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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!**

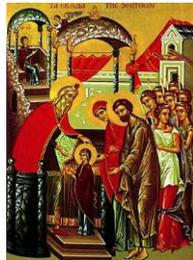
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2016

Saturday, Dec 3rd

5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Litiya for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple - 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7
Readings: Ephesians 2:14 - 22 (Sunday); Hebrews 9:1-7 (Feast); Luke 12:16 – 21 (Sunday); Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Feast)



Sunday, December 11th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 25th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8
Readings: Ephesians 4:1– 7; Luke 13:10 – 17

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – 26th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1
Readings: Ephesians 5:8 – 19; Luke 17:12 – 19
5:00 p.m.: Great Vespers and Litiya **for St. Nicholas, Wonderworker**



Monday, December 19th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of St. Nicholas, Wonderworker**

Sunday, December 25th

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers - 27th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2
Readings: Colossians 3:4 - 11; Luke 14:16 – 24

Sunday, January 1st

9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy – Sunday before the Nativity – Tone 3
Readings: Hebrews 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25

FROM FATHER MICHAEL

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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!



BISHOP GREGORY'S PRAYER CHALLENGE



NATIVITY FAST 2016
Protocol No. 18/2016
Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Beloved Faithful Clergy and Laity of our God-Protected Diocese,

It is hard to believe that this month marks the fourth anniversary of my Consecration and Enthronement as your Bishop. During my visits to the parishes you have heard me preaching on the state of affairs, locally and globally. Conflicts, wars and senseless violence continue to inflict pain and suffering and spill blood everywhere. I am deeply saddened that peace continues to elude us. This lack of peace is the direct result of increased selfishness and hatred throughout the world. Whatever we as inhabitants of this planet are doing it is not working, somehow it is not enough. Obviously we as humans cannot achieve peace on our own. We need the help of the Lord.

As we once again enter the Season of the Nativity Fast, I ask you, actually I plead with you, the good faithful people of our Diocese, to join me on a journey to meet the new born King. During these 40 days leading to the Nativity of our Lord let us increase our efforts in church attendance, in prayer, in fasting, in scriptural reading, in almsgiving, in repentance and confession, in receiving the Eucharist.

This year, just like last year, I am challenging everyone, clergy and laity, to offer a special prayer for peace during evening prayers. During the Litany of Fervent Supplication at each Divine Liturgy a special petition is also to be included. The text of these prayers will be provided to the Clergy for distribution. Each household should have sufficient copies so that each young person that can read has one by their bed to use nightly and those who are too young to read may say the prayer with their parents before they go to bed. Of course all the adults should also participate.

To assist with this challenge, a special web page has been created on the Diocesan Website, Praying for Peace, which contains downloadable

texts of the special prayers. Other postings will be made on various social media outlets to encourage maximum exposure and participation.

With all of us united in prayer and laboring for peace this Nativity Fasting Season, I am convinced that we will help to make our lives and that of others throughout the world more peaceful, even if only in a small way.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,
+Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

Prayer For Peace – Evening Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Word of God, You became flesh and dwelt among us. You made the womb of Your most-pure Mother more spacious than the heavens. Yet You, the true light, were born in the darkness of a cave, thereby enlightening the world that was darkened by sin. To redeem us, You shared Your whole life. You submitted to death on the Cross and rose from the dead, bestowing life. We share in Your death and resurrection, that we may indeed be dead to sin and alive in You. As we fast and prepare to celebrate Your life giving manifestation, we pray especially that our respect for life will prevail in the world. Directed by Your command to care for “the least of these,” may we and all people heed Your call to show care and concern for life in the womb; for the lives of the poor, oppressed, and suffering; and for the lives of the sick, the elderly, and the dying. May Your peace reign in our hearts and throughout world, especially in places of unrest, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to an end. May aggression between neighbors and nations fade away. May love reign in the lives of families. O Savior, You have said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” May we become partakers of Your abundant life, together with all the saints whose lives have pleased You from the beginning. For You are the way, the truth and the life, O Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. AMEN.

