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SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2015



SAINT NICHOLAS

*29th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST*

Saint Ambrose of Milan

Epistle: Collossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Tone: 4

Liturgical Color: PURPLE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 20

9:30am Divine Liturgy Saint Nicholas
Panachida in memory of +Michael Sovich
Pani Joan's father; Panachida in memory of
+Victims of Sandy Hook Elementary School
Saint Nicholas Day Brunch

Friday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all our Brothers and Sisters
celebrating the Lord's Birth
on the "New" Calendar

Saturday, December 26

NO VESPERS TODAY

Sunday, December 27

9:30am Divine Liturgy
Panachida in memory of +Paul Mertus of-
fered by the Officers and Church Council

Friday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

9:00am Annual Parastas Havalchak Family



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

December 23 Natalia McKane

December 29 Myra Svydenko

O God, grant your servants good health, happiness, and salvation for many blessed years!



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE 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 Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; V. Rev. John Udics; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Mertus Family; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Denise Topichak; William Paslawsky; Rebecca Cooper; George Officer; Anamarie Kingsbury; Linda Benza; Carol Pierson; Baby Madeline; Helen Chernak; Michael Matzkevich

All members of our Armed Forces serving our country at home and abroad



Church Cleaning

Thank you to the many volunteers who help throughout the year to maintain a beautiful church. We are in need of new volunteers. If you are willing to help, please see Mary Leonard or Carol Telehany. A few hours, one month of the year, is all it takes.

O who loves Nicholas the Saintly.

O who serves Nicholas the Saintly.

Him will Nicholas receive and give help in time of need. Nicholas, Nicholas!

O who dwells in God's holy mansions; is our help on the land and oceans.

He will guard us from all ills, keep us pure and free from sins.

Nicholas, tearfully we sinners beseech you fervently in our prayers.

Help us in our tribulations, comfort every Christian nation. Nicholas, Nicholas!

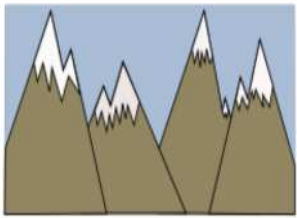
2016 SUMMER CAMP

Week #1 July 17 ~ July 23, 2016 Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington Deaneries

Week #2 July 24 ~ July 30, 2016 New England, NY, NJ, Florida, and Canada Deaneries

Week #3 July 31 ~ Aug 6, 2016 Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A WEEK OF FUN!

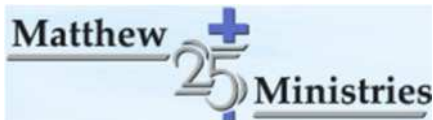


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2016 CHURCH CALENDARS are here!!!!!!!!!!!!

The 2016 Church Calendars have arrived and are available in the Church Vestibule. Our sincere THANKS to Jon and Jennifer Carpenter and the staff of Haughey Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our church calendars.

Please take 1 or 2 calendars to make sure everyone who wants one gets one!



Pill Bottle Collection Status



Great work everyone! Over 360 bottles have been collected for the safe distribution of medicines in developing countries. Please continue to bring clean, plastic bottles. Cash donations are appreciated to help defray our shipping costs. Thank you for all your efforts.
If you have questions, please see Carol Telehany.

Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society

ARE YOUR 2015 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS CURRENT?????

Please check your records to see if you are current on your Financial Obligations!

It is the end of the year! Why not start the NEW YEAR with a clean slate!



2016 Altar Society Meeting Schedule

March 6

June 5

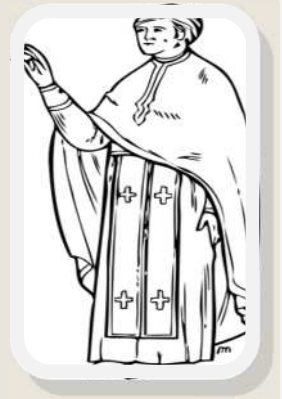
September 18

December 11

After the coffee social. Mark your calendars!

FROM FATHER'S DESK...

- **If** you would like to meet with Father, please call him @607-962-5285 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him @ 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone @ 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 service 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 Saturdays or Sundays. 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 for your loved one please call Father at 962-5285



The Church does not permit cremation.

OUR SHUT-INS

Here is a list of our Shut-ins along with their mailing address. Please send them a card or note for the holiday season letting them know you are thinking of them. I am sure they will appreciate it:

Mrs. Mary Benyo

c/o Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Benyo
10 Kahler Road South
Elmira, New York 14903-7910

Mrs. Victoria Kozey

Corning Center for Health & Rehabilitation
205 East First Street, Rm #326
Corning, New York 14830

Ms. Helen Molson

229 Sunset Drive
Corning, New York 14830

Mrs. Margaret Morse

8844 Curtis Road
Campbell, New York 14821

Mrs. Joyce Nissen

479 South Hamilton Street
Painted Post, New York 14870

Mrs. Kathleen Petrochko

10 Burnside Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Mr. Stanley Lewek

3095 Hickock Road
Corning, New York 14830

The sincerity of your deeds has revealed you to your people as a teacher of moderation, a model of faith, and an example of virtue. Therefore, you attained greatness through humility, and wealth through poverty. O Father and Archbishop Nicholas, ask Christ our God to save our souls.

SAINT NICHOLAS ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

Saint Nicholas, the Wonder, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing to God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. St. Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a Reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom St. Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. St. Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, St. Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to St. Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way the saint predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. St. Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured was also restored to health.

During his life the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by St. Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Saint Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents Theophanes and Nonna.

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

As Christmas nears and our thoughts turn to gift giving for our loved ones, you also have an opportunity to give to the Diocese! Amazon.com offers a program whereby shoppers can use a special web address so that with every purchase made a donation is given to the diocese. This is a simple way to integrate stewardship into your holiday purchases and to proudly declare you know "the reason for the season" by remembering the diocese while you shop for your friends and family.

How do I participate? It's easy. Just go to the Diocesan website (<http://www.acrod.org>) and click on the "AmazonSmile" link on the left of the page. Please note that Amazon lists us as the "American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Diocese of the USA."

Happy shopping and please tell your friends!



A SPECIAL APPEAL.....it was necessary for the Cathedral to replace a \$4,000 camera that transmits Sunday Liturgy live over the internet. A special appeal is made to those who are homebound who use this service and to those in our Diocese who would like to help defray the cost of the camera to please do so.

Any gifts for this ministry may be sent to

Fr. Robert Buczak, 249 Butler Ave., Johnstown, PA 15906,

Please make checks payable to **Christ the Saviour Cathedral.**

You were truly a priestly worker in Myra, O Holy Nicholas, for zealously living the Gospel of Christ, you dedicated your life to your people; you saved the innocent from death. Therefore, you have been sanctified as one who has entered the mystery of God's grace.