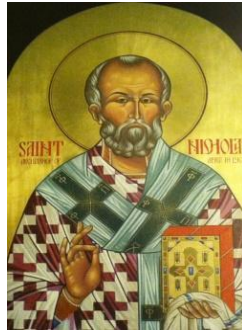


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 – THE HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 17** – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Hieromartyr Babylas  
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy  
Tone 6 – hymns (Blue Pew Book) pp. 96-98  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46  
*Panachida for Duane and Jacob Kuklis given by Daniel Oneschuck.*

### Nativity of the Mother of God

Wednesday, September 20 – 6:30 PM – Great Vespers  
Thursday, September 21 – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy  
Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book pp. 105-107  
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

**Sunday, September 24** – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – *Sunday before the Elevation* – Theodora of Alexandria  
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy  
Hymns – [Blue pew book – pp. 105-107 (*Nativity of the Theotokos*) and p. 108 (*Sunday before Elevation*)]  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30  
*Panachida for Daniel Rodino given by 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 it for the scheduled service times, please let me know and we  
can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!*

Today (9/17) – IOCC  
collection for those affected  
by Hurricane Harvey.  
*( Immediately following the sermon )*

Next Sunday (9/24) – IOCC  
collection for those affected by  
Hurricane Irma.

## 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. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. 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 Tigie. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

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

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

Altar Lights : For the health and protection of Sue Dorin Yackabovicz.

Eternal light : In memory of Mary Kneiss given by John and Mary Brizinski and son.

### Parish Life

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

*September 10, 2017*

### 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...”*”

\$496.00	General Collection
\$2.00	First Sunday
\$57.00	7 Day Light
\$23.00	Holy Days
\$10.00	Vigil Lights
\$14.00	Eternal Light
\$23.00	Taper Candles
\$150.00	Memory of Mary Kneiss
<b>\$775.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

### Parish News

- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Men’s Club Meeting** has been rescheduled for **next Sunday September 24** immediately following Liturgy.

### **FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE**

<b>Wednesday Prep</b>	<b>Thursday Pinching</b>	<b>Friday Sales</b>
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

- Sunday School for the 2017-2018 School Year begins **Sunday October 1**. Please bring your children and grandchildren! No education is more important than learning about God and His Church!

### **NEWS AROUND THE DEANERY / 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))

**Saint George's Ethnic Food Festival!** - Our sister and fellow deanery church, Saint George's in Taylor (743 South Keyser Avenue), will host an Ethnic Food Festival on **Saturday September 30 and Sunday October 1, 2017 from 12 to 7 PM**. All are welcome! They will have Pirohi, Holupki, Kielbasa, Halushki, Clam Chowder, Dessert, Beverages and a themed Basket Raffle. Eat in or take out. Please call (570) 562 – 1170 or visit [stgeorgestaylor.com](http://stgeorgestaylor.com) for more information.

**Annual Deanery DDD Dinner!** - This year's DDD (*Distinguished Diocesan Donors*) Dinner for those who gave at least \$100 to the DDD Fund will take place on November 5, 2017 at St. George's Hall in Taylor, PA. More information is forthcoming.

#### **Humor...A Very Faithful Woman**

*Anonymous*

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!" Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!" Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD GOD! I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME! PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noticed a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD!" The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't." The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands she said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

## **THE HIEROMARTYR BABYLAS**

**TEXT** from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid

**IMAGE** from: [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

“ This ‘great and wonderful man, if he could be called a man,’ – as Saint John Chrysostom spoke of him – was Bishop of Antioch during the reign of the wicked Emperor Numerian. This Numerian concluded a peace treaty with a barbarian king, who was more noble and peace-loving than he. As a sign of sincere desire for a lasting peace, the barbarian king gave his young son to be brought up and educated in Numerian's court. One day Numerian stabbed this innocent boy to death with his own hands, and offered him as a sacrifice to the idols. Still hot from the crime and the innocent blood, this criminal with an emperor's crown went to a Christian church to see what was going on there. Saint Babylas was at prayer with the people, and heard that the emperor had come with his retinue and desired to enter the church.

Babylas interrupted the service, went out in front of the church, and told the emperor that as he was an idolater he could not enter the holy temple where the one, true God was glorified. In a homily about Babylas, Saint John Chrysostom said: ‘Who else in the world would he fear – he who, with such authority, repulsed the emperor? ... By this, he taught emperors not to overreach their authority beyond the measure given to them by God, and he also showed the clergy how to use their own authority.’ The shamed emperor turned back, but planned revenge. The following day, he summoned Babylas and berated him, urging him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which, of course, the saint steadfastly refused to do. The emperor then bound Babylas and cast him into prison.

The emperor also tortured three children: Urban, age twelve, Prilidian, age nine, and Hippolinus, age seven. Babylas was their spiritual father and teacher, and they, out of love for him, had not run away. They were the sons of Christodula, an honorable Christian woman who had herself suffered for Christ. The emperor first ordered that each child be beaten with a number of blows corresponding to his years, and then had them cast into prison. He finally had all three beheaded with the sword. The chained Babylas was present at the beheading of the children and encouraged them. After that, he laid his own honorable head under the sword. He was buried in his chains by the Christians, in the same grave as those three wondrous children, as he had willed before his martyrdom. Their holy souls flew off to their heavenly habitation, while their miracle-working relics remained for the benefit of the faithful, as a constant witness to their heroism in the Faith. They suffered in about the year 250. ”

