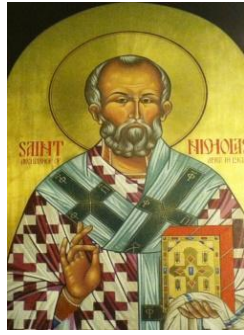


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY AUGUST 6, 2017 -THE GREAT MARTYR CHRISTINA

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, August 6 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Great Martyr Christina**

9:30 AM --- Divine Liturgy

**Tone 8** – hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 102-104 (Tropar, Kondak, Birthgiver hymn, Prokimen, Alleluia)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

#### **Saturday, August 12 – (Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the 70) – Memorial Liturgy for Walter Orzolek given by**

Hymns for the Departed (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 235-240

**John and Donna Shimo**

Epistle: Romans 15:30-33 Gospel: Matthew 17:24 – 18:4

#### **Sunday, August 13 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – The Righteous Eudocimus**

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

**Tone 1** – hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 81-83 (Tropar, Kondak, Birthgiver hymn, Prokimen, Alleluia)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

**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. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Matushka Catherine Jula. 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 Skotleski. 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. Mary Kneiss. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Floyd Swingle Sr. given by Jim and Evelyn Reese.

## 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 30, 2017*

\$359.00	General Collection
\$81.00	7 Day Light
\$17.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$14.00	Taper Candles
\$21.00	Eternal Light
<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>In memory of Julie Roberts</u>
<b>\$610.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

### Parish News

- The **Altar Society** will meet **this morning** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Men's Club** will meet **next Sunday, August 13** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet **Sunday, August 20** immediately following Liturgy.

## NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE

(for more info, or to register, please go to [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org) or [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org))

**2017 National ACRY Convention!** - The St. Nicholas ACRY Chapter #11 of Homestead will be the host of the 73rd National Senior and 34th National Junior ACRY Convention. The Chapter is already working hard to provide you with a great Convention this year. We hope you will make the trip to the Pittsburgh, PA area for a fun and enjoyable weekend! {For more info, please visit <http://acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/acryn-e/acrycomeingevents/2017-acry-convention>}

## THE GREAT MARTYR CHRISTINA



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### Troparion (Tone 4)

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

### Kontakion (Tone 4)

O dove of golden wings, thou shonest like lightning, and flewest up unto the height of the Heavens, august Christina; therefore we all celebrate thy glorious festival, as we faithfully reverence the worshipful shrine wherein thy pure relics are treasured, whence thou dost truly well forth unto all divine cures both for the body and for the soul.

“ Christina was born in the city of Tyre. She was the daughter of Urban the imperial deputy, an idol-worshiper. The reason her parents gave her the name Christina is unknown, but it contained within itself the mystery of her future following of Christ. Until the age of eleven she knew nothing of Christ. When she reached that age, her father made her live in the top of a high tower, in order to protect her from the world, because of her extraordinary beauty. He planned to have her live there until she reached full maturity. All the comforts of life were afforded her – slaves to serve her, and gold and silver idols that she might offer sacrifices to them daily. However, the soul of young Christina was saddened in this isolated, idolatrous environment. Looking out the window each day at the sun and all the beauty of the world, and again at night at the wondrous constellation of shining stars, Christina came to a firm belief in the One Living God through her own natural understanding. The merciful God, seeing her longing for the truth, sent His angel to trace the sign of the cross upon Christina. The angel called her the bride of Christ, and instructed her fully in the knowledge of divine things. Then Christina smashed all the idols in her quarters, thus provoking wild fury in her father. He brought her to trial, and had her tortured. Then he had her thrown into prison, intending to have her beheaded the next day. That night Urban, who had been in full health, spewed forth his soul and went to the grave before his daughter. After this, two imperial deputies, Dion and Julian, continued to torture this holy virgin. Christina’s courageous endurance and the miracles she worked by the power of God converted many pagans of Tyre to Christianity. During the torturing of Christina, Dion suddenly fell dead in the midst of the people. Dion’s successor, Julian, severed Christina’s breasts and tongue. The martyr threw her severed tongue into Julian’s face, and he was instantly blinded. Finally, her suffering for Christ ended beneath the sharp sword, but her life continues in the Immortal Kingdom of the angels. Saint Christina suffered honorably in the third century. ”