



**SAINT NICHOLAS  
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*A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese  
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**MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION:** Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

**GOING TO THE HOSPITAL?** Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM**  
**BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS,**  
**AND LET YOUR GLORY BE OVER ALL THE EARTH!**

THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Antiphons are from the Ascension on pp. 208-209. Other Propers as given on pp. 211-212. Glorification, Irmos & “Be Exalted” on p. 210. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in honor of the Great Feast of the Ascension.

**EPISTLE:** Acts of the Holy Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36.      **GOSPEL:** John 17:1-13.

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**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**  
For the week of May 28:

**Tues., May 30:** (9:00 AM) **Divine Liturgy** with prayers for the souls of the departed members of the +*Repchak* and +*Zavatsky Families*. Requested by Andy Zavatsky.

**Wed., May 31:** (6:30 PM) **Moleben** to the Most Holy Theotokos at the Prayer Garden.

**Sat., June 3:** (9:00 AM) **Divine Liturgy** for the *5<sup>th</sup> All Souls’ Saturday*. Antiphon “Bless the Lord, O my soul” on p. 8. Requiem Propers can be found on pp. 235-240. Additional Propers for the All Souls’ Saturdays can be

found on p. 176. Followed by a *Panachida* and the *Reading of the Diptychs* of the Departed. *Come and pray for your departed loved ones!*

**Sat., June 3:** (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the *Sunday of Pentecost*.

## June 4: Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Sunday of Pentecost*. Special Antiphons and all Propers as given on pp. 213-216. Kneeling Prayers will be said after the announcements. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for **Laney & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.  
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THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to **Brandon Snider**. Requested by *Gram Thomas*.  
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THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to **Chuck & Joyce Snider**. Requested by *Arlen Koval*.  
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THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.  
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TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday* to **Ethan Turner**. Requested by *Mom, Dad & Sophia*.  
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**GRAVE BLESSINGS** preceded by a Panachida and the Reading of the Diptychs of the Departed will take place at our parish cemetery **TODAY**, following the Coffee Hour. Other local graves will be blessed by request only.  
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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES will be held at the Barton Memorial across from the Post Office at **10:00 AM tomorrow, Monday, May 29**. Father Michael will serve a *Panachida* for the departed veterans at our parish cemetery on **Monday, May 29** between **10:30 and 10:45 AM**. Everyone is invited to attend both services. **Please take the time to honor our Veterans over this Memorial Day weekend!**  
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**OUR CHURCH** will be decorated with green tree branches *next* Saturday afternoon, **June 3**, for Green Sunday — the Feast of Pentecost. **If you would like to help** with this project, please call the rectory this week for more details.  
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THREE SPECIAL KNEELING PRAYERS will be said at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy *next* **Sunday, June 4**, the **Feast of Pentecost**. After this, you may kneel once again in church and for your personal prayers. **No kneeling until then!**  
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**GRADUATES SUNDAY**. *Next* **Sunday, June 4**, we will honor our high school graduates, **Noah Zitterich** and **Alexis Marovich**. We will offer special prayers on their behalf, and present each of them with a Bible and a holy icon. **Many Blessed Years!**  
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CAMP NAZARETH 'FAMILY DAY' RAFFLE TICKETS are still available for a donation of **\$20.00**. Top prize is **\$10,000 cash**. Drawing will be held on Family Day at Camp Nazareth on Sunday, June 11, 2017. See **Pan'i Kelley** if you would like to purchase a ticket.  
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CAMP NAZARETH *FAMILY CAMP* will be held from **Friday, June 9** thru **Sunday, June 11, 2017**. The theme is **"Your Family's Sacred Story."** Register online at **campnazareth.org** ASAP.  
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FAMILY DAY at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA will be held on **Sunday, June 11**. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to join the rest of our Diocesan Family for this yearly event of prayer & fellowship. Divine Liturgy at Camp is at **10:00 AM**. You need to come and see the wooden church and all of the other additions and improvements to our Diocesan Camp! Divine Liturgy *here* will at **8:00 AM** on **June 11**.  
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**BASEMENT CLEANERS NEEDED**. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the back of the church for basement cleaning. We need weekly volunteers. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up for a week, and to be committed to cleaning if they sign-up. A list of tasks that need to be done has also been posted.  
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SPECIAL THANKS & GRATITUDE to all who helped with our recent Mother's Day Dinner: our caterer, Nancy Zielinski; Karen Zavatsky and Heather Foster, who decorated the hall; Teresa Zitterich, who ordered the cakes; and everyone else who helped in any way. *Thank you and may God bless you!*

