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# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Divine Liturgy: 10 am Rev. Fr. William Bennett Church Phone #: 212-254-6685

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# **September 25, 2016**

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday Before The Exaltation of the Cross, Hieromartyr Autonomus Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17 Tropar & Kondak: p 45, p 92

# WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

**TODAY'S SERVICE:** Due to Fr. William's absence, today's Divine Liturgy will be supplemented by Protodeacon Gregory Benc in the form of a Deacon's Service. A special thank you to Fr. Deacon Gregory for serving our parish family this day!

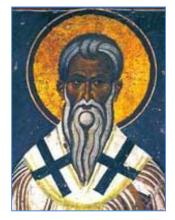
PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Priest John Baranik, Anna Benyo, Walter Bubniak, Ernie Canovas, Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Priest Vasyl Dovgan, Mary Fackovec, John Geida, Priest James Gleason, Michael Halama, Magdalena Ilanovska, Helen Karpiak, Betty Kormanik, Priest Elias Kozar, Pani Ann Kozar, Anna Mamrillova, Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Sean Merriam, Deacon Michael Pirich, John Salony, Toni Sikoryak, Pani Donna Smoley, Miroslav Strenk, Miron Timoshuk, Lorraina Vira, Victoria Vislocky, & Mary Zizik. 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 Luboš Matlak, Sophia Timko, Justine Timko, Barbara Muhlenberg, Maria Korchak, & Angela Kindya!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to James & Dodi Gidiscin, Michael & Lorraine Bulko, Michael & Mary Chanat, Alex & Elaine Sirak, and Dennis & Mary Krupp!

**COFFEE HOUR:** There will be a coffee hour provided by the A Team today.

**OCT. 2**<sup>nd</sup> – **ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBERS** – There will be a meeting after Divine Liturgy next week



The Hieromartyr
Autonomus is honored today in the wake of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother of God. Under an age of persecution, Autonomus left Italy for a land named Asia Bithynia (Modern-day Turkey). Under his care, many converted to the Christian way and a Church was

built and dedicated in honor of the Archangel Michael. He lived in the home of another devout man, Cornelius, who eventually was ordained to the episcopacy. Autonomus worked his way to another land, called Limnae, and there continue his work. Many of the pagans were embittered by this, who one day rushed the Church of the Archangel Michael during the Divine Liturgy. Autonomus was martyred in the sanctuary in the midst of the service, along with a number of others.

Once the age of public persecution came to a close, over the Hieromartyr's tomb, a Church was built. A couple hundred years later, his relics were discovered to be completely incorrupt, revealing God's glory.

O Holy Hieromartyr, pray to God for us!

## **UPCOMING FEAST THIS WEEK:**

### **EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**



This feast commemorates two events in the history of the Holy Cross:

- 1. The finding of the Cross by St. Helena in Golgotha, the place where Christ was crucified.
- 2. The recovery of the Cross from the Persians.

Emperor Hadrian (117-138 AD) gave orders to build a pagan temple over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord. Pagans offered sacrifices to idols there for centuries. In 323 AD, St. Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire. Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which Christ was crucified, St. Constantine sent his mother, St. Helena, to Jerusalem. The pagan temple built by Emperor Hadrian was destroyed and soon the Tomb of Christ was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross was in 326AD.

The Persians captured the True Cross as a prize of war when they sacked Jerusalem in 614 AD. It was recovered by the forces of the Byzantine Empire in 627 AD, at The Battle of Nineveh. The Elevation of the Cross took place on March 21, 630 AD at the Church of the Resurrection.

# IT IS SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE, HANKA & VASKO



# **FULL SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

 $\frac{Week\ of\ September\ 25^{th}-October\ 1^{st}}{SUNDAY,\ September\ 25^{th}-Deacon\ Service,\ 10\ AM}$ 

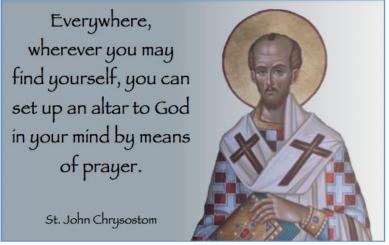
- Substitution made by Fr. Dn. Gregory Benc Tues, September 27<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
- EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Wed, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Daily Matins, 8 AM Fri, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Daily Matins, 8 AM Sat, October 1<sup>st</sup> - \*No Divine Liturgy
  - Great Vespers, 6 PM

