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A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese – Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Bulletin for October 22-November 4, 2017



The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus – Luke 16:19-31

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

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| *SUN | 10/22/2017 | 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Sobey Family (Perpetual) ++Boldish Family (Perpetual)</i> |
| MON | 10/23/2017 | |
| | | <i>(No Moleben Tonight)</i> |
| WED | 10/25/2017 | |
| | 6:30 PM | Religious Enrichment: "Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian" |
| FRI | 10/27/2017 | |
| | 8:30 AM | Liturgy (Chapel) <i>+Stephen & +Mildred Repasky (Perpetual)</i> |
| *SUN | 10/29/2017 | 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Wanchisin Family (Perpetual) +George Pacinda (Perpetual)</i> |
| WED | 11/1/2017 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Potato Prep |
| THURS | 11/2/2017 | |
| | 6:00 PM | Filling Prep |
| WED | 11/3/2017 | |
| | 8:00 AM | Pirohi Making and Sale |
| *SUN | 11/5/2017 | 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |
| | 9:00 AM | Divine Liturgy <i>Honoring of Parish Veterans for Veterans Day "Youth Sunday" – Fr. David Teaching Combined Class</i> |

Our Fall Religious Enrichment Series “The Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian” will continue on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 PM with a presentation about **Death and Dying**, and its related liturgical services. This is a stand-alone presentation with discussion, so if you are curious to learn more about our Orthodox understanding of these matters, please attend!

Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual Sponsors and Memorial Listings: If you would like to include your name and/or the names of your loved ones in the 2018 Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual, please visit the church office.

ACRY “Lots o’ Luck” calendars are available in the church office for \$25/calendar.

Throughout October, Orthodox parishes in the US have been honoring **college students**. We offer our prayers and congratulations to all college students, and pray that the Lord enlighten them with His divine knowledge and give them guidance, discernment, and a renewed commitment to their faith.

At the direction of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, we will be taking a **collection** for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), the national Orthodox college student ministry. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your contribution and return it to the church no later than November 5th. Thank you!

2018 Special Fund calendar tickets are coming soon! New prize amounts!

TAKE. THIS. SURVEY.

His Grace, Bishop Gregory, has selected our parish for participation in the **national study “Sharing Our Faith: Evangelization and Outreach in US Orthodox Christian Churches.”** This study will help to better understand how Orthodox parishes and their members live out our Faith in the 21st century America, how they connect to their local neighborhoods, and how they reach out to non-Orthodox people.

We need you to take part in this study! All you need to do is to complete an online questionnaire; the link to it is provided below. It will take about 20 minutes. Please be as honest as you can when completing the questionnaire: there are no “right” and “wrong” answers and the survey is completely anonymous. If you have several adult (age 18+) and teenage (age 14+) church members in your household, please make sure that everyone completes the survey independently from each other. The survey can be found at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OurFaith1>

Veterans Day Recognition: This year, we will again pray for and honor our *(living)* veterans on the Sunday before Veterans Day—Sunday, November 5th. If you have any corrections or additions to our parish list of those who have served or are currently serving in the US armed forces, please see Gary Yonchak to submit this information. *Veterans, please be prepared for November 5th as we will honor you for your service to our country!*

New Event in December: “Christmas Wrap-Up” Festival

After many successful years of gift wrapping at the Shenango Valley Mall, we are going to be retiring that event. In its place, we are going to holding a one-day Christmas-themed event in the church fellowship hall. We are calling it the “Christmas Wrap-Up” Festival. It will take place on **Saturday, December 16th from Noon until 6:00 PM**. It will consist of food sales (pirohi and halushki), a gift wrapping station, a cookie walk, and sales of items at the Showcase. Mark your calendars, and tell your friends and neighbors!

Anyone who would like to help can speak with Mary Ann Lavin. We have both large and small jobs. Also, if you would like to contribute monetarily to this event, we will be having a collection for the next two Sundays to help with the start-up baking costs.

This is a new event for the church and your help would be very much appreciated so that this festival will be as successful and highly-regarded as our other St. John's events.

Our 2017 Chinese Auction will take place on Sunday, November 19. Doors open at 1:30 PM and the drawing starts promptly at 3:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 and tickets are \$3.00 per sheet or 4 for \$10.00.

As usual, we are asking our parishioners to donate **prizes** for the auction. This year, we are requesting that prizes be worth at least \$10.00. Your donations can be left on the long tables in the fellowship hall marked “Chinese Auction Donations” (to the left of the stage area). There is a notebook in the hall; please sign your name and the item you bring in. Monetary donations are also accepted. Letters to solicit prizes are still available in the fellowship hall.