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### HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6 Brodi Foster \* 10 Tonya Mangerie \* 13 Christopher Street \* 14 Timothy Criswell \* 16 Judy Antonik \* 17 Joseph Zavatsky \* 20 Deborah Strain \* 20 Tony Neuhart \* 20 Julia Schafer \* 23 Chuck Snider \* 24 John Hurley \* 27 Zoie Zielinski.

### HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4 John & Marilyn Brady \* 10 Sam & Teresa Zitterich \* 15 Joyce & Fred Baker \* 23 Andrew & Erin Susick.

*"Many More Happy & Blessed Years!"*

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BIBLE STUDY / ADULT EDUCATION. Please **sign-up** on the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to participate.

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**CHURCH CLEANING COMMITTEE.** A cleaning committee has been formed to oversee the bigger general cleaning of the church. The committee is looking for members to help in this task. The goal of the committee is to oversee the work, not to be the individuals who do all the work. We will be meeting soon to comprise a list of all cleaning tasks that need to be done throughout the course of the year.

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SPECIAL THANKS to Bob Reese, who continues to do landscaping work around the church, and who got the Prayer Garden ready for the outdoor services.

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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Evening Vespers (5/20) — 5

Sunday Divine Liturgy (5/21) — 74

Moleben to the Holy Theotokos (5/23) — 9

Vespers for the Ascension (5/24) — 12

Divine Liturgy for the Ascension (5/25) — 11

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### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2017

Please mark your calendars now!

Sunday, June 4 — Pentecost Sunday.

Friday, June 9 thru Sunday, June 11 — *Family Camp* at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.

Sunday, June 11 — 40'th Annual *Family Day Celebration* at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA.

Sunday, June 18 — Father's Day.



# On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life

## Part 143: An Inviting Church (4/23/17)

*“Come and See.”* (John 1:39 RSV)

As Orthodox, we have one of the greatest gifts that God can bestow upon us, our Orthodox faith. As members of the body of Christ, we are commanded to use our gifts to further our journey to Theosis as well as using those gifts to help and support other members of the body of Christ on their journey. This includes reaching out to those who have yet to begin their journey or have become “stuck in a rut.”

Are you an inviting parish? Do you set an environment that will make visitors feel welcome and desire to return? Do you have an invitational culture in your parishes? If not, why not?

In a recent Gallup poll, the question was asked, “In the last month, I invited someone to participate in a parish service or function.” The results showed that 23% responded that they strongly agree with that statement, and 15 % agreed with it. So, 38% have invited somebody to the parish in the last month. If we asked that same question in our parishes, what would the result be?

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19) Christ commands us to spread the good news to the world. He gives us the power to do this, so the first thing we must understand in developing an inviting culture is that it is God who gives growth to our parishes. We are responsible for using our gifts and inviting people, but we are not responsible for the responses we receive. Gallup poll also shows that it takes asking a person five times before getting a positive response to the invitation. So yes, you will hear “no” much more often than “yes.” That is okay; our job is to plant the seed and let the Holy Spirit do its work. With that knowledge, we should not fear rejection! The person who receives the most “no” answers ultimately is also the one who receives the most “yes” responses.

The truth is, in my humble opinion, that many parishioners would love to share the gift of Orthodoxy with friends, relatives, and neighbors but do not know how to invite them. They fear being considered odd, creating discomfort in the relationship or being considered “one of those people.” We need to bring this fear to our prayers and hear God telling us, “Do not be afraid.” We are doing His work, He sent us so why should we have fear?

