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Bulletin for July 24-August 13, 2016 *(Three Week Edition!)*



Transfiguration of Christ – August 6

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

TUES 7/26/2016

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy, ++*Ristvey Family (Per.)*

WED 7/27/2016 GREAT-MARTYR PANTELEIMON THE PHYSICIAN (*Relics in Altar*)

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy, *With Prayers for the Living/Sick*

SUN 7/31/2016 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of:
++*Hayduk Fam.* ++*Peri Fam.*

**MON 8/1/2016 FIRST DAY OF THE DORMITION FAST
PROCESSION OF THE HOLY CROSS & MACCABEE MARTYRS**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water
Panachida for +Fr. Paul & +Pani Helen Tkach (Perpetual)
Graveside, weather permitting

5:30 PM Confession Available

6:00 PM Moleben to the Mother of God *with Prayers for the Living/Sick*

WED 8/3/2016

5:30 PM Confession Available

6:00 PM Paraklis to the Mother of God *with Prayers for the Living/Sick*

SAT 8/6/2016 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD (HOLYDAY)

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy with Festal Blessing of Fruit

SUN 8/7/2016 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Blessing and Distribution of Fruit (Sponsored by the Charity Fund)
Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of:
+*Joseph Pacinda* ++*Andrew & Anna Gelety*

SUN 8/14/2016 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Panachida for the Perpetual Remembrances of: ++Hromyak Family

Fr. David will be on vacation from the afternoon of August 6 until August 13. We thank Fr. Michael Polanichka for serving the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 7th! In case of an emergency in which you need the services of a priest, please call one of the local Orthodox clergy:

- ⇒ Fr. Michael Polanichka: 724-981-2520
- ⇒ Fr. Ken Bachofsky (St. Nicholas, Warren): 330-372-9778
- ⇒ Fr. Andrew Gall (St. John's UOC, Sharon): 724-308-1406
- ⇒ Fr. Spyro Keyhayes (Annunciation, Farrell): 513-833-5859
- ⇒ Fr. George Treff (Holy Cross, Hermitage): 724-346-3151
- ⇒ Fr. Stephen Loposky (Camp Nazareth): 724-662-4840

In the event that a funeral needs to be planned, please have the funeral director call Fr. David's cell phone: 724-813-3172.

A Note of Gratitude

Ryan, Abby and I would like to thank our Saint John's church family for your prayers and support when Bill was taken home to God. We sincerely appreciate all of the cards, kind words, and prayers. These expressions of sympathy have meant so very much to us.

With love and thanks,
Julie Gordon

**Rummage/Bake Sale
Final Update**

Once again we want to thank you for all your help with our annual rummage sale. We appreciated those that cleaned, sorted, arranged and priced items. To the ladies who donated baked goods or worked the days of the sale, we thank you. We also appreciate those that stayed to pack up the remaining items for St Michael's Church. Special thanks to Dennis Burprich, our construction engineer who could figure it out, fixed it or hauled it away. We all worked together well, raised \$2855 for the church, and had fun in the process. Start saving your items for 2017 and we hope you can help us again.

Judy, Renee & Mary Ann

Presale + Donations	\$430
Friday Sales	\$1357
Saturday Sales	\$607
Sunday Booksale	\$19
Total Sales	\$2413
Friday Bakesale	\$204
Saturday Bakesale	\$110
Sunday Bakesale	\$128
Total Bakesale	\$442

2016 PROFIT \$2855

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Special Services:

- ⇒ **July 27th is the day of St. Panteleimon the Great-Martyr and Healer**, whose relics are in our church's altar. We will have **Liturgy** at 8:30 AM, and include prayers for the living, for their health and salvation.
- ⇒ **The Dormition Fast begins on August 1st (see below)**. On August 1st, which is also a day set aside to honor the Holy Cross, we will have **Divine Liturgy** at 9:00 AM, and a lesser **Blessing of Water** service. (*Bring a container if you want to take any home!*) We will also remember our founding pastor, Fr. Paul Tkach and Pañi Helen Tkach that morning, and offer a panachida for their perpetual remembrance at their graves (or in the church, if the weather is bad).
- ⇒ We will also have two intercessory services to the **Mother of God** during the first part of the Dormition Fast: a **Moleben** on August 1st at 6:00 PM, and the **Paraklis Service** on Wednesday, August 3rd at 6:00 PM. Each will include prayers for the living and anointing with the myrrh (oil) from the wonder-working "Taylor" Icon of the Mother of God.

¶ Fr. David still has the **prayer lists for the LIVING** from last year. If you want to make additions or corrections (to remove someone who has passed away) please see Fr. David. To submit a new list of names of the living, please use the sheets available in the vestibule, or e-mail father.david@stjohnacroc.org.

¶ **The Dormition Fast** is August 1-14. This short fast is in honor of the Mother of God in preparation for her Dormition on August 15th. It is the "summer Lent" before the "summer Pascha"! The full, traditional fast calls for abstention from meat and dairy products for this time. At a minimum, we are to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of this period. As always, do not ask what is the *least* you *have* to do, but what is the *most* that you *can* do!

