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Services Schedule

Services:
Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am
Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm
Winter Vespers: 4:00pm

Bulletin for Sunday, September 17, 2017

Scheduled Services

SCHEDULE

Sunday September 17

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR IOCC HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORT

Coffee Social

Saturday September 23

Great Vespers/Litya Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Sunday September 24

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Coffee Social

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

BRETHREN, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Reading

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

The Reading is from Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Parish and Ladies Altar Society Announcements

Rainbow of Hope Shoe Drive:

The Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue Shoe Drive continues through **Mid-October 2017**. If you are holding old shoes to donate please give them to Pani Joan during our coffee social after Divine Liturgy or make arrangements with her to drop off at the Rectory.

A Note from Diane and Paul Rodrigues:

Paul and Diane thank you very much for all the prayers, cards and texts that have been sent our way. Each day we are so thankful for the promise of Our Savior to get us through these trying times through His love and Grace. Thank you for your support.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR HURRICANE RELIEF:

There will be a **Special Collection TODAY!** to support the hurricane relief efforts of

the International Orthodox Charities (IOCC). Below is the Diocesan Appeal request from His Grace, Bishop Gregory as well as well as IOCC Response for the Relief effort. Please be as generous as possible in helping the relief effort in the area's affected in the hurricane's path of destruction.

In Christ,

Father Dan

IOCC CLEAN-UP or HEALTH KITS

Dear Parishioners,

As all of you know, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma have had devastating effects on Texas and Florida. In times of natural disaster, the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has boots on the ground distributing Emergency Kits to those who are impacted. These kits help volunteers clean up property and provide basic hygiene supplies that more than likely were washed away in the torrential downpour. Due to the multiple, intense storms that have hit the US during the peak of this hurricane season, IOCC's supply of Emergency Kits have been depleted.

At the National ACRY Convention over the Labor Day Weekend, the ACRY proposed a Mission Project in order to help the IOCC replenish their supplies. The ACRY is asking churches to put together Clean-Up Buckets or Health Kits that will then be donated to the IOCC. The Ladies Altar Society is asking each family to put together one or more Health Kits and **bring them to church by October 1st**. The Altar society will cover the cost to ship them to the IOCC.

To make an IOCC Health Kit the following items should be put into a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure: One hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size, new and wrapped in original packaging, one toothbrush (no toothpaste), and six band-aids. The Altar Society will provide the plastic bags with zipper closure. Pick up as many as you need at the back of the church on Sundays.

We encourage all our families to participate in this worthy project to help families in need in Texas and Florida.

Pill Bottle Collection - Please Note Changes

Please only donate bottles with labels completely removed. Bottles with labels can no longer be sent. Any spare change included helps defray the cost of shipping. Thanks for your ongoing support.

2017 Pokrov Dinner October 15

This year will be a "crockpot" dinner, i.e. all parishioners are asked to sign-up with Mary Leonard by October 1 with a dish to pass. Since our new kitchen will not be ready in time, prepared dishes are necessary. To ensure we have a good mix of main dishes and sides, please sign up in advance. See Mary L. by October 1 for more details.

Up Coming Events

THRIVING IN OUR LIVES - A retreat with author and professor Dr. Philip

Mamalakis Friday evening and an all-day Saturday , September 22-23, 2017! God created us to thrive, as human beings, in intimate relationships with Him and others. However, it is hard to live in peace with one another in the home, in the family, and in the community. Join our conversation and discussion with Dr. Phillip Mamalakis as he shares with us how Christ, through His Church, invites us to thrive in our homes, relationships, marriage, and parenting. For more information, contact goholyspirit@gmail.com or 585-244-1976. Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit 835 South Avenue Rochester, NY 14620.

SOUTHERN TIER DDD DINNER will be held in the beautiful new Riverdale Banquet Hall in Endwell, Ny. on **October 22, 2017** catering a family style dinner. Guest speaker will be Very Rev. Stephen Loposky.

DIOCESE WILL HONOR BISHOP GREGORY on the 5th Anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate on **Monday, November 27, 2017** in Johnstown. Complete information will be provided at a later time.

Saints and Feasts



September 08

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was born of barren and aged parents, Joachim and Anna, about the year 16 or 17 before the birth of Christ. Joachim was descended from the royal line of David, of the tribe of Judah. Anna was of the priestly tribe of Levi, a daughter of the priest Matthan and Mary, his wife.

Hymns of the Day

Seasonal Kontakion in the 4th Tone

Lifted up of Your own Will upon the Cross, * You bestow Your mercy upon the new people that bear Your Name. * Make the Orthodox people glad in Your Strength, giving them victory over their enemies. * May Your Cross assist them in spiritual struggles, * weapon of peace and unconquerable standard of victory.

Apolytikion of Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Tone

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

Kontakion of Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Tone

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Wisdom of the Fathers

And see how He also makes His discourse unexceptionable: not saying at all, "whether you will, or no, you must suffer this," but how? "If any man will come after me."

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 55 on Matthew 16, 1. B#54, p.339., 4th Century

"I force not, I compel not, but each one I make lord of his own choice; wherefore also I say, 'If any man will.' For to good things do I call you, not to things evil, or burdensome; not to punishment and vengeance, that I should have to compel.

