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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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Propers for Tone 6 on pp. 96-98. "Zastupnice" from the hand-out sheets. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) in honor of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist.

EPISTLE: II Corinthians 4:6-15. GOSPEL: Matthew 22:35-46.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of September 17:

- Sun., September 17:** (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +Anna & +John Kulasa. Requested by Karen Sherman. Also in memory of +Nicholas Koval. Requested by the Snider's. Also Also in memory of +Jim Mayhugh. Requested by Joe Zavatsky.
- Mon., September 18:** (6:30 PM) Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos at the Prayer Garden.
- Wed., September 20:** (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the Feast of the *Nativity of the Birthgiver of God.*

Thursday, September 21
Nativity of the Birthgiver of God

9:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of the *Nativity of the Birthgiver of God*. Special Antiphons and all Propers are from the Feast on pp. 105-108. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Sat., September 23: (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *16'th Sunday after Pentecost*. Propers for Tone 7 and the Venerable Theodora of Alexandria.

September 24: The 16'th Sunday after Pentecost and the Sunday before the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *16'th Sunday after Pentecost* and the *Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Tropar & Kondak for Tone 7 on pp. 99-100. "*Zastupnice*" from the hand-out sheets. Prokimen & Alleluia verses can be found on p. 108. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) in honor of the *Nativity of the Birthgiver of God*.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for the health & salvation of the *living* and in memory of the deceased members of the +**Andrew Zavatsky, Sr. Family**. Requested by *Margie Rhead*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Godson **Isaac Zitterich**. Requested by *Mary Ellen and Joseph*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for **Laney & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers that God will bless all of our **Church School Students** with wisdom and understanding. Requested by *Mary Ellen and Joseph*.

YOUR COOPERATION, PLEASE. All of Church School classrooms will be occupied by our students prior to the Sunday Liturgy each week, including the table space in the basement. Please be mindful that classes will be going on at this time, and try not to interrupt instruction. Also, please note that the downstairs classroom beside the furnace room is for Church School instruction only.

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held at the Zitterich Residence **THIS AFTERNOON** following the Divine Services. Please join us for an all-day picnic-style dinner, which will be provided free of charge, and enjoy some fun activities and fellowship with your parish family! **This is an all-day event. Come when you can! NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY.**

FOOD & DRINK will be available ALL DAY!

FUN & GAMES FOR ALL!

There will be a new and improved **Redneck Slide**, so don't forget your swimming clothes!

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* **Thursday, September 21** at **6:30 PM** in the church basement.

IOCC EMERGENCY KITS UPDATE. Our Parish Council has generously allotted **\$5,000.00** to purchase supplies necessary to assemble both the clean-up buckets and hygiene kits. The supplies have been ordered, and we are hoping to assemble the kits soon! We are asking our young people, as well as all of our parishioners, to help us with this endeavor! We will be assembling 58 cleaning kits and as many hygiene kits as possible with these funds. You can still bring in any hygiene kits that you have already assembled, which we will add to our shipment. If everything goes as planned, we should be ready to assemble the clean-up kits by **next Saturday Sept. 23**. Please stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page and parish website for further details! Also, as a result of our two special collections, our parish is sending a **cash donation** of **\$3,500.00** to IOCC for immediate relief efforts.

2018 A.C.R.Y. ANNUAL. If you would like to include a patron, memorial or booster listing in this Year Book of the activities of our God-saved Diocese, a sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the back of church. **Patron & Memorial listings** are **\$6.00**; and **Booster listings** are **\$3.00**. Deadline to sign-up is **November 15, 2017**.

AN ADDITIONAL DORMITION FLOWER OFFERING has been received from **Margaret T. Kasper** in loving memory of husband **+Alex Kasper**; and with prayers for the health & salvation of the **Kasper Family**.

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS. We invite you to join with other faithful of our Diocese in giving to the annual DDD program. The giving levels are \$100, \$250, \$500 & above. This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth. Those who give \$100 (& up) are invited to the **Annual Dinner**, which this year will be held on **Sunday, October 1st** at the **Edgewood Country Club**. Contribution forms are available in the Church Messenger and in the back of church. If you plan to make a donation this year, please do so as soon as possible.

PARISH DIRECTORY. If you would like to help us produce this year's Parish Directory, please see **Father Michael** or **Pan'i Kelley**. You will recall that John and Marilyn Brady produced this Directory for us for many years.

OUR ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION is scheduled for **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. Please note the **change of date**. Please donate a prize/gift valued at **\$10.00**.

