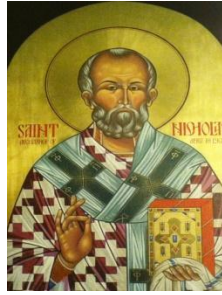


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SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2016

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 28 – The Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 169-172

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Blessing of Flowers – The blessing of flowers customary on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos will take place TODAY at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Panachida for the repose of the newly-departed servant of God the Very Reverend Protopresbyter Paul Herbert (Blue Pew Book pp. 75-79)

Sunday, September 4 – Martyr Agathonicus

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 2 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 84-86 and Special Hymns from **Dormition** – pp. 169-172

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Confessions: Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Anna Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. 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. Eugene Vaskalis.

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

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

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

Parish News and Information

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please continue to remember and support 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 21, 2016

\$526.00	General Collection
\$73.00	7 Day Light
\$27.00	Holy Days
\$40.00	Pirohi
\$80.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$7.00	Eternal Light
<u>\$12.00</u>	<u>Tapered Candles</u>
\$664.00	Total Collection

FALL 2016 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
October 5	October 6	October 7
October 19	October 20	October 21
November 2	November 3	November 4
November 16	November 17	November 18
November 30	December 1	December 2
December 14	December 15	December 16

Looking forward to making pirohi in September! The times are as follows:

Wednesdays – PIROHI PREP – 7:30 AM

Thursdays – PIROHI MAKING – 8:00 AM

Fridays – SALE – 10:00 AM → 3:00 PM

***ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** will take place on Sunday September 4th following the Divine Liturgy.

News Around the Diocese

(from www.acrod.org)

Eternal Memory: Protopresbyter Paul Herbert - With great sorrow the Diocesan Chancery announces the falling asleep in the Lord of the Very Reverend Protopresbyter Paul Herbert. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website. May our good God grant blessed repose and eternal rest to His faithful servant, the newly-departed Priest Paul, and make his memory eternal, vicnaja jemu pamjat!

Church Slavonic Class is Open to the Public! *Johnstown, PA* – Christ the Saviour Seminary is pleased to announce that it will be offering to the public an Introduction to Church Slavonic Class (3 Credit Hours) for the upcoming Fall Semester at the Seminary. Classes are offered on Fridays from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. Fee is \$200. The semester runs from September 12 through December 19. For more information or to register please contact Fr. John Brancho at (814) 539-5043.

[The Dormition of the Mother of God](#)

Text from [The Prologue of Ohrid](#) (Volume Two: July – December)

Image from: www.oca.org



“The Lord Who, on Mount Sinai, gave the Fifth Commandment, *Honor thy father and thy mother*, showed by His own example how one should respect one’s parents. Hanging upon the Cross in agony, He remembered His mother, and indicating the Apostle John He said to her, “*Woman, behold thy son.*” After that, He said to John, “*Behold thy mother.*” And so, providing for His Mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, in which the Theotokos then lived. She dwelt there to the end of her days on earth. By her prayers, kind guidance, meekness and patience, she greatly assisted her Son’s apostles. She spent most of her remaining time on earth in Jerusalem, often visiting those places that reminded her of the great events and of the great works of her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem, and the Mount of Olives. Of her few distant journeys, her visit to St. Ignatius the God-bearer in Antioch is recorded; as is her visit to Lazarus (whom our Lord resurrected on the fourth day), the Bishop of Cyprus. She also visited Mount Athos, which she blessed; and she stayed in Ephesus with St. John the Evangelist during the time of the great persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. In her old age, she often prayed to her Lord and God on the Mount of Olives, the site of His Ascension, that He take her quickly from this world. On one of these occasions, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed to her that she would find repose within three days. The angel gave her a palm branch which was to be carried in her funeral procession. She returned home with great joy, hoping in her heart to see her Son’s apostles just once more in this life. The Lord fulfilled her wish, and the apostles, enlightened by angels in the clouds, gathered together at the house on Mount Zion. With great rejoicing she saw them, encouraged them, counseled them, and comforted them. Then she (about sixty years of age) peacefully gave her soul to God without pain or physical illness. The apostles took up her coffin, from which a heavenly fragrance arose – and, in the company of many Christians, carried it to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the sepulcher of her parents, Saints Joachim and Anna. By God’s providence, the procession was concealed by a cloud. Even so, Aphthonius, a Jewish priest, grabbed the coffin with the intention of overturning it, but an angel of God severed both his hands. He then cried out to the apostles for help, and was healed upon declaring his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Thomas was absent – again, according to God’s providence – in order that a new and all-glorious mystery of the Holy Theotokos would be revealed. Thomas arrived on the third day and desired to venerate the body of the Holy Most-Pure One. But when the apostles opened the sepulcher, they found only the winding sheet: the body was not in the tomb! That evening, the Theotokos, surrounded by a host of angels, appeared to the apostles and said to them, “Rejoice, I will be with you always.”