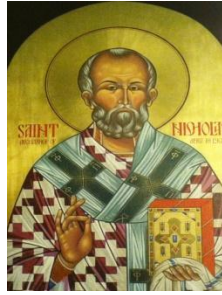


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SUNDAY AUGUST 7, 2016

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 7 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Dormition of Saint Anna, Olympias the Deaconess

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 6 – Blue Pew Book pp. 96-98

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

***Note:** blessing of vehicles will take place following Liturgy today! If you would like your car blessed, please bring it as close as you can to the church. Thank you!*

Sunday, August 14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Procession of the Holy Cross

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 7 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 99-101

Dormition Fast begins

Confessions: Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

Upcoming Feasts: Transfiguration of our Lord – August 6 / 19

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living: Fr. Paul Herbert, Fr. Lawrence Barriger, 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 Tigie. 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 Floyd Swingle Sr. given by Jim and Evelyn Reese.

Parish News and Information

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Ongoing Food Collection Project:

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet. As you may know, the funding for the Bread Basket of NEPA has been cut, and they rely on donations to help families in need. 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 31, 2016**

\$449.00	General Collection
\$72.00	7 Day Light
\$20.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$3.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$11.00	Tapered Candles
\$200.00	Parking Donation
<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>Renovations – Memory of Denis Sovitch</u>
\$868.00	Total Collection

FALL 2016 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
September 28	September 29	September 30
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

Men's Society Meeting will take place next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Parish Board Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 21st, following the Divine Liturgy.

News Around the Diocese

National Senior ACRY Announces First Mission Trip to St. Herman's House (info from <http://www.acrod.org>): With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the first Sr. ACRY mission trip to Saint Herman's House in Cleveland, Ohio in an ongoing effort in the ACRY to provide opportunities for hands-on mission work. With the success of ACRY Ambassador Daniel Coffman's Real Break Trip to Saint Herman's, the national board has decided to spend a weekend helping at the house. Saint Herman's House was founded in 1977 with the purpose to provide shelter, clothing, and food to the homeless men of the greater Cleveland area. At any given time, they can house up to 28 men and provide more than 73000 meals a year.

The mission trip to Saint Herman's House has been inspired by the Jr. ACRY and their countless trips to Saint John the Compassionate in Toronto. With this visit, the National ACRY hopes to encourage the faithful of the Diocese to volunteer their time and talents to help those less fortunate.

For those who are interested, the National Board is currently seeking a team of 12 volunteers to help at Saint Herman's House during the weekend of August 12-14. If you wish to know more information about the trip or to volunteer, please contact Father Peter Paproski at rppaproski@gmail.com or 203-375-2564. If you wish to know more about Saint Herman's House, their website is www.sainthermans.com or contact Daniel Coffman at dpc693@yahoo.com.

Beetreat! – Pan Orthodox Youth Retreat led by Steve Christoforou (from *Be the Bee* Series on YouTube) on August 27, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Saint Michael's Orthodox Church in Binghamton! To register please go online asap to: bethebee.goarch.org/retreats.

The Lives of the Saints

Saint Olympias

Also listed among the Saints remembered today is Saint Olympias (Olympiada), the Deaconess.

Account From: The Prologue of Ohrid: Volume Two (July – December)

Image from: www.oca.org

“Olympias was born in Constantinople of very distinguished parents. Her father, Anysius Secundus, was a senator, and her mother was the daughter of the famous nobleman Eulavius, who is mentioned in the life of St. Nicholas. When Olympias reached maturity she was betrothed to a nobleman who died before the marriage took place. The emperor and her other relatives pressured Olympias to marry another, but in vain. She in no way desired this, and devoted herself to a God-pleasing life, giving great offerings to the churches and alms to the needy from her inherited estate. She served as deaconess in the Church during the time of Patriarch Nectarius and, after his death, during the time of St. John Chrysostom. When Chrysostom was exiled, he counseled Olympias to remain in the church and to serve as before, regardless of who the patriarch after him would be. Immediately after the banishment of this great saint, someone started a fire in the Great Church, and the fire consumed the prominent buildings in the capital. The enemies of St. John Chrysostom accused this holy woman of maliciously starting the fire. Olympias was banished from Constantinople to Nicomedia, where she died in the year 410. She had requested in her last testament that her body be placed in a box and cast into the sea, and that she was to be buried wherever the waves brought it ashore. The coffin was cast ashore in the city of Vrochthoi, where there was a church dedicated to the Apostle Thomas. Throughout the centuries, her relics have had the power of great healing miracles. The exiled Chrysostom wrote beautiful letters to the exiled Olympias, which even today serve as a great comfort to all those who suffer for the sake of God’s justice. Among other things, Chrysostom wrote to Olympias: ‘Now I am very happy, not only because you have been delivered from infirmity, but even more because you are nobly enduring all difficulties, referring to them as trivialities, which is characteristic of a soul full of strength and abounding in the rich fruits of courage. For not only are you courageously enduring misfortune, but you do not even notice it when it comes and, without exertion, without labor and disturbance, do not even inform others but rejoice and triumph over it. This serves as proof of the greatest wisdom’ (Saint John Chrysostom Letter VI).”