Special Liturgy Petition – Litany of Fervent Supplication

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, You shared Your whole life in order to redeem us. You have said “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” As we fast and prepare to celebrate Your life-giving manifestation, we pray especially that our respect for life will prevail in the world. Directed by Your command to care for “the least of these,” may we and all people heed Your call to show care and concern for life in the womb; for the lives of the poor, oppressed, and suffering; and for the lives of

the sick, the elderly, and the dying. May Your peace reign in our hearts and throughout world, especially in places of unrest, so that the shedding of blood in warfare, violence, terrorism, tyranny, and all manner of strife may come to an end. May aggression between neighbors and nations fade away. May love reign in the lives of families. May we become partakers of Your abundant life, together with all the saints whose lives have pleased You from the beginning. We pray to You, O life-giving Lord, to hear us and have mercy!
All: Lord Have Mercy (3)

NICEAN CREED CHANTER SCHEDULE

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

12/4 Congregation	12/25 Congregation
12/11 Pete Samilenko	1/1 Pete Samilenko
12/18 Chris Gombos	1/8 Chris Gombos

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:

12/4 David P	12/25 David P
12/11 Stephen O	1/1 Stephen O
12/18 Magnus O	1/8 Magnus O

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OFFERING ON THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS

The year 2016 is quickly coming to a close! New Years' Day will soon be upon us and once again we will be making our resolutions for 2017. Hopefully, one of the resolutions that we made for 2016 was to participate in our church stewardship offering for the year and to put aside our "dollar-a-day", or whatever we were able to, and make our offering on Dec. 18th. We honor the memory of Saint Nicholas on his Feast Day, Dec 19th. Let us follow his example of generosity and help support our church! May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all of you with health and happiness as you continue to participate during these very difficult times! Many Years! Mnohaja Lita!



CANDLE DONATIONS



December 4th

- Altar Candles offered by Fr. Michael in honor and for health of son Timothy Macura on the occasion of his birthday. Happy Birthday! Many Years!
- Altar Taper Candles offered by Sandy Pleban in honor & for health of daughter Wendy Grabarz on the occasion of her birthday. Happy Birthday! Many Years!

December 11th

- Altar Candles offered by Sandy Pleban in honor & for health of daughter Wendy Grabarz on the occasion of her birthday. Happy Birthday! Many Years!

December 18th

- Altar Candles offered by Mark & Carlotta Evans in memory of parents Valentina & Phil Evans and Uncle Walter Krochta. Memory Eternal!
- Iconostas Side Candles offered by Lillian Mierzejewski in memory of sister Eleanor Pekata. Memory Eternal!
- Altar Taper Candles offered by Lillian Mierzejewski in memory of parents Michael & Mary Turchik & husband Henry Mierzejewski. Memory Eternal!

December 25th

- Eternal Candle offered by Carole Krochta in memory of mother Wilma Dolyak

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The people listed below who are in need of our special prayers:

Michael & Nina Andrenyak, Irene Babey, Ann Balasa, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. Larry Barriger, Judy Berard, Fr. Thomas Blaschak, Lena Bobko, Lenny Booth, 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, Protospesbyter 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, Fr. Ronald Hazuda, Ken & Marie Hegyi, Betsy & Tom Hetherington, Bruce Hultgren, Gus Jarosko, Maya Joyner, Pani Katherine Jula, Jessica Keane, Peter Kepchar, Bettie Kerpchar, Barbara Kolaric, Sarah Kotos,

Protopresbyter Elias & Pani Anne Kozar, 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 Plavnicky, Adriana Pleban, Sandy Pleban, Betty Pollman, Kim Pollman, Pani Eleanor Pribish, Fr. Michael Psenechnuk, Liam Rice, Linda Rosinsky, John Sabol, Pani Helen Shutack, Cheryl Schultz, Josephine Sinatro, Pani Anna Slovesko, Pani Donna Smoley, Diane Sorrentino, 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

*On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life -
Part 18: Timothy to the Rescue*



“They all look after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ...”
(Philippians 2:21)

The Holy Apostle Paul had founded the church in the Greek city of Philippi. The Apostle sent a letter to that church that we have recorded in the New Testament. It is the Epistle to the Philippians. In this letter, St. Paul informs the people of that church that he intends to send Timothy to them. Timothy was a young candidate for the priesthood that the Saint is guiding along the path. He implies that Timothy was the only qualified person to come to them. What about others the Saint might send? This is what he said about them: “They all look after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ!”