LOTS-O-LUCK CALENDARS are now available for a donation of **\$25.00**. This important National A.C.R.Y. fundraiser supports "Diocesan Funds." Please see **Marie Kovalcik** if you would like to purchase a calendar. Winning numbers and cash amounts will be determined by the 3-digit Pennsylvania Lottery, the first Lottery number drawn daily at 7:00 PM; and the amount listed on the calendar for that day.

These calendars are going fast! Get yours while supplies last!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

- Saturday Vespers (9/9) — 6**
- Sunday Divine Liturgy (9/10) — 70**
- Beheading Vespers (9/10) — 8**
- Beheading Divine Liturgy (9/11) — 15**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2017

Friday, September 22 to Saturday, September 24 — Diocesan Stewardship Retreat.

Sunday, October 1 — Distinguished Diocesan Donors Appreciation Dinner at the Edgewood Country Club in Pittsburgh, PA at 3 PM.

Sunday, October 15 — Chinese Auction.

Sunday, November 5 — Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Zoe House.

Friday, November 10 to Sunday, November 12 — A.C.R.Y. Fall Encounter.

SAINT NEKTARIOS: MIRACLES FROM HIS RELICS!



By Presvytera Alexandra Houck in *The Children's Word*

Do you ever pray to saints? Our saints are special people who were close to Christ when they lived on earth. Now, they're even closer to Christ after they have passed on to heaven!

One very special saint is Saint Nektarios, who died less than 100 years ago. We celebrate his big feastday in November, but today we remember another important day for Saint Nektarios. Today, we remember his relics, and all the miracles that have happened with them!

What are relics? The relics are part of the saint's real body (or maybe of his clothes or things he or she owned). We Orthodox Christians know that these things are holy, because the saint is holy too! That's why every church has a little piece of a saint's relic in the altar table. That's why we might kiss the relics and pray to the saint too.

After Saint Nektarios died, his body was still here on earth (his soul went to be with Christ). If you go to Greece, you can pray to Saint Nektarios and kiss his relics there. You can also find a beautiful shrine to Saint Nektarios in Charlotte, North Carolina, and you can kiss part of his relics there too. Saint Nektarios is a saint who especially helps people who are sick. If you go to Charlotte, people will tell you about miracles that have happened with the relics. Sick people have gotten better by touching the relics, or even just by touching some holy oil from the shrine!

We celebrate this feastday of Saint Nektarios on Sept. 16th

Beginning of the Church Year (Indiction)

Source: Orthodoxchristian.info Priest Theodore Stylianopoulos | September 1 / 14

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean.

“Christ our God, Your kingdom is an everlasting one and Your lordship is over all. You have made all things with wisdom and have established proper times and seasons for our lives.

We give thanks to You in all circumstances and for all things.

Lord, bless the beginning of our Church year with Your goodness.

Grant that this liturgical year be for all of us a year of grace.

Make us worthy with purity of heart always to praise you. Lord, glory to You! ”

Matin Hymn, September 1 / 14

Do you know why the first day of September marks the beginning of the Church year? We are accustomed to think of January 1st as the beginning of the year. But the tradition of computing the start of a new year with autumn was common to the lands of the Bible and to all the lands around the Mediterranean. The summer harvest was at an end, the crops were stored, and people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year.

Many of the hymns for the first day of the Church year state that the coming year is God’s to give and God’s to bless — A YEAR OF THE LORD! These hymns take their theme from Psalm 65 (64 in the Greek Septuagint), a psalm of praise to the Creator Who is awesome as the Holy Lord but who richly sustains the earth with His abundant goodness.

“Bless, O Lord, the crown (that is, the beginning) of the year with Your goodness!”

The goodness of the Lord is His love, mercy and grace, The Church’s prayer is that the coming year will be a year of grace, a year blessed by God. Each year can be a year of grace, a year blessed by God.

The prayers and hymns of the Orthodox Church not only recite the wonderful works of God in creation and history for our salvation but also frequently offer guidance about how to make each year a year of grace, a year of the Lord. For example, the very first hymn of the new liturgical year, chanted at Vespers in the joyful first tone, reminds us that prayerful daily dependence on God is the basic attitude of the Christian and Christian life. This hymn is also interesting because it refers to another key passage in the Bible and addresses all the Orthodox faithful.

“O faithful, having learned true prayer from the very words and divine teachings of Christ,

let us cry out to the Creator each day:

Our Father, who dwells in heaven,

give us always daily bread,

and forgive us our transgressions”.

Vesper Hymn, September 1 / 14