Bulletin for December 3-9, 2017
(One Week Edition)
# Calendar of Services & Events

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| **Sun 12/3/2017** | **25th Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: +Joseph Lukac (Perpetual)*  
*Election of Officers Meeting following Liturgy* |
| **Tues 12/5/2017** | **Vespers for St. Nicholas Day in Warren**  
6:00 PM Vespers for St. Nicholas Day in Warren |
| **Wed 12/6/2017** | **St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker (Holiday)**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Panachida: ++Hnat & ++Polansky Families (Per.)*  
6:00 PM Pirohi Potato Prep  
*(No Evening Advent Service)* |
| **Thurs 12/7/2017** | **Pirohi Filling Prep**  
6:00 PM Pirohi Filling Prep |
| **Fri 12/8/2017** | **Pirohi Making**  
8:00 AM Pirohi Making |
| **Sun 12/10/2017** | **26th Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
*Saint Nicholas Celebration Following Liturgy* |

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Thank you for all your prayers, kind words & get-well wishes during my recent surgery for Vascular Abdominal Aortic repair. All of your heartfelt thoughts were helpful during my recent surgery I was home the next day and I’m healing very well. Special thanks to Fr. David for anointing me before surgery and to Dr. Emil Maurer for always being there for me. Thank you for your concern and I hope to be back serving with Fr. David ASAP. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Church, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Polanichka
Vespers for Saint Nicholas Day will be offered at St. Nicholas Church, 2053 North Road NE in Warren, OH on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 PM. All are invited to attend and celebrate this day with our dean, Fr. Ken, and our brothers and sisters in Warren. Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Our annual St. Nicholas Celebration (hosted by the PTO), as well as the Visit from “St. Nicholas,” will take place next Sunday, December 10th following services. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the hall, so that the PTO can accurately plan the refreshments for this annual tradition!

2018 Special Fund “Calendar Sweepstakes” tickets are available for a $20 donation, as well as to sell to your family and friends.

When doing your Christmas shopping, don’t forget to visit our church’s Religious Showcase (new items in stock!) and the “Smart Money” counter in the hall to purchase gift cards for a variety of stores.

Looking for a nice way to “keep Christ” in this pre-Christmas season? The Nativity Scene Display at Villa Maria Conference Center, Villa Maria, PA will take place December 3 and December 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Admission to the display is free. This indoor Advent tradition features hundreds of nativity sets from around the world. For more information, humilityofmary.org or call 724-964-8920.

The Nativity Fast (Advent) continues! Please keep with your spiritual efforts of fasting, increased prayer, and acts of charity. Come to additional services as you are able.

Also, please remember that Fr. David is available to hear Confessions before evening services, as listed; before Divine Liturgy on Sundays starting about 8:25 AM; and by appointment.

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Special Icon to Visit on December 20th

A copy of the wonder-working icon of the Mother of God from the Nicula Monastery in Romania is currently traveling through the US and Canada.

This icon will be making a stop at OUR church on Wednesday, December 20th and will be with us for our Wednesday evening service at 6:00 PM. Details are still being finalized but, in addition to the service, we will most likely include a short talk about the history of this particular icon.

What a great way to prepare to celebrate the Nativity—by honoring Our Lady and the Child Jesus in the presence of this traveling icon! Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us in prayer for this spiritually-uplifting event.

Don’t forget to offer this prayer daily as requested by Bishop Gregory!

Evening Prayer For Peace for the Advent Season

Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of God, You became flesh and dwelt among us. You made the womb of Your most-pure Mother more spacious than the heavens. Yet You, the true light, were born in the darkness of a cave, thereby enlightening the world that was darkened by sin. To redeem us, You shared Your whole life. You submitted to death on the Cross and rose from the dead, bestowing life. We share in Your death and resurrection, that we may indeed be dead to sin and alive in You. As we fast and prepare to celebrate Your life-giving manifestation, we pray especially that our respect for life will prevail in the world. Directed by Your command to care for “the least of these,” may we and all people heed Your call to show care and concern for life in the womb; for the lives of the poor, oppressed, and suffering; and for the lives of the sick, the elderly, and the dying. May Your peace reign in our hearts and throughout world, especially in places of unrest, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to an end. May aggression between neighbors and nations fade away. May love reign in the lives of families. O Savior, You have said “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” May we become partakers of Your abundant life, together with all the saints whose lives have pleased You from the beginning. For You are the way, the truth and the life, O Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your most-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. AMEN.
JOHNSTOWN, PA [Diocesan Chancery] -- The Diocesan Chancery is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2018 Cross-Road program.

CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach.

Historically, CrossRoad has been hosted solely on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross. This year, we are excited to announce that CrossRoad is expanding to Chicago! This summer, there will be a third session offered on the campus of North Park University in Chicago, IL. CrossRoad Chicago is the same program, run by the same staff, in a brand new location!

