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**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2018

Sunday, May 6th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 5th Sunday of Pascha – Samaritan Woman– Tone 4
Readings: Acts 11:19 – 26, 29 – 30; John 4:5 – 42

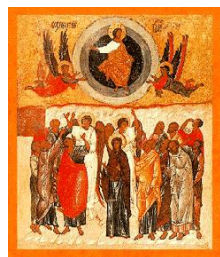
Sunday, May 13th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy– 6th Sunday of Pascha – Blind Man – Tone 5
Readings: Acts 16:16 – 34; John 9:1 – 38
Panahida: In Memory of all Reposed Mother's offered by St. John's Parish

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!
To All The Mothers In Our Orthodox Community, May God Grant You Many Happy, Holy And Blessed Years In Health And Salvation - CHRIST IS RISEN!! MNOHAJA LITA!! MANY YEARS!!

Wednesday, May 16th

5:30 p.m.: Great Vespers and Litiya for the Ascension of our Lord



Thursday, May 17th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy for the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, May 20th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 7th Sunday of Pascha – Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council – Tone 6
Readings: Acts 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36; John 17:1 – 13
Panahida: In memory of husband Walter Pleban offered by Sandy Pleban

Saturday, May 26th

9:00 a.m.: All Souls Memorial Service
6:00 p.m.: Vespers & Litiya for Pentecost

Sunday, May 27th

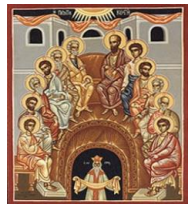
PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy & Kneeling Prayers– Trinity Sunday- Pentecost- Tone 7

Readings: Acts 2:1 – 11; John 7:37 – 52, 8:12

12:00 pm: Grave Blessings at St. John's Cemetery, Nichols Avenue, Stratford

1:30 pm: Grave Blessings at St. John's Cemetery, Monroe



FAST-FREE WEEK: May 27th – June 3rd

Sunday, June 3rd

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – All Saints Sunday – 1st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8
Readings: Hebrews 11:33 – 12:2; Matthew 10:32 – 33, 37 – 38; 19:27 – 30

Panahida: In memory of John Samilenko offered by Peter, Debbie & Joe Samilenko



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

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICES

On Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, Memorial Day weekend, Memorial Services will be held at St. John's Cemetery, Nichols Avenue, Stratford at approximately 12:00 pm and St. John's Cemetery in Monroe at approximately 1:30 pm. We will begin with a Panahida for His Eminence, Metropolitan Orestes and Pani Yolanda Chornock at their gravesite in Stratford. The grave sites of family members & friends of those who request a memorial will then be done in an orderly manner. Please call or see Fr. Michael to schedule a Panahida service for a loved one at any other cemetery.

CONTACTING FATHER

You may call me at either of the following numbers: 203-386-8888 or my cell phone at 203-218-1627. Contact me at any time and especially in the event of any emergencies, hospitalizations or problems that may arise.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Follow and "like" us on Facebook to keep up to date. Search "St. John's Orthodox Church of Silver Lane" on your Facebook search engine to find our site or visit our church website at www.stjohnsilverlane.net where there is a link you can click to our Facebook site. Add these to your favorites and visit us frequently!

NICEAN CREED CHANTER SCHEDULE

The following groups and/or individuals are scheduled to chant the Nicean Creed on the following dates:

5/6 Peter S	5/27 Stephen O
5/13 Congregation	6/3 Chris G
5/20 Magnus O	6/10 Peter S

ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar servers are expected to be in the sanctuary at least five minutes before the beginning of any Liturgical service. Please try to arrive on time. The following altar servers are responsible for the altar on the following dates:

5/6 Magnus O	5/27 Magnus O
5/13 David P	6/3 David P
5/20 Stephen O	6/10 Stephen O



YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

The Year 2018 is already into its' fifth month! Hopefully, we all have made a commitment to participate in our church stewardship offering for the year and to put aside at least our "dollar-a-

day", or whatever we are able to, in order to help support the work of our church. May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you with health and happiness as you continue to participate during these very difficult times! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

CANDLE DONATIONS



May 6th

- Eternal Candle offered by Tom Laput in memory of Anna Laput, Elizabeth Halica & Ann Laput. Memory Eternal!
- Altar Candles offered by Carole Krochta in memory of Cousin Betsy Hetherington on the occasion of her birthday. Memory Eternal!

