ himself descended and carried her soul into heaven.

Following her repose, the body of the Theotokos was taken in procession and laid in a tomb near the Garden of Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived three days after her repose and desired to see her body, the tomb was found to be empty. The bodily assumption of the Theotokos was confirmed by the message of an angel and by her appearance to the Apostles. ”