Week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>
SUNDAY, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM
Wed, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Daily Matins, 8 AM
Fri, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Daily Matins, 8 AM
Sat, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 9 AM

- Great Vespers, 6 PM

Week of October 9<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup>
SUNDAY, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

**Note from Fr. William:** If you would like anyone remembered during the course of these Divine Services or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or email him at <a href="mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com">fr.william.bennett@gmail.com</a>





# A LOOK AT WHAT'S AHEAD -

Tentative Jr. ACRY Calendar

Oct. 30 – Costume Parade & Halloween Party

**Nov.** 5<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show practice/Pizza Party

Possible FUN sleepover at St. Nicholas

**Nov.** 6<sup>th</sup> - JR ACRY Talent Show

Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Rolling Dough/ Christmas Caroling

**Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Decorating the Main Hall

**Dec. 10-11th →**COOKIE WALK

**Dec. 17**<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Caroling

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - St Nicholas Day Luncheon (Sunday)

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ice Skating (tentative)

**Feb. 26**<sup>th</sup> – Bingo (last day before Lent)

Mar. 10-12<sup>th</sup> Woodloch Weekend

March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Beginners Psanky Class

May 26-29 – Bowling Tournament (Rockaway)

# **Thanksgiving**



# **Food Drive**

The food pantry has again set their goal to provide baskets that contain all the ingredients to a special Thanksgiving meal to about 150 famlies. As such, they are asking their sponsors to concentrate on specific food items. St. Nicholas Church members are being asked to collect the following:

**Appetizers**: **Boxed crackers**, like Ritz, Triscuit, **Meal Prep**: **Spices** (such as cinnamon, garlic,

onion powder, dried parsley, cilantro,

pepper, paprika)

Main Meal: Pineapple or mixed fruit in juice, not

syrup

**Dessert:** Ready-made frosting - vanilla or

chocolate frosting

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The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese invites you to become a part of the Distinguished Diocesan Donors Program. Collectively, our nearly 800 generous donors have made an enormous impact providing over \$2.5 million dollars to the ministries and apostolates of our Diocese.

## BECOME A DISTINGUISHED DONOR TODAY!

This year's Annual DDD appreciation dinner for the NY/NJ Deanery will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains, NJ:

Cocktails @ 4 PM - Dinner @ 5 PM

Donations are to be made out directly to the "Distinguished Diocesan Donors," mailed to:



Diocesan Chancery 312 Garfield Street Johnstown, PA 15906



Please inform Fr. William of any donations made in order to keep track of our progress as a parish.

Donations of a minimum \$100 are encouraged.

# SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 2016

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	OCT 1
Deacon Service The A Team		Exaltation of the Cross Divine Liturgy, 9am	Daily Matins, 8am		Daily Matins, 8am	*No Liturgy  Great Vespers, 6pm
2 Altar Society Meeting Kitchen Cousins	3	4	5 Daily Matins, 8am	6	7 Daily Matins, 8am	8 Liturgy, 9am Great Vespers 6pm
9 Diocesan Sobor, Johnstown Slovakia & Poland	10	11	12 Daily Matins, 8am	13	14 Pokrov – Feast of Protection of the Mother of God Divine Liturgy, 9am	15 Liturgy, 9am Great Vespers, 6pm

OCT16 DDD dinner Black & White	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Traffic Alert: MS Bike Tour	24	25	26	27	28	29
DIY Coffee Hour						
30 Costume Parade & Party	31	NOV1	2	3	4	5 Talent Show Practice & Jr.
Altar Society						ACRY sleep over
6 Jr. ACRY Talent Show	7	8	9	10	11	12 Cookie Walk Preparation – Stack House
DIY Coffee Hour						
13 Cookie Walk KICK-OFF Mtg.	14	15	16	17	18	19
Team Koneval						
20 Annual Kermeš	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 Cookie Dough Prep
27 Cookie Prep DIY Coffee Hour	28 Nativity Fast Begins	29	30	DEC1	2	3
4 Hall Decoration Dough Prep Team Tristate	5 Baking - Afternoon	6 Baking – All Day	7 Baking – All Day	8 Baking – All Day	9 Baking – am Plating - pm	10 Cookie Walk 11 - 4
11 Cookie Walk 12-3	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 St. Nicholas Day Luncheon	19 Feast of St. Nicholas	20	21	22	23	24
25 DIY Coffee Hour	26	27	28	29	30	31

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