St. John Chrysostom

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Stewardship



On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 136: Being in

Communion - Part 1 (3/5/17)

“and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:19: 3-4 RSV)

Many of us throw around the terms “Communion” and “Being in Communion” but, do we understand what they mean? This will be the first of a three-part series on “being in communion.” Being in communion has everything to do with Stewardship and also with Salvation. In the first book of the Old Testament, we learn that God made man to be in “communion” with God. Man was to think of God at every moment of the day worshipping and giving thanks to Him, being grateful for all that God has gifted him. God walked with Adam in the cool of the day; they were in communion with each other, sharing.

Communion is defined as a sharing of an intimate feeling or thought with another. Notice that the word ‘relationship’ is not used in the bible. Relationships are choices in our earthly lives, and we may selectively ignore others. The bible uses the Greek work, “koinonia (communion)” or “henosis (union)” which denote true participation. The Holy Trinity is in continual communion with each person of the Trinity through a mutual love. This love is not the love that we know but a kenotic, self-emptying, love, that surpasses anything that we can imagine.

We were made in the image of God and have the “potential” to be in the likeness of God. God knows Himself as “Person in Communion” therefore being in His image we should know ourselves as persons in communion. Being in communion with God we must work at being the likeness, a synergistic relationship with God. Being in total communion with God (Theosis) opens us to the knowledge of all truth. Not just the spiritual truth but of ALL truth.

We, therefore, being in communion with God, know the self-emptying love by God’s grace. Just before Christ went to the cross, Christ tells us that we are not only to love Him but also our neighbors as He loves us (John 13:34). In other words, we are to be in communion with each member of the body of Christ. We are to share in that self-emptying love with each member of the body of Christ. That means sharing of all that we have been gifted with, time, talents and treasures with the body of Christ out of love. By doing this then we attain to the likeness of God. Archimandrite Zacharias in his book, *Man, the Target of God*, states, “the measure of spiritual gifts man receives in this world is always commensurate to the degree of kenosis which preceded and thus to the degree of likeness he has attained in Christ.”

God wants to share His kingdom with you, to be in total communion with you but it will take work on your part to show that you are worthy of the greatest gift He can give, eternal salvation. Be a steward of the gifts of God, be in communion with the body of Christ and with God Himself!

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

From Father's Desk

- **If you** would like to meet with Father, please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone 607-377-0587.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell at 607-377-0587.
- **Our Mailing Address is:**
- 7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870

- **Confessions** are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten Services or by calling Father for an appointment.
- **Marriages** are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.
- **Baptisms** are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.
- **Church Funerals** are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.
- **If you would like to schedule a Panachida (Memorial Service) for your loved one please call Father at 607-962-5285.**

The Church does not permit Cremation!

Real Break 2018 Registration Opens Sept 15 - Diocese To Offer Scholarships!



JOHSTOWN, PA --The Diocesan Chancery has been informed that registration for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship 2018 Real Break trips opens on Friday, September 15, 2017. Diocesan College students are urged to make plans now to take part in this exciting service learning opportunity. [Click Here To Learn More and Register](#). Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Diocese will be offering twelve scholarships to Diocesan College Students: four \$1,500 scholarships for the Real Break Jerusalem trip, four \$1,250 scholarships for the Mount Athos trip and an additional 4 \$1,250 scholarships for any of the remaining 2018 Real Break trips.

Spaces are limited on the Real Break Trips so those interested are urged to register immediately. **For more information on the scholarships please contact Donna Levas at the North American OCF office at donna@ocf.net or (617)850-1227.**

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students—and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith—to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith; providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service projects; and training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Father James Worthington and Family Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula, John & Florence Medvitz; Timothy Davis; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Tyler Colburn serving in the United States Army; Douglas Linsey serving in the United States Army and to all of our men and women who are serving and protecting our country both at home and abroad.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

September 18 Ana Powers

September 27 Sam Powers

Anniversaries:

September 30 Father Dan & Pani Joan

ACROD News



Camp To Celebrate 40th Anniversary September 16, 2017

09/06/2017

<http://www.acrod.org/news/2017/camp-40th-liturgy>

MERCER, PA [Camp Nazareth] -- Our Diocese is pleased to announce its Camp Nazareth 40th Anniversary Divine Liturgy to be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 10am at Camp Nazareth – Sts. Cyril & Methodios Church.

The Divine Liturgy will be followed by Lunch in the Camp Lodge. Come celebrate with your CN Family and Friends!
 The schedule will include the Divine Liturgy with Lunch to follow, a dancing performance, talks and more!

The event is free of charge. Donations will be accepted "at the door".

Calendar

September 17 to October 1, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Theotokos Nativity 11:00AM No Coffee Hour today - Please remember			Listings for next month's calendar due to Helen R.	Nativity of Theotokos	Stewardship Retreat	Stewardship Retreat 9:00AM New Site Cleanup Day 5:00PM Great Vespers/Litya for Feast of Elevation of the
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Stewardship Retreat 9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross				Elevation of the Holy Cross- Strict Fast		5:00PM Vespers/ Confession