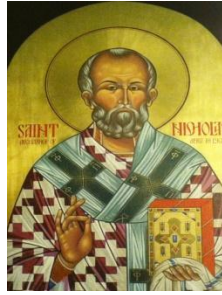


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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 18 – Zachariah and Elizabeth

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 4 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 90-92

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

Birth of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 20 – 6:00 PM Vespers

Wednesday, September 21 – 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 105-108

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

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

Sunday, September 25 – Hieromartyr Autonomus (also, Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and Leave-Taking of Nativity of the Theotokos)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 105-108

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Confessions: Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living: Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. 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. Joseph Brizinski. 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.

*Please also keep in your prayers Frank Pucher and Nicholas and Maryann Polanichka for safety in travel.

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 Margaret, Peter, and Richard Farkaly given by William and Beverly Thomas.

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:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

\$247.00	General Collection
\$63.00	7 Day Light
\$52.00	Holy Days
\$3.00	Tapered Candles
\$365.00	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 October! 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

***CHURCH BOARD MEETING** will take place **next Sunday, September 25th**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

News Around the Diocese

Ethnic Dinner at St. George’s Church in Taylor! Just a reminder, the second day of our fellow deanery parish St. George’s annual ethnic festival is today. They have pirohi, holupki, kielbasa, halushki, clam chowder, desserts, and beverages! Please come out and support our fellow church!

Dedication and Blessing of Habitat for Humanity Memorial Building Project – Perth Amboy, NJ (St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church) --- St. John’s Church is pleased to announce the dedication and blessing of the Habitat for Humanity Memorial Building Project as set for Wednesday, December 7, 2016! This is an exciting moment as the project is nearing completion through the labors and contributions of so many Diocesan Faithful. A highlight of the dedication ceremony will be the presence of Pani Susan Rosco, and it is desired that as many Diocesan faithful as possible also be in attendance. In keeping with the spirit of service, a final work week in association with this dedication will take place from December 5th through the 10th. IOCC has graciously agreed to coordinate this aspect of the trip. It is hoped to have some social gatherings at night including a night on the town in New Orleans.

Registration: Will be done through IOCC and their website. This information is being distributed so that Diocesan faithful may begin to make plans that fit their schedules.

Cost/Logistics: The Volunteer contribution is \$350 per person which includes local transportation, room and board, materials, supplies, tools and site supervision. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, but 16 and 17 year-olds are accepted if they are accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or an adult with a power-of-attorney to act on their behalf for the duration of the deployment. Individuals (or groups) are responsible to travel to the build city on their own, but ground transportation will be provided from the local airport(s) to the housing site.

Anyone interested in participating in this glorious moment is asked to contact Fr. Michael Chendorain at fathermikec@verizon.net or (732) 826-4442 as soon as possible.

More news

Fourth Annual Rusyn Genealogy Conference, “Understanding the Rusyn Heritage!”

Come join us on Saturday, October 22nd, from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at King’s College Campus Center in Wilkes-Barre, PA. Speakers will include Dr. Paul Best (“The Lemkos”) Tom Peters (“I am a Rusyn, Let My Journey Begin”), Jim Huratiak (“DNA and Rusyn Genealogy”), and Gabriel Koljesar (“Vojvodina”). All are welcome to bring documents for interpretation. This conference costs \$40.00 and includes a breakfast buffet and lunch. Merchandise will be available for purchase as well as a basket raffle. This event is sponsored by the Eastern PA Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society. Please RSVP by October 15th to Sharon Jarrow (shangp@rcn.com • call 610-759- 2628) or mail check made to C-RS Eastern PA to Sharon Jarrow~599 Fehr Rd.~Nazareth, PA 18064.

The Lives of the Saints

Saint Zacharias, the Prophet and his wife, Saint Elizabeth

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

Image from: <http://jobingodschild.blogspot.com/2015/11/prepare-o-bethlehem-elizabeth-and.html>

“Zacharias was the father of St. John the Forerunner. He was the son of Barachias, from the lineage of Abia, of the sons of Aaron. Zacharias was a high priest who held the eighth degree of service in the Temple at Jerusalem. His wife Elizabeth was the daughter of Sophia and sister of St. Anna, who was the mother of the Most Holy Theotokos. During the reign of King Herod the child-slayer, Zacharias was serving one day at the Temple of Jerusalem according to his turn. An angel of God appeared to him in the sanctuary, and Zacharias was very afraid. The angel said to him, “*Fear not, Zacharias*” (Luke 1:13), and announced that Elizabeth would bear a son, in answer to their prayers. But both Zacharias and Elizabeth were old. When Zacharias doubted the words of the heavenly herald, the angel said, “*I am Gabriel, that stands in the presence of God*” (Luke 1:19). Zacharias was struck mute from that hour, and could not speak until his son was born and he had written on a tablet, “*His name is John*” (Luke 1:63). Then his speech returned, and he glorified God.”

“Some time later, when the Lord Jesus had been born and Herod began to slaughter the children of Bethlehem, he sent men to find and kill the son of Zacharias – for Herod had heard all that had happened to Zacharias, and how John had been born. Upon seeing the soldiers coming, Elizabeth took John into her arms – he was a year and a half old at that time – fled from the house with him, and ran to a rocky and desolate place. When she saw the soldiers following her, she cried out to the mountain: “O mountain of God, receive a mother with her child!” and the rock opened and hid her and her child. Then Herod, enraged that John had not been slain, ordered that Zacharias be slain before the altar. The blood of Zacharias was spilled on the marble and dried solid as stone, and remained as a witness to Herod’s evil deed. In the place where Elizabeth hid with John a cave opened, water flowed out of it, and a fruit-bearing palm tree grew, all by the power of God. Forty days after the death of Zacharias, the blessed Elizabeth died. The child John remained in the wilderness, fed by an angel and protected by God’s providence, until the day he appeared at the Jordan.”

