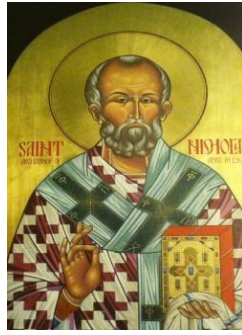


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 - SAINT THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, September 24** – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – *Sunday before the Exaltation* – Theodora of Alexandria

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – [Blue pew book – pp. 105-107 (*Nativity of the Theotokos*) and p. 108 (*Sunday before Exaltation*)]

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17

*Panachida for Daniel Rodino given by Family.*

#### EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Tuesday, September 26** – 6:30 PM – Great Vespers

**Wednesday, September 27** – 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book pp. 109 - 112

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Gospel: John 19:6-35

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

( *Immediately following the sermon* )

**Sunday, October 1** – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – *Sunday after the Exaltation* – Eumenes of Gortyna

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – Sunday after Exaltation (p. 113) and Tone 8 Tropar and Kondak (p. 102)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-39; 9:1

**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 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. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. 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 Wroblewsky.

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

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

Altar Lights : For the health of Joseph Majcher Jr. given by Family.

Eternal light : In memory of Mary Kneiss given by Joseph and Lorraine Kacaba.

**Parish Life**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:**  
*September 17, 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...”*

**Parish News**

\$554.54	General Collection
\$66.00	7 Day Light
\$1,399.00	Pirohi
\$22.00	Holy Days
\$186.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$50.00	Heat Offering
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$15.00	Taper Candles
\$200.00	<u>IOCC – Hurricane Harvey</u>
<b>\$2,499.54</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

- The **Men’s Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Liturgy.

<b>FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Wednesday Prep</b>	<b>Thursday Pinching</b>	<b>Friday Sales</b>
<i>October 4</i>	<i>October 5</i>	<i>October 6</i>
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 **next Sunday, October 1**. Please bring your children and grandchildren! No education is more important than learning about God and His Church!
- **Annual Parish Meeting!** - The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday October 22, 2017**. *All parishioners in good standing* are please asked to attend and participate in the operation of Saint Nicholas Church. **Please keep in mind** that the quorum for an Annual Meeting is **25 members**. Also, if you have any topics you would like to be presented at the meeting, please contact **Jane Togher** to have them added to the agenda. We look forward to seeing you at the parish meeting!
- The **Annual Flea Market sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church** will be held in the Parish Center, [428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton](#) on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Doors will not open before 9:00am. This event benefits the Parish Children's Religious Education Program. Ukrainian and American foods will be available for purchase as well as a theme basket raffle. To reserve a table or for additional information contact Daria at [570 963-1580](#).

### **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 Pocono Deanery 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.

**Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Conference!** - Featuring His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa. This Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Conference (for those age 21-29) will be held from October 6-8, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website (above).

## **SAINT THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA**

**TEXT** from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid

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

“ Theodora was from Alexandria and the wife of a very young man. Persuaded by a fortune-teller, she committed adultery with another man and immediately felt the bitter pangs of conscience. She cut her hair, dressed in men's clothing and entered the Monastery of Octodecatos, under the male name Theodore. Her labor, fasting, vigilance, humbleness and tearful repentance amazed the entire brotherhood.

When a promiscuous young woman slandered her, saying that Theodore had made her pregnant, Theodora did not want to justify herself, but considered this slander as a punishment from God for her earlier sin. Banished from the monastery, she spent seven years living in the forest and wilderness and, in addition, caring for the child of that promiscuous girl.

She overcame all diabolical temptations: she refused to worship Satan, refused to accept food from the hands of a soldier, and refused to heed the pleas of her husband to return to him – for all of this was only a diabolical illusion, and as soon as Theodora made the sign of the Cross everything vanished as smoke. After seven years, the abbot received her back into the monastery, where she lived for two more years, and reposed in the Lord.

Only then did the monks learn that she was a woman: an angel appeared to the abbot and explained everything to him. Her husband came to the burial, and then remained in the cell of his former wife until his repose. Saint Theodora possessed much grace from God: she tamed wild beasts, healed infirmities, and brought forth water from a dry well. Thus, God glorified a true penitent, who with heroic patience repented nine years for just one sin. She reposed in the year 490. ”