May 13th

- Eternal Candle offered by Lillian Mierzejewski in memory of her sister Eleanor on the 3rd year of her repose! Memory Eternal!

May 20th

- Eternal Candle offered by Sandy Pleban in memory of husband Walter Pleban. Memory Eternal!
- Altar Candles offered by Carole Krochta in memory of Lena Bobko on the occasion of her birthday. Memory Eternal!
- Tetrapod Candles offered by Pete, Debbie & Joe Samilenko for health & in honor of John Kamenitsky on the occasion of his birthday! Happy Birthday!

May 27th

- Eternal Candle offered by Tom Laput in memory of Anna Laput, Elizabeth Halica & Ann Laput. Memory Eternal!
- Altar Candles offered by Pete, Debbie & Joe Samilenko for health & in honor of Carole Krochta on the occasion of her birthday! Happy Birthday!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people listed below who are in need of our special prayers: Ann Balasa, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. Larry Barriger, Judy Berard, Fr. Thomas Blaschak, Andrea Bower, Dean Bradford (Mer. Marine), Penny Briganti, Andre Briganti, Melissa Brock, Rosemary Brown, Kimberly Calhoun, Shirley Canaan, Jean & Joseph Candela, Michael Capuano, Joyce Cayer, the child Haley and her parents Tara & Mark Chudy, Protopresbyter David Cochran, Burton Cornell, MaryAnn Damato, Ray Davidson, Jeff Delvecchio, Laura DeMayo, Karen Dobosz, Joan Dumas, Fr. John & Pani Patricia Duranko, Noreen Ehnnot, Marie Eichler, Fr. John & Pani Anna Jane Fencik, Carol & Bob Ferik,

Bill Forth, Fr. John Gido, Chris, Eileen, Sarah, Nicholas & Annie Gombos, Ryan Gombos, Ken & Marie Hegyi, Tom Hetherington, Bruce Hultgren, Gus Jarosko, Maya Joyner, Jessica Keane, Peter Kepchar, Bettie Kerpchar, Barbara Kolaric, Sarah Kotos, Michele Krochta, Subdeacon Joseph Laput, Marcia Laput, Gregory Laput, Thomas Laput, Mark Lawruszko, Irene Lombard, Elsi Lotufo, John Lovell, Fr. Robert Lucas, Arthur Macura, Fr. Daniel Mahler, Irene Maty, Don Maxton, Peter McGinnis, Frank Meyernick, Lillian Mierzejewski, Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Megan Morrissey, Fr. Ted Mozes, Philip Murphy, Merle Palmer, John Papa, Raymond Peterson, Verna & Michael Pistey, Roseann & John Plavnick, Adriana Pleban, Sandy Pleban, Betty Pollman, Pani Eleanor Pribish, Ostop Pryjdun, Fr. Michael Psenechnuk, Judy Restieri, Linda Rosinsky, Peter Samilenko, Pani Helen Shutack, Cheryl Schultz, Josephine Sinatro, Pani Anna Slovesko, Pani Donna Smoley, Barbara Susi, Susanne Talley, Sarah Tartaglio, Pani Peggy Teklinsky, Daniel & Sebastian Tomy, Gary Wolff, Karen Ann Yuschak, Fr. John Zboyovski, Michael, Paula, Daniel, Holly, Tiffany, Lynn, Susan, Betty, Ann, Carol, Greg, Jackie, Savannah, Rekha & Our US Military Personnel

Ascension of our Lord

(www.goarch.org/ascension)

Introduction

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday.

The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

Historical Background

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the

Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Icon of the Feast



The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In

His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.

The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he

became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church.

The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfills it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Ascension

This Feast of our Lord is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, which is conducted on the day of the Feast and preceded by the Matins service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Feast are the following:

At Vespers: Isaiah 2:2-3, 62:10-63:9; Zechariah 14:1,4,8-11. At the Orthros (Matins) Mark 16:9-20; At the Divine Liturgy: [Acts 1:1-12](#); [Luke 24:36-53](#).

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion (Fourth Tone)

O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Kontakion (Plagal of the Second Tone)

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

Sunday of Holy Pentecost

(www.goarch.org/en/pentecost)

Introduction

The Feast of Holy Pentecost is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

The Feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, a feast of the Jewish tradition. It also celebrates the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the Apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Feast is also seen as the culmination of the revelation of the Holy Trinity.

