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Bulletin for October 23-November 5, 2016



Each of you should give what you
have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

(From the Epistle Reading for Sunday, October 23rd)

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	10/24/2016	
	6:00 PM	Moleben to Our Lord <i>with Prayers for the Living/Sick</i>
WED	10/26/2016	
	6:30 PM	Religious Enrichment: "Characters of the Old Testament"
THURS	10/27/2016	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>+Stephen & +Mildred Repasky & Family (Perpetual)</i>
SUN	10/30/2016	19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +George Pacinda (Perpetual)</i>
TUES	10/31/2016	
	8:30 AM	Service (Chapel) <i>++Bergkessel Fam. & +Soloninka Fam. (Per.)</i>
WED	11/2/2016	
	6:00 PM	Pirohi Making: Potato Prep
THURS	11/3/2016	
	6:00 PM	Pirohi Making: Filling Prep
FRI	11/4/2016	
	8:00 AM	Pirohi Making & Sale
SAT	11/5/2016	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>Pavlick Family (Perpetual)</i>
SUN	11/6/2016	20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Honoring of Parish Veterans for Veterans Day <i>Panachida: +Martha Totin by Marlene and William Roach</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **PTO Pie Sale is here!** *See the back page for more information!*

¶ **Religious Enrichment Study "Characters of the Old Testament"** continues on Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 PM. Coffee will be provided; feel free to bring something to share! (No Bible Study on November 2 because of pirohi making!)

¶ **Reminder: Pirohi Order Deadline** is October 30th! Please be courteous to our pirohi organizers and submit your orders in a timely manner!

¶ **2017 National ACRY "Lots-o-Luck" calendars** are available for \$25.00 each. Proceeds benefit Diocesan Funds. Please visit the church office to purchase a ticket!

¶ **5th Annual Meals-on-Wheels Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner** will take place on Thursday, October 27 at Christ Lutheran Church, 396 Buhl Boulevard, Sharon. 3:00-7:00 PM. Adult tickets \$10, children \$5.

Our 2016 Chinese Auction will take place on Sunday, November 20. 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.

We need baskets! If you have any large handled new or like-new baskets for the Chinese Auction basket raffle, please bring them in!

Letters to solicit prizes are still available in the fellowship hall.

Thank you in advance for your donations and work!

Important News! The "Kardiotissa" Icon of the Mother of God from Taylor will be visiting our church on the evening of Friday, December 16th. The schedule will be released soon, but mark your calendar and plan to participate! As we will have a large number of visitors that evening, we are going to need many parishioners to assist with various tasks. More information to follow soon.

O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Thoughts on Stewardship by Dan Hromyak

"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." - 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Luke 18:14

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

"But Zacchaerus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I exorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" - Luke 19:8

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

From the Diocesan Chancery

Fall Youth Encounter To Take Place At Camp Nazareth Nov 11-13, 2016

JOHNSTOWN, PA [National Jr ACRY] - The Annual Fall Youth Encounter will take place from Friday Nov 11 - Sunday Nov 13, 2016 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. The Encounter is sponsored by the National JR. ACRY and is open to youth ages 8-18. All Diocesan youth are invited and do not have to be a member of the JR. ACRY to attend.

The weekend will be full of fun and fellowship and will include Divine Liturgy, a religious talk with clergy, sports and a special event that is sure to be a highlight of the weekend.

The encounter will begin with arrival and registration on Friday, Nov 11th from 7:00 to 9:00pm and will conclude on Sunday Nov 13, 2016 at Noon following the celebration of Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am and Brunch.

Saint John's Youth and Parents: please contact Fr. David ASAP about attending!

Stay up-to-date on happenings throughout our Diocese!

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

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

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

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>

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

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“What is Faith?”
***From the Orthodox Confession
of St. Peter Mohila of Kiev***

Faith is, according to St. Paul, "the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not. For this the ancients obtained a testimony." [Hebrews 11:1-2] Or, as follows: the apostolic Orthodox Catholic faith is to believe in one's heart and confess by one's mouth one God in the Holy Trinity, according to the teaching of the same St. Paul: "for with the heart we believe unto justice; but with the mouth confession is made unto salvation;" [Romans 10:10] and then also, Faith is to hold intact all the articles of the Orthodox faith, handed down by Christ the Lord through the Apostles and pronounced and approved in the Ecumenical Councils and to believe them without doubt as taught therein, just as the Apostle designates: "Brothers, stand fast and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by our epistle." [II Thess 2:14] And in another place: "I praise (you, brothers), that you are mindful of me in all things; and keep my ordinances as I delivered them to you." [I Cor. 11:2] From these words it is clear that the articles of faith receive their commendation and authority partly from Sacred Scripture and partly from church tradition and the teaching of the Councils and the Holy Fathers. By way of explanation in this matter, St. Dionysius says: "For the substance of our hierarchy is the divinely given oracles; most truly we declare these oracles to be venerated, which were given to us by our holy founders, inspired by the Holy Spirit, in Sacred Scripture and theological books, as also that which comes from these same holy men in a more subtle way, not completely treated from on high, but by the penetration of one mind unto another, indeed by way of the corporeal word, but nevertheless at the same time immaterial, by which our holy founders were taught without writing in this certain sacred tradition." [Ps. Dion., De Eccles. Hier., 1,4 PG 3, 376] I speak, he says, of certain dogmas given through the Scripture and contained in the theological books (that is, of St. Basil); Truly these are dogmas which were orally given by the Apostles and the Holy Fathers. And on these two things the faith is based, not only to remain in the recesses of the heart, with all doubt and fear really removed, but to be proclaimed and professed orally, even as the Psalmist says: "I have believed, therefore have I spoken." [Ps 15:1] "We also believe, wherefore we also speak." [II Cor 4:13]

Support our PTO Fall Pie Sale!

Our Saint John's PTO will be selling pies October 27th through November 13th. The funds will be used to provide financial support for the parish youth attending Camp Nazareth and for the annual St. Nicholas Luncheon. Order forms will be available in the parish hall. This year, we have selected the three most popular pies for this sale: apple-caramel, pumpkin, and cherry. Thank you for your continued support!

NOVEMBER PIROHI MAKING SCHEDULE

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

Wed., Nov. 2 at 6:00 PM
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., Nov. 3 at 6:00 PM
(Filling prep)

Fri., Nov. 4 at 8:00 AM
(Pirohi Making and Sale)



November 2016 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: October 30, 2016

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

____ Potato @ 7.00/dozen \$ _____

____ Butter Only

____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, November 4, 2016
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)

Candelabrum ~ Sunday, October 23rd

Bob and Lorraine Amos, In Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, October 23rd

The Doyle Family, In Loving Memory of Mother, Mary Doyle's Birthday

Flowers ~ Sunday, October 23rd

Anniversary Wishes! To Jim and Paula Kudelko, on October 22nd
Bob and Lorraine Amos on October 28th
From Mom Kudelko

Bulletin ~ Sunday, October 30h

Dorothy Pacinda, Bob and Michael Andras, In Loving Memory of Husband,
Brother-in-Law/Uncle, George Pacinda

BIRTHDAYS

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

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 5 Irene Poranda
Joel Ristvey
Jack Scott

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, October 30th

Bob Kapusta
Jim Kudelko
Matt Kulusich
Steve Lukac
Andy Lutz

Sunday, November 6th

Ken Maceyko
Dr. Emil Maurer
Fred Meiss
Robert Miller
John Moon

ANNIVERSARIES

October 28th

Bob & Lorraine Amos

October 29th

*Dr. Emil & Christina Maurer
Thomas & Kelly Hellman*

November 4th

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ristvey