The key is to be natural. Look to the Gospel, Andrew in a natural conversation brings Peter to Jesus, and Philip says to Nathaniel, “come and see.” If you are thankful for the gift of Orthodoxy, don’t be fearful of asking others to “come and see.”

Can you only imagine that if 38% of our parishioners used their God-given talents and love for Orthodoxy to invite one person, once a month, that would mean,

each month we would see 1540 visitors to our Diocesan parishes. The numbers are astonishing. If even one-quarter of those are touched and continue their journey in Orthodoxy that is potentially 385 catechumens each month in the Diocese.

Use the gifts God has gifted you to be Stewards of the Church and to help bring others to the greatest gift God gave us, ORTHODOXY!

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## Part 144: Gratitude (4/30/17)

*“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed, perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed; always carrying in the body of the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies”* (2 Corinthians 4:5 RSV)

We are all intoxicated with opportunities and commitments, usually **self-imposed**, that fill up our life with distractions that keep us from the one true purpose in our life: to know God. We are bombarded daily with advertisements, commercials, newspaper articles and radio spots that tell us we should go here/do this/we owe ourselves/you can’t do without this/you must attend this/you must buy this. We become distracted; our attention is focused not on our true purpose but ephemeral desires.

Once our attention is distracted from God, we forget that we are made in His image. We forget about seeking His likeness and turn more to worldly pursuits using our God-given talents and gifts for our self-centered desires. Fr. Barnabas Powell, GOA, once wrote, **“When I forget that my life is a gift, my abilities are gifts, and my world is a gift, I start forgetting my dependence on God for my very breath.”**

Forgetfulness makes us **ungrateful**. When we become ungrateful for the gifts God has given us, we begin to think we can rely on ourselves. We begin to think that we are enough, we need no help. I might ask at this point, "How is that working out for you?" Some may say that it is working just fine, I have new cars, big house, boats, belong to the country club and move in the top social circles. Throughout the ages, people believe that you are in "good graces" if God has bestowed upon you wealth and luxury. I have even heard people say in those situations, "I am blessed". I am happy for you if you enjoy that circumstance, but what about eternity?

God has given you that wealth and luxury but what have you done to show your gratitude to God for being so gifted? Those talents that God gave you that you might use to accumulate wealth and luxury, how are you using them to help the Church, the needy, the homeless, the naked, the thirsty (Matthew 25: 31-46). Christ destroyed "death by death" so all of our excuses, distractions, forgetfulness are powerless to hold us. They do so only because we allow them to. The choice remains yours!

*Show your gratitude to God for all He has gifted you that you hear Him say, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the worlds; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me.....Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."*

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

## YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER 2017

SUNDAY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> TO WEDNESDAY JUNE 28

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese is thrilled to be hosting the Young Women's Encounter again this summer! This engaging experience includes spiritual discussions and special events. Explore the role of women in the church, develop and strengthen friendships with other Orthodox young women. During the YWE we will highlight ways 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.

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Space is limited!

Check [acrod.org](http://acrod.org) for  
Registration

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## 2017 ALTAR BOY RETREAT



The retreat will take place from Sunday, June 25th to Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at Christ the Saviour Seminary and Cathedral in Johnstown, PA.

This year's theme is the "The Mother of God..let us magnify her in song." The participants will be learning about the Feast Days of the Mother of God and also the traditional Plain Chant hymns that accompany each Feast.

The young men will also travel to St. Nicholas Church in Homestead, PA on Tuesday for dinner on their way to PNC Park, where they will see the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Tampa Bay Rays!

Electronic registration is strongly encouraged this year as the Diocese is moving all events to a common registration process. To learn more and register now go to:

[acrod.org/news/2017/registration-abr-2017](http://acrod.org/news/2017/registration-abr-2017)

All parishes of the Diocese are urged to underwrite the \$100.00 participation fee for their altar boys in recognition of their service to their parishes.

Questions about the event may be directed to Fr. David Cochran at [pauldcochran@gmail.com](mailto:pauldcochran@gmail.com) or by calling 203-385-1020.