

O who loves Nicholas the Saintly
O who serves Nicholas the Saintly
Him will Nicholas receive
And give help in time of need
Holy Father Nicholas



O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit
O kto kto Nikolaja služit
Tomu svajatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj

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May 22, 2016

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel Reading:** John 5:1-15 **Tropar & Kontakion:** p 54-55

*****No Kneeling between Pascha and Pentecost in honor of the Resurrection!*****

As Christ has Risen, we also rise in prayer

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRES! VOISTINU VOSKRES!

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Nikita Albert, Anna Benyo, John Beskid, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Paul Dolhy, Mary Fackovec, John Geida, Magdalena Ilanovska, Helen Karpiak, Betty Kormanik, Anna Mamillova, Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Sean Merriam, Olga Petrick, Deacon Michael Pirich, John Salony, Toni Sikoryak, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Peter Tymus, Lorraine Vira, Victoria Vislocky, & Mary Zizik. **Prayers for Matthew & Nicole Stack, their son Luke, & their newborn daughter Natalie Anne, who was born into this world this past Sunday!** Contact Fr. William to add or remove names: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to Alica Vira & Richard Stack!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to John & Anna Mammoliti, Michael & Maria Koneval, & John & Helen Salony!

GOLDEN JEWELS DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

We delighted to tell you that 30 Honorees will be attending the Golden Jewels Day of Celebration (plus over 200 guests). **The seating capacity for the luncheon is full.** If you signed up on the guest list downstairs, you are set. If you are unsure, please see a committee member (Evelyn Kormanik, Stephanie Salony, Debbie Derevjanik, Tanya McAusland, Lillian Benc or Kim Busel) to confirm your attendance for this joyous event.

THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



The healing of the paralytic in today's Holy Gospel is another example following Christ's Holy Resurrection of how his earthly ministry was a combination of both teachings and signs. For most of His followers, it was not until Christ's

Resurrection that some of these things became more understood. Time and again, the Pharisees were pursuing Jesus for breaking their earthly laws, laws that Christ revealed time and time again were interfering with God's heavenly laws.

It was God's law that no physical labor be done on the Sabbath day (Saturday) but the Pharisees had extended that to mean works of healing were not to be performed either. It is nearly a comedy that this paralytic has been healed by Christ, and missing what has happened entirely, the Pharisees go after the healed man for carrying his bed! It was a wonder that he could carry his bed at all! Now we observe a new day, no longer the celebrating the Sabbath on the 7th day, but on the 8th day, on Sunday, a NEW Sabbath. Christ's Resurrection ushered in the observance of an 8th day, which is outside time and space in the practice of the Divine Liturgy, translated as "work of the people."

FIRST HOLY CONFESSION & THE RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Last night, Rebecca Clemente received instruction and made her first Holy Confession, an important step in her growth in the Holy Orthodox Faith. Today, she receives Holy Communion as a confessing member of the Faith.



HAPPY NEWS – TWICE IS NICE



On Saturday, May 14, Matthew Stack graduated with Dean's Graduation Honors from Columbia Business School, earning his MBA degree. While attending Columbia he also co-founded CommonCounsel, an online platform that connects businesses with professional advisors and facilitates collaboration among them.

Natalie Anne Stack was born on Sunday, May 15 weighing 6 lbs 9 oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. Na mnohaja i blahaja lita! God grant you many blessed years!

Congratulations, love and best wishes Matt, Nicole, Luke and baby Natalie, from your St. Nicholas Church family!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE: PLEASE NOTE

There are no more "team sponsored" coffee hours until September. A round of thanks to all of our teams! Job well done – enjoy the summer respite. For the next weeks, please note the following announcements:

- 1) There will not be a coffee hour today after Liturgy.
- 2) On May 29th, Divine Liturgy begins at **9:00am**. There will be a light coffee hour.
- 3) On June 5th – the Main Hall is rented. We will have light snacks in #2 Hall.
- 4) June 12th is the Golden Jewels Celebration. There will not be a formal coffee hour.
- 5) June 19th is Father's Day. All are welcome to a picnic-themed luncheon to celebrate the men of St. Nicholas.
- 6) June 26th – the Main Hall is rented - We will have coffee hour in #2 Hall.

FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Week of May 22nd – 28th

SUNDAY, May 22nd – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

- First Holy Confession & Communion for Rebecca Clemente

Mon, May 23rd - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Tues, May 24th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

- Sts Cyril & Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs

Wed, May 25th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Fri, May 27th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Sat, May 28th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

- Great Vespers, 6 PM

Week of May 29th – June 4th

SUNDAY, May 29th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

- Grave Blessings at Mt. Olivet, to follow

Mon, May 30th - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Wed, June 1st - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Fri, June 3rd - Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Sat, June 4th - Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Week of June 5th – June 11th

SUNDAY, June 5th – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered during the course of these Divine Liturgies or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or email him at fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

BAPTISM

It is with great joy that we welcome Samara Rachel Burstein into the Holy Orthodox Faith! She received the Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, & Communion on Bright Saturday, May 7th here at St. Nicholas Church.



May God Grant Samara, her fiancé Michael Kormanik, and all their family & loved ones many happy & blessed years!
Christ is Risen! Christos Voskrese!

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

Diocesan Altar Boy Retreat Encounter 2016



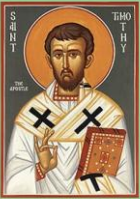
"Faith and Works..."

