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

Bulletin for September 24-October 7, 2017



October 1 is the holyday of the Protection of the Mother of God

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

*SUN	9/24/2017	16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Joseph & +Catherine Pavlick (Perpetual)</i>
TUES	9/26/2017	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>++Ristvey Family (Perpetual)</i>
WED	9/27/2017	
	6:30 PM	Religious Enrichment: "Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian"
FRI	9/29/2017	
	8:30 AM	Parastas (Chapel) <i>++Guzi Family; ++Rowlands Family; ++Hall Family (Perpetual)</i>
*SUN	10/1/2017	17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
WED	10/4/2017	
	6:00 PM	Potato Prep
THURS	10/5/2017	
	6:00 PM	Filling Prep
FRI	10/6/2017	
	8:00 AM	Pirohi Making and Sale
*SUN	10/8/2017	18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Giroski Family +George & +Ann Volsko</i>

This year's Youngstown Deanery **DDD Dinner** will be on Sunday, October 8 at Dilucia's Restaurant, Elm Road (next to the Echo Lane Bowling Alley) in Warren. The dinner will begin promptly at 5:00 PM. Those who contribute \$100 or more to the DDD are invited to attend. If you wish to bring a guest, guest tickets may be purchased for \$30 each. The deadline to register is Sunday, September 24.

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.

Chinese Auction, sponsored by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of New Castle. Sunday, October 8, 2017. She-nango Valley Fire Hall, 2424 East Washington Street, New Castle. Doors open at 1:30 PM. Drawing starts at 3:00 PM. Donation: \$5. There will be numerous special raffles and a 50/50 cash drawing.

2017 Chinese Auction will take place on Sunday, November 19th. It's never too early to start thinking about your donations for this event!

Parish Philanthropy *"God loves a cheerful giver"*

What ministries and charities have we been supporting?

OCMC Guatemala Mission

This November, Dr. Henry Van Zanten will be a member of a short-term medical mission trip to Guatemala sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). It is a great honor for our parish to have one of our members go on a mission trip! We are raising funds for the mission in Guatemala, with a matching donation of \$1000 being given from our church general fund. Please bring your contribution to church by Sunday, October 1.

IOCC Hurricane Relief

We collected donations on September 17 and 24 for the International Orthodox Christian Charity (IOCC) Hurricane Relief. An additional \$1000 contribution from General Fund will be included as well.

Our Parish Outreach Committee made 5 "**clean-up buckets**" for IOCC Hurricane relief, joining with similar efforts happening in other parishes in our Diocese. The cost of the supplies was covered by our parish Charity Fund.

THANK YOU for your gifts!

Our Fall Religious Enrichment Series

The Life-Cycle of an Orthodox Christian:

How the Church Accompanies Us on the Journey of Life

will start on Wednesday, September 27th at **6:30 PM**. This series will delve into the ways in which the Orthodox Church marks, celebrates, and assists us through the sacraments and liturgy at every part of our life. Each segment will include an interactive presentation and discussion.

Here is the list of topics we will cover:

Topic 1: Start of Life: Birth and New Birth

Prayers at Birth; Baptism, Chrismation, Communion; Conversion

Topic 2: Healing of Soul and Body

The "Age of Reason"; Sin, Repentance, Confession

Sickness and Anointing

Topic 3: Vocations in Building the Household of God

Marriage, Monasticism, and Ordained Ministry

Topic 4: The Sanctification of Daily Life

The Annual Cycle of Fasting and Feasting; Piety at Home

Blessings of People, Places, Things

Topic 5: Dying, Death, and Beyond

Prayers for the Dying, Funeral Rites, Prayers for the Dead

Please bring your Bible to each class. Coffee will be provided.

A Note of Thanks

Our sincere gratitude is expressed to Fr. David, the Board members and the parishioners for remembering us on the 45th Anniversary of our arrival in Sharon, and our 1st Divine Liturgy at St. Johns. The cake, coffee and social was delicious and the fellowship was even greater. Thank you so much for remembering us on that day. Sunday, September 17, 2017 will be a day which we will remember for years to come.

Fr. David's words were very special and your kind remembrance was appreciated. Thanks to all of you, my 39 years as your Pastor was very rewarding. Pani Eleanor & I, both have fond memories of all those wonderful years together. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation, love & affection. Your wonderful and beautiful cards and your generous and thoughtful gifts, and your fellowship was very much appreciated.