The sessions are as follows: Session 1 - June 16 – June 26 (Boston) Session 2 - July 2 – July 12 (Boston) Session 3 - July 21 – July 31 (Chicago)

Scholarships covering the registration and tuition fee will be available to our Diocesan students who apply and are accepted to any one of the three sessions.

Diocesan Students interested in attending are asked to apply to the program before the February 1, 2018 Deadline. Upon acceptance, students are kindly asked to contact Fr. Stephen Loposky, Diocesan Director of Youth at campnazareth@acrod.org or 724-662-4840.
"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that - it puts you on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.
“Christmas Wrap-Up” Festival

Saturday, December 16th, 2017 from 12 Noon until 6:00 PM

♦ Pirohi and Halushki

♦ Homemade Cookies and Baked Goods
  Russian Tea Cakes, 7 Layer Cookies, Pizzelles, Nut Tassies,
  Lady-Locks/Clothespin Cookies, Orange Poppyseed, Peanut Butter
  Blossoms, Brownie Tarts, Chocolate Chip (Several Varieties),
  Nut Roll, Apricot Roll, Poppyseed Roll, AND MORE!

♦ Religious and Folk Craft Items
  Icons, Crosses, Jewelry, Nesting (Matryoshka) Dolls, Ornaments

♦ Holiday and Decorator Items

♦ Gift Wrapping Station

Tell your friends and neighbors about this NEW event at our church!

Coffee Hour Sponsors
For December 3:
In Memory of Nicholas Polanichka, Sr.
by Proto. Michael & Pani Eleanor Polanichka

Coffee Hour Volunteers
December 3: Pani Eleanor
December 10: St. Nicholas Celebration
BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 9  Deborah Anderson
      Shannon Slovesko

ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Billie Lutz

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, December 10th

Robert Banas
John Bauer
Dennis Burprich
John Cataloni
Jerry Chupak

October 2017 Special Fund Winners

1st Sunday
2nd Robert Banas, Sharpsville - $30 # 435
3rd Dorothy Pacinda, Hermitage - $30 # 789
4th Christine & John Cataloni, Hermitage - $30 # 318
5th Adrienne Frangakis, Philadelphia - $30 # 105
6th Helen Blasko, Sharon - $30 # 739
7th Henry VanZanten, Sharpsville - $50 # 606
8th Sunday
9th Michael Obermiyer, Brookfield, OH - $30 # 956
10th Linda Carney, Brecksville, OH - $30 # 317
11th Nick Kupensky, Masury, OH - $30 # 381
12th Jeremy Baker, Grove City, PA - $30 # 224
13th Christine & John Cataloni, Hermitage - $30 # 603
14th Dave Au, Robbinsville, NJ - $50 # 365
15th Sunday
16th Christine & John Cataloni, Hermitage - $30 # 603
17th not sold No. 952
18th Matty Murray, Hermitage - $30 # 518
19th Lorraine Amos, Hermitage - $30 # 756
20th Thomas Burprich, Hermitage - $30 # 600
21st Stephen Dearn, Clark, NJ - $50 # 742
22nd Sunday
23rd Jerry Castleman, Monroeville, IN - $30 # 402
24th Kathy Yonchak, Masury, OH - $30 # 957
25th not sold No. 552
26th Renee Maceyko, Hermitage - $30 # 213
27th Rita Ferringer, Hermitage - $30 # 459
28th Rich Osnato, Somerville, NJ - $50 # 813
29th Sunday
30th Emily Anderson, Sharpsville - $30 # 691
31st Cindy Inman, Sharon - $30 # 978

November 2017 Special Fund Winners

1st Marilyn Radu, Novelty, OH - $30 # 893
2nd Karsten Baker, Hermitage - $30 # 537
3rd Edie Walker, New Cumberland, WV - $30 # 595
4th not sold No. 024
5th Sunday
5th not sold No. 635
7th Kyle Baldwin, Floral City, FL - $30 # 923
8th Michelle McMahon, Trasfer, PA - $30 # 684
9th Thomas Ristvey, Hermitage - $30 # 912
10th Zoe Redemann, Philadelphia, PA - $30 # 295
11th not sold No. 551
12th Sunday
13th Esther Chupak, Hermitage - $30 # 866
14th not sold No. 016
15th not sold 091
16th Karsten Baker, Hermitage - $30 # 593
17th not sold No. 571
18th David Maurer, Moon Twp., PA - $50 # 966
19th Sunday
20th Natalee Ristvey, Hermitage - $30 # 906
21st Frances Chervinko, Sharon - $30 # 350
22nd Ronald Chupak, Wadsboro, NC - $30 # 692
23rd Tammy Keck, Hermitage - $30 # 371
24th not sold No. 037
25th Mary Barbara Hardy, Farrell - $50 # 414
26th Sunday
27th Julie Totin, Sharpsville - $30 # 800
28th Kathy Yonchak, Masury - $30 # 554
29th Pat Granchay, Canfield - $30 # 543
30th Julie Totin, Sharpsville - $30 # 800