Thank you in advance for your donations and work!

Our Diocese will be gathering to celebrate the **5th Anniversary of the Consecration of our shepherd and father in Christ, Bishop Gregory**, on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. The schedule is: 5:00 PM Prayers of Thanksgiving for His Grace at the Holiday Inn; 5:15 PM Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres; 6:00 PM Dinner. Meal choices: Salmon or Filet Mignon - \$50. Child Appropriate Meal - 12 Years and Younger - \$20. ***Please visit the church office to make a reservation. Deadline is October 29.***

A special rate of \$94.99 + Tax has been locked in for rooms at the Holiday Inn. Book Under 'ACROD' No Later Than November 6, 2017 by calling 814-535-7777.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP NAZARETH

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh and the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese are pleased to announce their second co-sponsored Young Adult Retreat entitled "Trusting the Process". The Retreat, crafted for young adults ages 18-35, will take place Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Camp Nazareth located in Mercer, PA. The weekend event will feature Keynote addresses given by Mr. Jacob Saylor, the Pastoral Assistant at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Scottsdale, AZ. Visit either pittsburgh.goarch.org or acrod.org for more information and to register for the Retreat. If you ever struggle with "staying on track", or if you ever feel like you don't know where you're headed in your life, then don't miss out on this unique retreat!

YOUTH ENCOUNTER AT CAMP NAZARETH

The National Jr. ACRY Weekend Youth Encounter at Camp Nazareth will take place from November 10-11. All youth of the diocese ages 8-18 are invited to spend a weekend at Camp Nazareth, enjoying the fall weather and each other's company. Please note our youth **do not have to be Jr. ACRY members** to attend! The weekend will consist of many different activities including a religious talk, sports, fellowship, and some surprise activities.

The Cost for the weekend is \$90, and reservations should be made via e-mail (rachelprib@gmail.com) as soon as possible - with the Encounter participant's name, age, and any food allergies - as soon as possible, with all forms mailed in by November 1st. Please visit <http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/encounter-2017> for additional information and to download all registration forms.

STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"My God will supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't have a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

"Render therefore to Caesar the thing's that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second.

Visit our Diocesan Online Resources!

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org>

Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese>

You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>

NOVEMBER 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE

*Please add your name
to the sign-up sheet
in the Hall!*

Wed., November 1
at 6:00 PM
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., November 2
at 6:00 PM
(Filling prep)

Friday, November 3
at 8:00 AM
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

Remember:
**Get your
orders in
By October 29!**



November 2017 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: October 29, 2017

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Potato @ 7.00/dozen \$ _____

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, November 3, 2017
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)

Coffee Hour Sponsors for October 22:

The Maurer Family

Coffee Hour Sponsors for October 29:

In Memory of Helen & Gleason Scott,
by Jack and Bonnie Scott

Coffee Hour Volunteers

October 22: Gino & MaryAnn Tofani

October 29: Jaeger Family

November 5: Jason & Shannon Baker

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, October 22nd

In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on Our Wedding Anniversary, by Debbie & Gregory Cross

Candelabrum ~ Sunday, October 22nd

In Memory of Mary Doyle's Birthday, October 26th, by her Children

Bulletin ~ Sunday, October 29th

For God's Blessings on Our Anniversary by Bob & Lorraine Amos

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, October 29th

In Loving Memory of Mildred Repasky by Mary Jane Repasky & Katie Hartley

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 22 Nicholas Krainok
- Oct. 23 Kelly Figiel
- Oct. 24 Robert Andras
Larry Long
Kathy Piston
- Oct. 25 Abigail Gordon
Michael Ristvey
- Oct. 26 Matthew Kulusich
- Oct. 27 Barbara Holt
Elizabeth Safin
James Kudelko
- Oct. 28 Debora Waryanka
- Oct. 30 Robert Banas
- Oct. 31 Danielle Dias
Nicholas Loposky
Jennifer Ristvey
- Nov. 1 Paige Bair
Natasha Fabian
Nathaniel Tofani

MEN TO

HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, October 29th

- Matt Kulusich
- Steve Lukac
- Steven Lukac
- Andy Lutz
- Ken Maceyko

Sunday, November 5th

- Dr. Emil Maurer
- Fred Meiss
- Robert Miller
- John Moon
- Nick Orras

ANNIVERSARIES

October 22nd

Jim & Paula Kudelko

October 28th

Robert & Lorraine Amos

October 29th

*Dr. Emil & Christine Maurer
Kelly & Thomas Hellmann*

November 4th

*Mr. &
Mrs.
Dan
Ristvey*