Historical Background

The story of Pentecost is found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. In Chapter two we are told that the Apostles of our Lord were gathered together in one place. Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like a rushing wind, filling the entire house where they were sitting. Then, tongues of fire

appeared, and one sat upon each one of Apostles. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as directed by the Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

This miraculous event occurred on the Jewish Feast of Pentecost, celebrated by the Jews on the fiftieth day after the Passover as the culmination of the Feast of Weeks (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). The Feast of Weeks began on the third day after the Passover with the presentation of the first harvest sheaves to God, and it concluded on Pentecost with the offering of two loaves of unleavened bread, representing the first products of the harvest (Leviticus 23:17-20; Deuteronomy 16:9-10).

Since the Jewish Feast of Pentecost was a great pilgrimage feast, many people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in Jerusalem on this day. When the people in Jerusalem heard the sound, they came together and heard their own languages being spoken by the Apostles (Acts 2:5-6). The people were amazed, knowing that some of those speaking were Galileans, and not men who would normally speak many different languages. They wondered what this meant, and some even thought the Apostles were drunk (Acts 2:7-13).

Peter, hearing these remarks, stood up and addressed the crowd. He preached to the people regarding the Old Testament prophecies about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He spoke about Jesus Christ and His death and glorious Resurrection. Great conviction fell upon the people, and they asked the Apostles, "What shall we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38-39).

The Bible records that on that day about three thousand were baptized. Following, the book of Acts states that the newly baptized continued daily to hear the teaching of the Apostles, as the early Christians met together for fellowship, the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Many wonderful signs and miracles were done through the Apostles, and the Lord added to the Church daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:42-47).

Icon of the Feast



The icon of the Feast of Pentecost is known as "The Descent of the Holy Spirit". It is an icon of bold colors of red and gold signifying that this is a great event. The movement of the icon is from the top to the bottom. At the top of the icon is a semicircle with rays coming from it. The

rays are pointing toward the Apostles, and the tongues of fire are seen descending upon each one of them signifying the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The building in the background of the icon represents the upper room where the Disciples of Christ gathered after the Ascension. The Apostles are shown seated in a semicircle which shows the unity of the Church. Included in the group of the Apostles is Saint Paul, who, though not present with the others on the day of Pentecost, became an Apostle of the Church and the greatest missionary. Also included are the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, holding books of the Gospel, while the other Apostles are holding scrolls that represent the teaching authority given to them by Christ.

In the center of the icon below the Apostles, a royal figure is seen against a dark background. This is a symbolic figure, Cosmos, representing the people of the world living in darkness and sin, and involved in pagan worship. However, the figure carries in his hands a cloth containing scrolls which represent the teaching of the Apostles. The tradition of the Church holds that the Apostles carried the message of the Gospel to all parts of the world.

In the icon of Pentecost we see the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, sent down upon the Apostles who will teach the nations and baptize them in the name of the Holy Trinity. Here we see that the Church is brought together and sustained in unity through the presence and work of the Holy Spirit, that the Spirit guides the Church in the missionary endeavor throughout the world, and that the Spirit nurtures the Body of Christ, the Church, in truth and love.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of Pentecost

This great Feast of the Church is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom on the Sunday that is the fiftieth day after the celebration of Pascha. The Liturgy is conducted on the day of the Feast, and is preceded the evening before by a Great Vespers service and on the morning of the Feast by the Matins service. On the day of the Feast a Vespers service is conducted that includes the kneeling prayers. These prayers mark the beginning of the practice of kneeling during the Liturgy at the time when the holy gifts of bread and wine are consecrated as the body and blood of Christ. The practice of kneeling has been suspended during the Paschal season. On the Monday following the Feast, the Divine Liturgy is conducted in commemoration of the All-holy and Life-creating and All-powerful Spirit, Who is God, and One of the Trinity, and of one honor and one essence and one glory with the Father and the Son (From the Synaxarion of the Feast).

Scripture readings for the Feast are the following: At the Saturday Vespers: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Joel 2:23-32; Ezekiel 36:24-28. At the Orthros (Matins): John 20:19-23. At the Pentecost Sunday Divine Liturgy: [Acts 2:1-11](#); [John 7:37-52, 8:12](#). At the Divine Liturgy on the Monday of the Holy Spirit: Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 18:10-20.

Prayer of the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: come and abide in us, cleanse us from every impurity and save our souls, O Good One.

