

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those interested in baking for the Christmas Market on December 11th are invited to a meeting on Sunday, November 28th after Liturgy.

Christmas Decorating in preparation for St. Nicholas Day will take place on Wednesday, December 1 following our 6:00 PM Wednesday evening service.

Board Meeting for December will be on December 12, following the Election of Officers meeting.

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 2022 Diocesan Yearbook/ACRY Annual, please visit the church office.

National ACRY “Lots o’ Luck” calendar raffle tickets are available in the church office for a donation of \$25.

Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior to all Sunday and Weekday Liturgies, 30 minutes before the Wednesday evening services, and by appointment.

“Cookies and Cocoa with St. Nicholas” on Sunday, December 5th!

While St. Nicholas usually visits our parish the Sunday on or after December 6th, this year, he will make his visit on the eve of his holyday—December 5th.

Rather than offer a full meal, we will keep refreshments simple (so, more like coffee hour). If you would like, you are invited to bring a dozen holiday cookies or something small to share. Beverages will be provided.

Parents, please let Fr. David know by December 1st if your child will be in attendance, so we can prepare accordingly!

Annual Election of Officers Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 12, following Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing are asked to attend and participate.

Fall 2021 Pirohi Report

September	207 Dozen	\$1271.25 Profit
November	265 Dozen	\$1802.80 Profit



It has been said that *"it takes a village to raise a child."* The same could be said that *"it takes a village to make pirohi"*! From dough makers, kneaders, and rollers to pinchers, runners, cooks, packagers and dishwashers—it takes a parish of faithful to preserve this tradition of pirohi-making. We are grateful to all parishioners and friends who participated in this church event and we look forward to seeing you at our next pirohi sale in the spring!

Lorraine Amos, Chairperson

And our gratitude is extended to Lorraine for all her hard work organizing these sales throughout the year! Thank you!

Thoughts on Stewardship

By Dan Hromyak

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." - Philippians 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises us to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

ETERNAL LAMP SPONSOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

In loving memory of
Anne Kudelko

Sponsored by: Lorraine & Bob Amos

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

In honor of
Debbie Anderson's Birthday

Sponsored by: Debbie Cross



BULLETIN SPONSOR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

In loving memory of
William Taczak

Sponsored by: Diane Kupensky



Happy Birthday

November 28 Kevin Yasnowsky
November 29 Robert Miklos
December 2 Chuck Kretchek
December 9 Debbie Anderson
December 9 Shannon Slovesko

Men to Hold Candles

December 5

Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff

December 12

Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani
Henry VanZanten
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does *not* permit cremation.

Parishioners in "good standing" are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual "pledge").

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.