It seems that twenty centuries later we still have the same problem.

To be a Christian is to be Christ-like. In Orthodox words, to be a Christian is to return to the image of God in which we were created, that image being clearly found in Christ. Yet many Christians, not to say Orthodox, do not have works that correspond to the name and image they bear. So many act as if they had never heard of God’s plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. The majority follow the world’s lead in trying to make a name for themselves. They adopt a fully worldly outlook with all its dressed-up forms of self-indulgence. They follow their own plans and goals that rarely include the work of the Church.

Because the life and practices of the Church are not fully interwoven in so many lives, the

Church is weak where it should be strong. How can so many for whom Christ came to this earth continue to enjoy His gifts so selfishly? Christ’s love and self-denial is without parallel. One would think that those same qualities would not only enter the lives of every Orthodox Christian, but that they would completely identify their interests with those of the Savior.

St. Paul apparently had some difficulty finding someone from his large flock to send to the Philippians. Thank God he found Timothy. Timothy (later, St. Timothy), was found to be qualified to do the work. So many others “... look after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.” Timothy was truly united with Christ. All who are united with Christ ought to feel the same love for the Church that caused the Son of God to leave His royal throne and for our sake became poor, that we through His poverty we might be made rich.

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please stay in touch with the following people 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!

- Irene Babey, c/o Jewish Senior Services, 4200 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604
- Pani Helen Shutack, 229 Walnut Street, Apt 1, Royersford, PA 19468



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| 1 st : Tim M | 6 th : Scott V |
| 10 th : Anne G, Nicholas G
& Wendy G | 18 th : Lillian M |

DON'T FORGET

- **The Nativity Fast (Advent)** began on November 28th. Parishioners are asked to observe, **at least as a minimum**, a fast from meats on Wednesdays and Friday. On January 6th (Christmas Eve), a strict fast day should be observed where no meat or dairy products are consumed. Also during this time one should increase their prayer time and performing acts of kindness.
- **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.
- **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 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 the call or text absolutely cannot wait, we ask that you step downstairs so as not to disturb anyone else.
- **Yearly parish financial obligations are traditionally taken care of during the Lenten season.** However, if circumstances prevent this from occurring you can pay them in monthly installments during the year (or use monthly offering envelope). To be a member in good standing, you must pay yearly dues of **\$165.00 per adult** plus all past yearly dues that you may be delinquent in paying. A portion of your annual dues goes to pay your diocesan yearly dues. Not sure if you are up-to-date? Please see Financial Secretary Debbie Samilenko to find out your financial status.

THANK YOU TO

- ❖ All who attended and volunteered at our Thanksgiving Dinner & Bingo and Holiday Food Fair!
- ❖ Everyone who purchased candy through our ACRY's Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser. The candy should be arriving for distribution on December 11th.
- ❖ All who purchased piroghi and volunteered their time to make those delicious ethnic goodies on December 1st and 2nd!
- ❖ Carole Krochta who donated the front entrance Christmas Urns decorations in memory of her husband Walter Krochta
- ❖ Our Stewards, God's Gardeners, grounds and church cleaners!

CHURCH SCHOOL

We will begin church school classes on October 9th. They will start approximately 20 minutes after Fellowship Hour begins so that the teachers and youth have time to get something to eat before. Parents – we ask that you encourage your children to attend classes and learn about our faith so they can understand it more.



WEDNESDAY BINGO

Don't forget to 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. Prior



to Bingo from 5:00 – 6:30 pm we will have hot dogs for sale.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Our ACRY chapter will be reaching out to our friends on John Street in Bridgeport to provide them with a warm meal and socks, scarves and hats to keep them warm as the weather gets colder on December 4th. We can only do this with your help! 100 snack bags, 100 cookies, 100 pieces of fruit, and monetary donations towards food items will help us to provide lunch.