Hymns of the Feast

Apolytikion (Plagal Tone Four)

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You.

Kontakion (Plagal Tone Four)

When the Most High came down and confounded tongues of men at Babel, He divided the nations. When He dispensed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice we glorify the Most Holy Spirit.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13th: David Howard

26th: John Kamenitsky

18th: Robert Gombos

29th: Carole Krochta

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6th: Scott & Kathy Vrabel

24th: Lou & Robin Pasquino

8th: Joe & Lorrie Laput

DON'T FORGET

- **If you would like to request a panahida service** on a Sunday, please add it to the panahida listing on the back table in church.
- **Please refrain from texting and phone calls during church.** There's a time and place for that ... and it's not during church services. If you must take a call, we ask that you step downstairs so as not to disturb everyone else.
- **If you or a family member goes into the hospital,** please have someone contact Father Michael immediately. Hospitals no longer give out patient

information when priests call to ask if a parishioner is a patient.

- **If you would like to have Altar Candles, Eternal Light, or side Iconostas Candles lit in honor of or in memory of family or friends**, please register on our signup sheet in the back of the church. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated.
- Annual Dues is \$170.00 per person 18 years of age or older who is not attending college as a full time undergraduate student.

OFFICERS MEETING

The monthly meeting of our church officers will take place on Sunday, May 20th after Fellowship Hour in the church hall. All officers are asked to attend.

WEDNESDAY BINGO

Come down to our weekly Wednesday Night BINGO in the Church Hall. BINGO begins at 6:45 p.m. with a "Winner Take All" game at 6:30 p.m. for early arrivals! We have free coffee and soda available during BINGO along with snacks. Hot dogs are available for a donation from 5:00 pm to the start of BINGO.



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Stay in touch with our church family by sending a card or note, calling or visiting them. Let them know they are being prayed for and that they are missed and thought of often!

- Pani Helen Shutack, 229 Walnut Street, Apt 1, Royersford, PA 19468

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH and CHINESE AUCTION

Join us on Mother's Day for Divine Liturgy followed by a brunch for all the women in our church (prepared and served by the men of our church!)! In addition to the brunch, we will have a Chinese Auction. If you would like to donate any new items for the Chinese Auction please bring them down to church before by May 11th so we can have the table set up prior to church services that Sunday.

RED WHITE AND BLUE DINNER BINGO

Join us for our annual Red, White and Blue Dinner and Bingo on Sunday, May 20th for our famous stuffed cabbage! Dinner also includes potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert and beverage and will begin at 4:00 p.m. Bingo follows at approximately 5:30 p.m. See Carole K to make reservations before May 14th. Take-out orders are available for pick up after 5:30 p.m. Cost for dinner is **\$10.00** (adults) and **\$5.00** (children under 12). Bingo admission is \$1.00. Helpers are needed to



serve dinner and cleanup as well as authorized bingo workers to help with bingo.

FAMILY CAMP AND FAMILY DAY AT CAMP NAZARETH



**CAMP NAZARETH
ANNUAL FAMILY DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018**

FELLOWSHIP & FUN ALL DAY

**MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, SWIMMING, CRAFT
ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND THE RAFFLE DRAWING**

10AM -- DIVINE LITURGY

LUNCH/PICNIC FOLLOWING LITURGY

MENU:

**BBQ CHICKEN
POT ROAST
MASHED POTATOES
GLAZED CARROTS
TOSSED SALAD
FRESH FRUIT
CHIPS/DIP
HOMEMADE DESSERTS
DRINKS**

VEGETARIAN OPTION: GRILLED VEGETABLE WRAP

ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 13 : \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (INCLUDES 2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13)

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT FAMILY CAMP JUNE 1-3, 2018 - REGISTER AT
WWW.CAMPNAZARETH.ORG**

CAMP NAZARETH FAMILY CAMP JUNE 1 - JUNE 3, 2018

"BEING GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FAMILY"

**"EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE,
COMING DOWN FROM YOU THE FATHER OF LIGHTS..."
JAMES 1:17**

**DID YOU EVER CONSIDER THAT
THE BIGGEST OF THESE MAY BE YOUR FAMILY?**

**PLEASE AND THANK YOU ARE NICE, BUT WHAT ABOUT
LEARNING TO BE GRATEFUL TOGETHER AS A FAMILY?**

**COME AND LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GRATEFUL
FAMILY. DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT GOD
HAS GIVEN YOU AND IS GIVING YOU THROUGH YOUR
FAMILY!!**

**DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR FAMILY AND HELP ONE
ANOTHER GROW IN CHRIST!**

REGISTER ONLINE AT CAMPNAZARETH.ORG

**EMAIL CAMPNAZARETH@ACROD.ORG OR CALL 724-662-4840 FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

FAMILY DAY RAFFLE

We have received tickets for the upcoming Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle being held on June 3rd. Top prize is \$10,000.00 with many other monetary prizes as well as camping sessions to share with a camper. See Peter or Debbie to purchase a ticket for \$20.00.

1st ANNUAL CAMP NAZARETH CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Michael's in Binghamton, NY along with the Camp Nazareth Classic Committee announce the 1st Annual Camp Nazareth Classic Golf Tournament to be held in Johnson City, NY, on Sunday, June 10th. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to support the Science and Nature Camp Program at Camp Nazareth which takes place after our diocesan camping weeks.



SUMMERTIME FOOD SALE

Our annual Summertime Food Sale will be held on the church grounds on Saturday, June 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We need your help to make this successful ... please consider:

- Helping cook and sell our delicious stuffed cabbage, halushki and roast beef sandwiches
- Making baked goods to sell
- Help selling religious items
- Assisting in advertising the event and passing the word around to neighbors and friends to attend

This can be a success with your help. As we enter the summer months, church income sees a decline and this event really helps us pay some of our

summer bills. Volunteer to work in a time slot – we have morning (set up, cooking, packaging and selling) & afternoon slots (selling and cleaning) – please join us in whichever works out better for you! See Carole Krochta if you want to help out in one or more of the above areas – or if you think of something else that can help us!

WELCOME SUMMERTIME DINNER AND BINGO

Are you ready for summer? Join us for dinner celebrating the start of the summer months on Sunday, July 1st at 4:00 pm in our air-conditioned church hall! After dinner, you might want to stay and play some bingo with us as well. Contact Carole for reservations to eat in or take out and to volunteer to help serve/cleanup.

HELPING OUR FRIENDS ON JOHN STREET

We are looking for some help to provide assistance to our friends who live on the streets of Bridgeport by providing a nourishing lunch (grinders, bottled water, snack bags, fruit) and some personal items (socks, t-shirts, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc.). Could you reach into your heart and help by donating the personal items or snack bags, fruit, bottled water, etc. or make a monetary donation so someone could shop for these items? Could you be one of 13 volunteers to go down to John Street on July 22nd after church to distribute these items? See Debbie S before July 1st to sign up!

THANK YOU TO

- ❖ All who worked at and attended our Springtime Dinner and Bingo
- ❖ **Our Stewards, God's Gardeners, snow removers, grounds and church cleaners!**

OCMC COLLECTION

The OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) will be supporting several youth and teaching mission teams to Kenya later in the year. The children of our Orthodox brothers and sisters need our help and we have an opportunity to do so. This is a time when many clothing and department stores are offering significant clearing sales on their winter clothing. The children of the Orthodox schools and orphanages are in desperate need of suitable clothing and Subdeacon Joel is asking you to consider purchasing a new pair of pants or new shirt to be brought over to these children by a mission team next time you are clothes shopping. For a \$5 or \$10 purchase at the store, you can make a significant difference in the well-being of one of our fellow Orthodox brethren. Having personally walked with these children through the mud wearing ragged clothing and no shoes, Subdeacon Joel witnessed their need first hand and implores you to consider

sharing our good fortune with those innocent yet devoted children. Please contact Subdeacon Joel Pleban with any questions.

YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER 2018

**5TH ANNUAL
YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER 2018**
SUNDAY JULY 1ST TO WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese is so happy to be hosting the 5th Annual Young Women's Encounter! This engaging experience includes spiritual discussions and special events. The YWE is an opportunity for our young women, ages 12 to 18, to have fellowship with their Orthodox sisters in Christ while learning to love God and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. We hope you will join us!

Let's have fun, pray together, cultivate our gifts, and grow in the Faith!

