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Bulletin for November 5-18, 2017



Monument to Archangel Michael in Kiev, Ukraine. St. Michael's Day is November 8th.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

TUES 11/7/2017

8:30 AM Parastas (Chapel)
++Bergkessel Family; ++Soloninka Family (Perpetual)

WED 11/8/2017 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (HOLYDAY)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: +Steve Lysohir, 40th Day Remembrance, by the Family
6:00 PM Moleben to St. Nektarios, with Prayers for the Living/Sick
Followed by Enrichment Talk: "Healing"

FRI 11/10/2017

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
+John & +Katherine Polochak (Perpetual)

***SUN 11/12/2017 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: +George & +Anna Valent; +Harold Bouslough (Perpetual)

MON 11/13/2017

6:00 PM Board Meeting

TUES 11/14/2017 St. Philip the Apostle

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Chapel)
+Joseph & +Margaret O'Shanic (Perpetual)

WED 11/15/2017 Nativity Fast ("Advent") Begins Today

5:30 PM Confession
6:00 PM Moleben for the Nativity Fast

SAT 11/18/2017

9:00 AM Pan-Orthodox Retreat at Holy Cross Church

***SUN 11/19/2017 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida: ++Pavlick Family
1:00 PM Doors Open for Chinese Auction

We Honor Our Veterans...

On this Sunday before Veteran's Day, we offer special prayers for all the veterans of our Saint John's parish family. This list below includes those members of our church or their immediate family members who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. *Thank you for your service!*

May God, through the Prayers of the Archangel Michael, Saint George, Saint Demetrius, and all the Saints, grant these men and women, and all veterans who served or now serve our country, His blessings, grace, and mercy!



Robert Amos
Deacon John Anderson
Robert Banas
George Benya
Father Thomas Blaschak
Robert Bobanick
Dennis Burpich
Joseph Blasko
Donald Christy
Andrew Chuba
Stephan Chuba
Ruth Ristvey Cisneros
Chester Everett
Patton Gilliland

Joseph P. Jaeger
Matthew Kolusich
Andy Lutz
Robert Maykowski
Paul McMahan
Scott Obermiyer
John D. Ristvey
Peter Roman
Edward Slovesko
Joseph Tatusko
Aaron VanZanten
David VanZanten
Gary Yonchak

God bless America!

¶ **November 9th is the holyday of St. Nektarios the Wonder-Worker**, a special intercessor for those with cancer and other terminal illnesses. To honor his day, we will celebrate a Moleben (prayer service) at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 8th, with prayers for the living/sick. Following this service, we will have an enrichment lesson about God's healing and St. Nektarios, offered by our neighbor Fr. Michael Gavrilos of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Castle. *Come, pray, learn!*

¶ We offer special prayers for safety in travel for **Dr. Henry Van Zanten** as he departs for the **OCMC short-term Healthcare Mission** to provide health care and health education at the Fr. Andres Giron Clinic in Aguacate, a predominantly Mayan region of northern Guatemala. The trip goes from November 10 to

19. Please include Dr. Henry and the team in your daily prayers during this time. *May God assign a guardian angel to this trip, and bless Henry and all the participants for many years!*

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

¶ **A Pan-Orthodox Nativity Fast Retreat**, sponsored by our local Clergy Brotherhood, will be held on Saturday, November 18th at Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 950 Maple Drive, Hermitage. The presenter is Fr. Joseph Wargo, and the topic is "**Ministry to the Sick, Suffering, and Dying.**" Registration begins at 9:00 AM, and a donation of \$10 is requested. Lunch is included. Please see the enclosed brochure for more information.



2017 Chinese Auction

Sunday, November 19

Doors open at 1:00 PM

Drawing starts promptly at 3:00 PM

Admission is \$5.00

Tickets are \$3.00 per sheet or 4 for \$10.00.

*As usual, we are asking our parishioners to donate **prizes** for the auction. We are requesting that prizes be worth at least \$10.00. Your donations can be left on the long tables in the fellowship hall, 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.*

The Nativity Fast (“Advent”) begins on November 15th

During this time, we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ (*December 25*) and the festive season (*the “12 Days of Christmas”*) that ends with the Baptism of Christ (*January 6*). Special services will be held on Wednesdays to help us prayerfully prepare. Additional times are scheduled for Confession, which we are to approach during this time.

Fasting goes hand-in-hand with our spiritual preparation. The traditional, fuller fast calls for abstention from meat and dairy from November 15 until December 25. At a minimum, we are to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, and observe the fast on Christmas Eve, December 24. (*Dispensation is given for Thanksgiving and the Friday following, as listed in the ACRY Annual.*)

Consider this: in America today, most people *pre-celebrate* Christmas, so that Christmas *ends* on December 25th. The Church wants us to take time and prepare *before* Christmas, and *then* celebrate and feast. We should, of course, be balanced in how we approach this, especially when invited by friends, neighbors and coworkers to holiday gatherings. In our personal and family observance of this pre-Christmas Fast, though, adding an extra day or two (or more!) of fasting and abstention per week can help us focus more intently on preparation, and lessen the temptation to end Christmas on December 25th. *Remember: don’t ask “what is the least I have to do?” but “what is the most that I can do for Christ?”*

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

2018 Church Wall Calendars have again been provided to our parish through the generosity of **TOMON FUNERAL SERVICES**. We thank our parish funeral directors Joe Tomon and Jennifer for this annual gift, and ask God to bless them for many, blessed years!

Every home should have a calendar! Please take a calendar home and let it assist you in sanctifying the whole course of the year. Follow the daily commemorations, as the Church remembers the events of our salvation—the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord—and the lives of the saints. Use the Bible readings as daily spiritual nourishment.



STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all our soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:27

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news - it's not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

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>

“Christmas Wrap-Up” Festival

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



**Pirohi and Halushki Sale
Homemade Cookie Walk
Sales of Christmas Items
Sales at our Religious Showcase
Gift Wrapping Station**



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

*If you would like to help, speak with Mary Ann Lavin.
We have both large and small jobs for which we need volunteers.
Your help will make this new event a success!*

Coffee Hour Sponsors for November 5:
Jason & Shannon Baker

Coffee Hour Sponsors for November 12:
Robert & Kathy Piston
(Health and Blessings!)

Coffee Hour Volunteers
November 5: Jason & Shannon Baker
November 12: Diane Kupensky
November 19: NO COFFEE HOUR



*Please visit the Church Office if you would like to sponsor
a Sunday Coffee Hour (\$20 donation)
or if you can volunteer to work at Coffee Hour.
Many Sundays are still available!*

Bulletin ~ Sunday, November 5th

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

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, November 5th

For God's Blessings upon Dr. Henry VanZanten and OCMC Mission Team Members
on their trip to Guatemala by the Parish

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, November 12th

In Loving Memory of Richard Hartley as a Birthday Remembrance by Katie Hartley and Family



BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 5 Joel Ristvey
Nov. 9 Christine Cataloni
Nov. 10 Gino Tofani
Nov. 12 John Parimuha
Joseph LeSawyer
Nov. 13 Irene Gelety
Nov. 15 Amelia Baranowsky
Nov. 18 Francine Fabian
Gail Scott

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, November 12th

John Parimuha
Tom Patrick
Dan Ristvey
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey

Sunday, November 19th

Michael Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Peter Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff

ANNIVERSARIES

November 7th

Matt & Amy Ristvey

November 12th

*Scott & Michaelene Ober-
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