We are also collecting new or gently used scarves, hats, gloves, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants and blankets as well as *new* athletic and tube socks to help keep them warm as the weather gets cooler. Drop off your donations in our church hall beforehand so that they can be distributed to those on John St.

PAINT AND PRAY

Join us on Thursday, December 8th for an evening of painting and praying! The evening will start with a short prayer service in church at 6:30 pm and then proceed downstairs for a 2-hour canvas painting session run by Dab and Gab Painting Parties. Refreshments will be available during the painting session. It will be a great opportunity for you to bring a family member or friend so that we can have time together spiritually and socially. You do not have to have experience painting – the Dab and Gab team will walk you through the entire process and you'll bring home an 11"x14" canvas painting of an ornament. You must pre-register and make payment by December 1st to participate. See the flyer at the end of the bulletin for the registration web-site. Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes all painting supplies. A portion of the fee will be donated to St. John's.



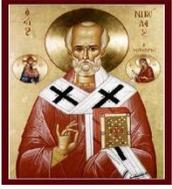
CHRISTMAS DINNER AND BINGO

Our annual Christmas Dinner and Bingo will be held on Sunday, December 11th. Join us for a hot roast beef dinner which will be served at 4:00 p.m. Admission to the Dinner is \$10.00. Bingo will take place at 5:15 p.m. and Bingo only admission is \$1.00. Contact Carole Krochta (375.2621) to make dinner reservations or a donation before December 7th. Take out dinners (\$11.00) are also available for pick up after 5:30 p.m. – just let Carole know by the reservation deadline as well. We will need volunteers to help serve and clean up! Let Carole know how you can help out.



ST. NICHOLAS BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday, December 18th as we celebrate St. Nicholas together as a parish family with a brunch after Divine Liturgy! A buffet style meal will be held in the church hall. We're asking people to volunteer to make desserts to compliment the brunch. During the brunch, we'll also have a Chinese Auction and are looking for new items to be donated for it. If you can donate items, please bring them to the church hall by the 13th so we can get all the items organized for it. St. Nicholas or one of his helpers may stop by so we hope that everyone will be on their best behavior!



CHRISTMAS BREAK YOUTH OUTING

Save the Date! We are making preparations for an outing for our parish youth and friends to spend the morning and afternoon on Tuesday, December 27th. Information will be sent to all parents via email as soon as they are finalized.

WINTER FOOD SALE

We will be selling stuffed cabbage (2 for \$6.00), halushki (\$5.00), and containers of mashed potatoes (\$1) on Sunday, January 15th. All food will be sold "to-go". Stop by and pick up some food items between 10:30 am and 12:30 p.m. to enjoy later at home. Let your family and friends know – share some with a neighbor or shut-in! Anyone who would like to pre-order, please contact Carole Krochta (203.375.2621).

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH DUES?

See Debbie Samilenko to make sure you are up-to-date with your yearly parish dues before the calendar year ends.

GODS GARDENER PROJECTS

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

Recycle Clothes, Linens, 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.

Recycle Used Cell Phones & Printer Cartridges:

Drop off unwanted cell phones & ink jet cartridges in the labeled boxes in our church hall instead of having it pollute our landfills. The Gombos Family will recycle them for us!

Recycle Your Cans:

Bring your recyclable deposit cans, soda & water bottles to church or contact Subdeacon Joel Pleban to pick up your clean recyclable cans/bottles. He'll redeem them for the church. What a great way to help keep the earth a little cleaner!

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 brand new fall catalog with fabulous new Pampered Chef products!

Breakfast at St. John's:

Join us for breakfast on two Sundays each month between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. – 12 and older \$5/11 and under \$3

- Second Sunday: Eggs, breakfast meat, roll, fruit, & beverages served by Carole & Sandy
- No Pancake Breakfast This Month

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND OUR DEANERY, LOCAL PARISHES & MORE

- OCF College Conference East will be held at the Antiochian Village in PA on December 27th-30th. Go to www.ocf.net/college-conference/cc-east for more info.