"...and I by my works will show you my faith." – James 2:18

Retreat cost is \$100

Electronic registration is available at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/niZvaFNZ1u>



June 26 - June 29, 2016

Christ the Savior Seminary
Johnstown, PA

All Altar Servers, ages 7 to 18, are invited to attend this year's retreat. Come and join us and pray together, sing together, play together and learn about your faith and serving God in love!

Ask your Parish Priest for more information and registration forms today!



JUNE 26TH - 29TH YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese is thrilled to be hosting the Young Women's Encounter again this summer! This engaging experience will highlight how young women can live our Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts.

Young women ages 12-18 are invited to attend.

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

Space is limited!

Registration will be available soon on acrod.org

EXPLORE THE ROLES OF
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

GROW IN THE FAITH

CULTIVATE YOUR GOD GIVEN
GIFTS

ATTEND SPIRITUAL
DISCUSSIONS AND SPECIAL
EVENTS

CREATE AND STRENGTHEN
FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER
ORTHODOX YOUNG WOMEN

WHEN – June 26th to 29th 2016

WHERE – Sts. Peter & Paul
Orthodox Church

141 Hoffman Farm Road,
Windber, PA 15963

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CAMP NAZARETH NEWS

WIN A WEEK AT CAMP (or half if not a member of the Jr ACRY) – Enter JR ACRY Essay Contest For more info visit:

www.acrod.org/organizations/senioracry/jracry/forms

ESSAY TOPIC Write about last year's camp theme: 1 Peter 2:16- "Live as Free Men... Live as Servants of God" - The essay must be 200 words or less, and sent to: Joe Samilenko National Jr. ACRY President, 22 Nicole Dr., Milford, CT 06460

or by email at jracry.president@gmail.com
by 6:30pm Friday, May 27, 2016. Please write your name, address, telephone number, and chapter number on the back of the essay.

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP NAZARETH IS OPEN! NY/NJ Deanery Week is July 24th – July 30th Visit www.campnazareth.org, for more information. There will be a bus departing for Camp from Rahway, NJ; to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Fr. William to make your reservation

Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets have here! Ticket cost is \$20 ticket. If you're interested, see Debbie Derevjanik or Julia Timko. Raffle will be held on June 5th.

The Totally 80's Prom

June 4th 2016
5-9pm

St. John's Church Hall
404 Division Street
Perth Amboy, NJ

Adults \$25
Youth \$10

We will be electing a
Prom King/Queen
and Prince/Princess

Come dressed in your
80s prom outfit,
or as a movie character,
rock star, or 80s symbol

Half of the proceeds benefit
the NJ Deanery Camp Bus

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CHILDREN'S SERMON SUNDAY

Part 5: "The Antimins"



THE ANTIMINS, ITSELF

The Antimins, or *Antimension* in Greek (ἀντιμήνσιον, "instead of the table"), is part of an ancient Christian tradition that extends back hundreds of years, with evidence to suggest their existence in the 8th century. It finds its use within the Divine Liturgy of the Orthodox Church.

The Antimins is a foldable piece of cloth that depicts the entombment of Christ, the writers of the 4 Gospels in the four corners, and the words from Christ's burial on Good Friday. This piece of cloth is a depiction of a bishop's permission for his priests and their communities to conduct the Divine Liturgy, signed by him personally.

Once this Antimins is unfolded during the Liturgy, the Great Entrance takes place and the Holy Gifts of bread & wine are placed onto it. Only after Holy Communion has

finished

and the Holy Gifts of the Body & the Blood are taken back to the side table, does the Antimins get folded up once again. Unless there is an Antimins, Holy Communion cannot be celebrated.

THE RELICS WITHIN

"The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked."

Stitched within every single Antimins is a piece of a relic from an Orthodox Martyr. This relic is a piece of their earthly remains, which are also embedded into the altar itself on the

day of its consecration. The martyrs of the Church are the pillars of our faith, so it makes sense that our Liturgical Celebrations would happen upon their relics. The relics of saints are constantly venerated because according to Orthodox belief, the human body, even after death, remains the temple of the Holy Spirit. There have been extreme examples of this, where bodies poured out myrrh and sweet-smelling fragrances, even healing some of those who venerated the bodies.

There was a time in history when Holy Communion would be practiced even on the tombs of the martyrs, themselves. This extends back to the days of persecution when Christians could not celebrate publicly and were restricted to the catacombs. We keep our communion with our God through the sacrifice of the holy martyrs who have gone before us, with the reminder that there are new martyrs being made around the world.

MAY-JUNE, 2016

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
22 First Confession & Communion for Rebecca Clemente No Coffee Hour	23 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	24 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am (Sts Cyril & Methodius)</i>	25 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	26	27 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	28 <i>Divine Liturgy, 10am</i> <i>Great Vespers, 6pm</i>
29 Grave Blessings at Mt. Olivet DIY Coffee Hour 9am Liturgy	30 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	31	JUNE 1 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	2	3 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	4 <i>Divine Liturgy, 10am</i>
5 Light coffee hour in #2 Hall	6	7	8	9 <i>Feast of Ascension Divine Liturgy, 10am</i>	10	11
12 Golden Jewels Day of Celebration	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost</i> Father's Day Celebration	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>Altar Boy Retreat & Young Women's Encounter Begin</i> Coffee Hour in #2 Hall	27 <i>Apostles Fast Begins</i>	28	29	30	JULY 1	2
3 <i>Divine Liturgy, 9am</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9

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