Location: Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, Windber, PA	For registration check www.acrod.org Space is limited!	Questions? Contact Pani Eleni Stagon acrodyve@gmail.com
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ALTARBOY RETREAT 2018

DIOCESAN ALTAR BOY RETREAT

JULY 1-4, 2018



ABR 2018

The Diocese is pleased to announce the dates for this year's Altar Boy Retreat to be held once again at Christ the Savior Seminary, Johnstown, PA. This is an opportunity to come together and be with other Altar Servers from around the Diocese. It is also an opportunity to come and spend time with clergy from around the Diocese as you learn to sing and serve in the Church!

Online Registration will be open soon. Ask your parish Priest for more information to register!

We hope to see you at ABR 2018!!!!

Learn about your faith!

Come pray together!

Come sing together!

Come play together!

Registration Cost is \$100

ABR 2018

Christ the Savior Seminary

Johnstown, PA

Rev. Fr. David Cochran

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CHURCH SHOPPING WISH LIST

Donations of the following new items would be greatly appreciated for church:

- Paper Towels
- 2 liter Bottled Soda
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Large Bags of Pretzels, Chips, & Cookies
- White Luncheon Napkins



Thank you to everyone who donated items this past month!

CAMP NAZARETH

It's not too early to start thinking about summer and spending a week at our diocesan camp, Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. A new cabin has been added to Camp to provide more housing and services!

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2018

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2018!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1 -- July 15 - 21, 2018

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 22 - July 28, 2018

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 3 -- July 29 - August 4, 2018

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2018

Register at – campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2018 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2018 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!

(one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2018!!!!

Online Registration **MUST** be complete AND payment must be submitted by **May 15** in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

- ❑ When you register online please note that you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical) which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.
- ❑ Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to Camp Nazareth and sent to Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.

MAKING CABBAGE

We will be making halushki cabbage and stuffed cabbage three times this month and you can help out in one of the stations! For halushki cabbage, we need help shredding cabbage, frying cabbage, and cleaning up dishes. For stuffed cabbage, we need help coring and boiling cabbage, deveining cabbage, chopping up and frying onions and peppers, cooking rice, making meat mixture, rolling meat into cabbage leaves, and cleanup of dishes. Let us know that we can count on you to come down for a few hours to help out!

Making Halushki Cabbage

- Monday, May 7th at 5:30 pm

Making Stuffed Cabbage

- Friday, May 11th at 5:30 pm
- Monday, May 21st at 5:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE

June 2018

16th: Food Sale

17th: Father's Day Brunch

July 2018

1st: Welcome Summertime Dinner and Bingo

1st-4th: Diocesan Altarboy Retreat

1st-4th: Diocesan Young Womens Retreat

15th-21st: New England Deanery week at Camp Nazareth

22nd: John Street

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Envelope (Curators):

05/06: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Wendy)

05/13: Dues & Weekly Offering (Sharon)

05/20: Air Conditioning & Weekly Offering (Melanie)

05/27: Weekly Offering (Mercury)

06/03: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Roger)

Note: There is only one collection basket after the sermon. All envelopes for the day can go in that basket.

Bingo Workers:

05/02: Carole, Debbie

05/09: Carole, Sharon

05/16: Carole, Debbie

05/23: Carole, Sharon

05/30: Carole, Debbie

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

05/20: Melanie O

05/27: Michelle T

06/10: Carole K

06/24: Sharon L

07/01: Wendy G

07/08: Elle H

07/15: Sandy P

GODS GARDENER PROJECTS

Please support these projects that parishioners sponsor for the benefit of our parish operating fund:

Monthly Breakfast (Oct-Jun):

Join us for breakfast buffet after Divine Liturgy in the church hall on the first Sunday this month! \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, free for under 5.

Recycle Used Printer Cartridges:

Drop off unwanted ink jet cartridges in the labeled boxes in our church hall instead of having it pollute our landfills. Staples will give us a credit for each cartridge that will be used to defray the cost of printing our bulletin!

Pampered Chef:

Stock up on favorite must have kitchen items & seasonings from Pampered Chef. 15% of the sales price goes to St. John's. Free shipping for purchases through God's Gardener. Free Pampered Chef product for any order over \$75.00. Earn even more for St. John's and yourself if you collect \$200 in orders from your friends and family. See or call Mercury @ 203.449.0115 for the new catalog with fabulous new Pampered Chef products!

Recycle Clothes, Lines, Shoes and More

Bring your useable clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillow cases, blankets, curtains, towels, & stuffed animals to our St. Pauly Textile Drop-Off Shed to help our church. St. Pauly send it to people who need it here in the United States & all over the world.