CROSSROAD INSTITUTE

The Diocese and an anonymous donor are teaming up to send two diocesan 11th and/or 12th graders to the Crossroad Institute held each summer at Holy Cross/Hellenic College in Brookline, MA. CrossRoad is a ten day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Hosted on the scenic Hellenic College Holy Cross campus, overlooking the beautiful Boston skyline, participants experience daily worship, visit local parishes, tour Boston, and spend a day at the beach. The sessions are either: June Session: June 17 – June 27, 2017 or July Session: July 5 – July 15, 2017. More detailed information can be found on the Crossroads website: <http://www.crossroadinstitute.org/>. You can also contact Fr. Miles Zdinak @ 814.467.7444 or frmiles@gmail.com for more information regarding this opportunity. Deadline to apply to Fr. Miles is December 22, 2016.

NATIONAL ACRY ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

This year, the National ACRY has chosen to support "ZOE For Life" as their Advent Mission Project. We have been blessed by God with many things. Unfortunately, there are many who are not so blessed. If you are moved to share your blessings with those less fortunate, please take time to consider assisting the National ACRY. See flyer included below with more information on how to support this project.

CHURCH SHOPPING WISH LIST

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



- Paper Towels & luncheon napkins
- Regular & Decaf Coffee
- Large Bags of Pretzels & Chips
- Tea bags that are ***Individually Packaged***
- 2 liter Bottled Soda

Thank you to everyone who donated items this past month!

SAVE THE DATE

January 2017

- 7th: Nativity of Our Lord
- 15th: Winter Food Sale
- 22nd: Wintertime Dinner and Bingo
- 29th: Annual Congregational Meeting

February 2017

- 5th: Souperbowl of Caring Soup Sale
- 12th: Valentines Dinner and Bingo
- 27th: Great Lent Begins

April 2017

- 16th: Pascha

THIS MONTHS SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Note: If you cannot bake on your assigned date, please contact Carole so someone else can fill in.

Envelope (Curators):

- 12/04: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Sharon & Melanie)
- 12/11: Dues/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Mercury & Kim)
- 12/18: Heat & Weekly Offering (Wendy & Sharon)
- 12/25: Weekly Offering (Melanie & Mercury)
- 01/01: Maintenance/Repairs & Weekly Offering (Kim & Wendy)

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

Bingo Workers:

- 12/07: Carole, Mary, Debbie
- 12/14: Carole, Sharon, Teecia
- 12/21: Carole, Mary, Debbie

- 12/28: Carole, Sharon, Teecia
- 01/04: Carole, Mary, Debbie

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

- 12/25: Debbie S
- 01/08: Kim P
- 03/12: Wendy G
- 04/09: Sharon L
- 04/30: Elle H
- 01/01: Teecia S
- 01/22: Melanie O
- 03/26: Carole K
- 04/16: Michelle T

The National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the 2016 Advent Mission Project to support ZOE for Life!™ a pan-Orthodox outreach of Orthodox Christians. ZOE is a non-profit Christ-centered support organization with three major goals: to help women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; to assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; and to provide an education for Pure Living and other resources. Zoe for Life through the Zoe House provides necessary baby supplies to mothers and babies in need.

Advent Mission Project 2016 for ZOE for Life!



Individuals and Parishes can support this year's Advent Mission Project in two ways

We are soliciting financial contributions to donate to Zoe For Life. Zoe For Life is currently in a critical need of diapers. Financial contributions will be used to help supply this need. Mail checks payable to National ACRY (memo Advent Mission Project) to National ACRY Advent Mission Project c/o Debbie Samilenko 22 Nicole Dr. Milford, CT 06460

ZOE for Life!™ is also in need of baby items. Many mothers in crisis cannot afford a car seat and babies cannot be released from the hospital without a safe car seat. Pack 'n Plays can serve as a safe sleeping alternative to a crib. ZOE House is also in constant need of infant layette items: clothing, linens, baby wash, and baby lotion. A "baby registry" has been created on Amazon.com/babyregistry. On the baby registry page search National ACRY. All items will be shipped directly to Zoe For Life.

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Fellowship of SS. Cyril and Methodios

For more information, contact Amy Coffman, alo2474@verizon.net
www.acrod.org, www.acry.org, www.zoeforlifeonline.org

OUR YOUNGEST IN CHURCH SCHOOL (with Miss Emilia working with them!)