¶ **Confession:** If you haven't been to Confession since Lent, now is the perfect time to go! Fr. David will be hearing confessions before evening services as scheduled, and is also available before Liturgy on Sundays (but no later than 8:45 AM).

¶ **Church School Registration Forms** are now available. Summer will be over before we know it, and Church School will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Parents, please get these forms to Fr. David by August 21.

GOLF SCRAMBLE NOTES

Mark your calendars! The 2016 Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, August 20th at Oak Tree Country Club. Shotgun Start will be at 8:30 AM.



The post-golfing meal will again be held at our church hall, and will feature our *signature* all-you-can-eat buffet with spit roast lamb, roast chicken, sausage and peppers, side dishes, desserts and beverages. Dinner will begin to be served at 2:30 PM. We will also hold the ever-popular Basket Raffle at this dinner.

We are now accepting:

- ⇒ Team Commitments
- ⇒ Donations of Items for the Basket Raffle
- ⇒ Major sponsorships for \$100.00
- ⇒ Hole sponsorships for \$35.00
- ⇒ Patron Listings for \$10.00
- ⇒ General donations to the event

Copies of the registration form/flyer and the sponsorship form are available in the church hall.

For sponsorships, please see Renee Maceyko or Debby Doyle in the hall after services.

Dinner-only tickets are available for \$20 per person. See Francine Fabian to get your ticket!

FROM THE DIOCESE

National ACRY Convention 2016

The Potomac A.C.R.Y. Chapter #25 is proud to be the hosts for the upcoming National A.C.R.Y. Convention, which will take place Labor Day weekend, September 2nd through the 5th, 2016 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center located in Bethesda, MD.

In addition to the usual convention business, which in recent years has been streamlined, there will be many opportunities to gather in worship and fellowship and to tour the Greater Washington DC Metro Area. Planned excursions include a choice of touring the Hillwood Museum, Arlington National Cemetery and a self-guided tour of the Monuments on the Washington, D.C. National Mall

Please visit the special 2016 Convention Web Page via ACROD.ORG for all necessary registration information. Deadline for all convention related registration including, hotel, meals, program book, and excursions is August 1.

Online Bible Study: Your Input Is Needed!

JOHNSTOWN, PA -- For the past four years, a weekly on-line scripture study has been broadcast live from St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Warren, Ohio. Taught by the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky, Professor of Scripture at Christ the Saviour Seminary, the participants have studied the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. John and the book of Revelation.

These weekly lectures, which are delivered in a clear and concise manner, drawing on the patristic voice of the Fathers of the Church, have provided an opportunity for hundreds of viewers, world-wide to deepen their understanding of Sacred Scripture from the Orthodox Christian perspective. Some of the archived videos have been viewed over 3000 times! Many Diocesan parishes are using the archived class videos as springboards for discussion within their own Scripture Study classes.

The study of the Book of Revelation will come to a close shortly. While it has been suggested by members of the current study group that the Book of Genesis be the next topic of discussion, Fr. Kenneth Bachofsky is offering the opportunity for on-line viewers to offer their suggestions as to what the next book of the Bible to study should be.

Those who wish to offer their input are kindly asked to contact Fr. Ken Bachofsky at otecken@yahoo.com by July 31, 2016. The Orthodox Scripture Study takes place on Saturday Evenings at 5:00 pm.

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" - Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. But did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other. The moral of the story is to love our neighbor, who may be someone you don't know, someone who looks different than you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." - Colosians 1:25

Believe it or not, we are all called to evangelize - to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends.

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

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

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

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

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

Bulletin Sponsor—Sunday, July 24th

Diane Kupensky, In Memory of Mary Taczak (Passed on —July 28, 2007)

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, August 7th

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

BIRTHDAYS

- July 24 Edward Slovesko
28 Jennifer Jisko
30 Nicholas Baranowsky
James Hynes
Sandra Kraynok
31 Helen Parimuha
Aug. 1 Gianna Cataloni
Peter Roman
Michael Waryanka
Sam Loposky
2 Ann Pysh
3 Jason Baker
Conrad Vagasky
5 Nancy Ristvey
6 John Cataloni
Joann Yasnowsky
Nicholas Soroka
8 Shannon Baker
9 Jeffrey Banas
Vivian Miller
11 Paul Scott
12 Henry VanZanten
13 Dominic Helmetzi

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, July 31st

Gino Tofani
Conrad Vagasky
Dr. Henry VanZanten
Michael Waryanka
Gary Yonchak

Sunday, August 7th

Don Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Bob Amos
Bob Andras
Jason Baker

Sunday, August 14 th

Robert Banas
John Bauer
Dennis Burprich
John Cataloni
Ed Chuba

ANNIVERSARIES

July 24th

Robert & Dawn Miller

July 28th

Don & Jessica Nameth

August 5th

*Michael & Nancy Ristvey
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Banas*

August 6th

John & Elizabeth Safin

August 7th

James & Karen Hynes

August 10th

*Doane & Carole Bailey
Joseph & Helen Jaeger*

August 12th

*Deacon John & Deborah Anderson
Michael & Lisa Holmes*

DON'T FORGET!

***Smart Money is on
Sale every Sunday
after Liturgy in the
Church Hall!***