Love & Appreciation,
Fr. Michael & Pani Eleanor Polanichka

The Earliest Known Prayer to the Theotokos

Posted by Trisagion Films (Sept 9, 2014)

The earliest known prayer to the Theotokos (Greek, Θεοτοκος, meaning "Bearer of God") is a prayer found on a fragment of papyrus dating back to approximately AD 250. In 1917, the John Rylands Library in Manchester, England, acquired a large panel of Egyptian papyrus. The prayer is located on the fragment recorded as reference number Greek Papyrus 470. The prayer appears to be from a Coptic Christmas liturgy or vespers written in Koine Greek although the fragment in question may be a private copy of the prayer. The prayer is still chanted in the Orthodox Church to this day at the end of nearly every Vespers service during Lent. It is also found in the worship services of the Roman Catholic and Oriental Churches.

The early date of this prayer is important for a number of reasons, one of which is that it supports our understanding that the term Theotokos was not just a theological concept defended at the Third Ecumenical Council in AD 431, but was already in popular use and well-known several centuries before the Nestorian heresy. As St. Gregory of Nazianzus stated in AD 379, "If someone does not uphold that the holy Mary is Theotokos, he is separated from divinity." (Letter 101, PG 37, 177C) Early Christians recognized the Theotokos as a powerful intercessor for those who are suffering and in need of protection. Christians have been seeking her intercessions from the time of the ancient Church and well over a thousand years up to this very day.

The text of the prayer is: ***"Beneath thy compassion, We take refuge, O Mother of God: do not despise our petitions in time of trouble, but rescue us from dangers, only pure one, only blessed one."***



STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God , daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

"So the last will be first and the first last." - Matthew 20:16

You've heard of the saying "it's not where you start, bu how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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>

OCTOBER 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE

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

Wed., October 4
at 6:00 PM
(Hall setup; Potato prep)

Thurs., October 5
at 6:00 PM
(Filling prep)

Friday, October 6
at 8:00 AM
(Pirohi Making and Sale)

Remember:
*Get your
orders in
by October 1!*

October 2017 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: October 1, 2017

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Potato @ 7.00/dozen \$ _____

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, October 6, 2017
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)



Coffee Hour Sponsors for September 24

Robert & Kathy Piston—Health and Blessings

Coffee Hour Sponsors for October 1

Health and Blessings for Steve and Joan Chuba,
by Carol, Bill & David Murrin

Coffee Hour Volunteers

September 24: Marge Sirb

October 1: Karen & Jim Hynes

October 8: Gino & MaryAnn Tofani

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, September 24th

John Doyle, Donna & David Sotak, Tom & Theresa Doyle, Mary Ann & John Murphy, and Debby Doyle,
In Loving Memory of their Father, John Doyle

BIRTHDAYS

- Sept. 27 Jerry Chupak
Carol Ristvey
- Sept. 30 Karole Bailey
Stephen Baronowsky
- Oct. 2 Daniel Corridori
Jonathan Orras

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, October 1st

Michael Waryanka
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak
Bob Amos

Sunday, October 8th

Bob Andras
Jason Baker
Robert Banas
John Bauer
Dennis Burprich

ANNIVERSARIES

September 24th

Sue & Richard Preston

September 25th

*Michael & Brenda Polanich-
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September 26th

Steve & Cyndy Saluga

September 27th

Alan & Georganne Huber

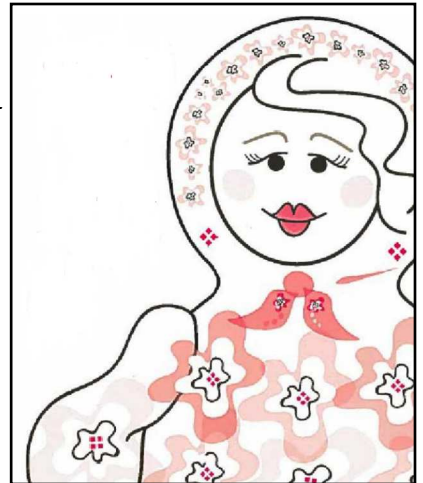
September 29th

Stephen & Joan Chuba

October 2nd

Nona & John Kolbrich

October 6th



Andrea & James Weiser

October 3, 2017 - Tuesday
October 4, 2017 - Wednesday
10 am. - 9 pm.