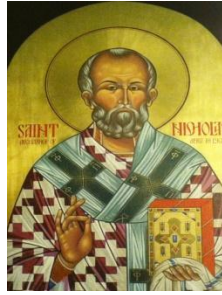


# *The Saint Nicholas Chronicle*



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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

### Parish Calendar

#### Sunday, September 4 – Martyr Agathonicus and his Companions (and leave-taking of Dormition)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 2 – Blue Pew Book – pp. 84-86 and Special Hymns from **Dormition** – pp. 169-172

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

#### Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

Saturday, September 10 – 6:00 PM – Vespers

Sunday, September 11 – 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 172-173

Epistle: Acts 13:25-32

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-30

( NOTE: This is a day of STRICT FAST )

Confessions: Before/after scheduled services or by appointment.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. 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 Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

**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:**

AUGUST 28, 2016

\$589.00	General Collection
\$65.00	7 Day Light
\$120.00	Holy Days
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$11.00	Tapered Candles
<b>\$792.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

<b>FALL 2016 PIROHI SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Wednesday Prep</b>	<b>Thursday Pinching</b>	<b>Friday Sales</b>
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

\***ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING** will take place today (9/4) following the Divine Liturgy.

### **News Around the Diocese**

**Church Slavonic Class is Open to the Public!** *Johnstown, PA* – Christ the Saviour Seminary is pleased to announce that it will be offering to the public an Introduction to Church Slavonic Class (3 Credit Hours) for the upcoming Fall Semester at the Seminary. Classes are offered on Fridays from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. Fee is \$200. The semester runs from September 12 through December 19. For more information or to register please contact Fr. John Brancho at (814) 539-5043.

### **Serbian Accordion Virtuoso To Visit NEPA!**

Petar Marić, Belgrade-born virtuoso and winner of four world champion titles in accordion performance, will visit three Northeastern Pennsylvania communities this September. First Presbyterian Church, 97 South Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, will host a concert on Sunday, September 11, at 3:00 p.m. St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Elementary School, 530 East Elm Street, Scranton, will host a concert on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. St. George's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, 743 South Keyser Avenue, Taylor will host a concert on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. following a Moleben service at 6:00 p.m. Performances are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be accepted. For more information, contact Raphael Micca at 570-301-9253 or email [rdmicca@aol.com](mailto:rdmicca@aol.com) or Michael Stretanski at [570-287-6554](tel:570-287-6554).

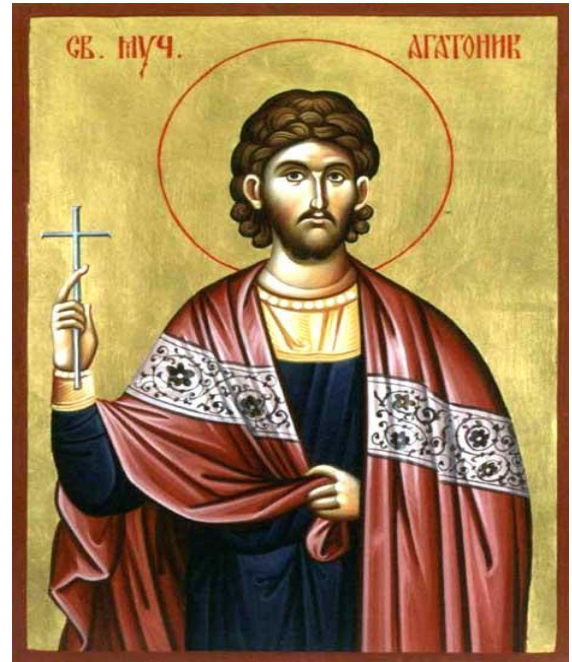
## The Lives of the Saints

### *Martyr Agathonicus, Martyr Zoticus, and their Companions*

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

Image from: <http://eastsaintoftheday.blogspot.com/>

“St. Agathonicus was a citizen of Nicomedia and a Christian by faith. With great zeal he converted the Hellenes from idolatry and instructed them in the true Faith. At Emperor Maximian’s orders, the regional governor cruelly persecuted the Christians. The deputy captured St. Zoticus in a place called Carpe. He crucified Zoticus’s disciples and brought Zoticus himself to Nicomedia – where he also captured and bound Agathonicus, Princeps, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severianus, Zeno and many others. Securely bound, they were all taken to Byzantium. As they traveled, Saints Zoticus, Theoprepus, and Acindynus died of their many wounds and exhaustion. Severianus was slain near Chalcedon. Agathonicus and the others were taken to Silybria, in Thrace. There, after being tortured in the emperor’s presence, they were beheaded, and entered into eternal life and the joy of their Lord.”



## A Reflection

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

“When a man truly repents, he needs to avoid thinking about the sins he committed, so that he will not sin again. St. Anthony the Great counsels: “Be careful that your mind be not defiled with the remembrance of former sins – that the remembrance of those sins not be renewed in you.” He also says: “Do not establish your previously committed sins in your soul by thinking about them, so that they not be repeated in you. Be assured that they were forgiven you from the time that you gave yourself to God and to repentance. Therefore, let us set our minds upon heaven, where there is no evil.”

**So just as God forgives our sins, which are as numerous as the sands on the shores of the seas, so too must we forgive others their sins against us.**