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Vol. 81 No. 1920 **Sunday, October 27th, 2024**

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

The Martyrs Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, and Celsius of Milan

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***Departed members of the Matolyak family: +Michael Matolyak Sr. and Mary Jane; +Michael Matolyak Jr., +Frank and Mary Bacha, and +Anthony and Anna Matolyak*** offered by the Michael Matolyak Jr. Family;
+Paul, Anna, Vasil, Paul, Anna, George, Suzanne, and Anna Csubar; and +***Mary Muchichko***; ***+Elias Kozar*** offered by Anna Kozar;
+Rev, Father Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich offered by Father Deacon Michael and Diana Pirich; ***+Helen Yurosko and Michael and Barbara Romanko*** offered by the family;
and ***+John Dzura Sr***., and ***+Charles and Elsie Arendas*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 81 & 114

Epistles: Hebrews 13:7-16 Gospels: John 17:1-13

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Services for the week of October 27th

Fri. 11/01 … +George, Anna, Andrew Sr., and +Andrew Jr. offered by Anna Stelmak....8:00 am

Sat. 11/02 … Vespers……4:00 pm

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Bible Study Tuesday, October 29th @ 6:30 pm

Joins us either here in our Cathedral Auditorium or via "Zoom"

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Choir Practice Thursday, October 24th @6:30 pm

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 11/2
REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
SATURDAY EVENING BEFORE RETIRING

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Sunday, November 3rd, 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Venerable Hilarion the Great

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***+Nancy Jo Horvath*** offered by Rich and Harriet Mirilovich and family; ***+Peter and Helen Dutko*** offered by Helen Dutko; and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by Joe and Pat Kmetz

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 84-86

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 16 :19-31

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Services for the week of November 3rd

Tue. 11/05 … +Metro and Vasil Selestak offered by Helen Pazuchanics; and +Anthony and Eva Franchak offered by Eva O'Savage (Perpetual)……8:00 am

Wed. 11/06 … ***Moleben to Saint Nectarios……6:00 pm***

Fri. 11/08 … ***Feast of St. Demetrios***: +Irene Rodak offered by Mary Rodak and Family; +Departed priests of the Diocese offered by Julia Hamilla; +Andrew & Anna Stelmak Sr.; and +Anna & Andrew Kerpchar……..…8:00 am

Sat. 11/09 … Great Vespers……...…….4:00 pm

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Sunday, November 10th, 2024

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyr Terence

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***+Evalyn and Robert Brudnak*** offered by daughters, sons-in-law & grandchildren; ***+Helen Rogel and Doris Wells*** offered by Pani Kathy Buczak; ***+Steve Raslevich*** offered by his children; +***Michael Gost*** offered by the Gost Family; ***+Jozef Homola*** offered by Steve Knaze; and ***+Very Rev. Michael Conrad (Ordination Date Remembrance)***

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87-89

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Marlane Zima (10/27), and Connor Kelly (10/31).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of October 27th in memory of ***+ Barbara Martyak by Stella Nitkulinec.***

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ATTENTION ALL CATHEDRAL ACRY MEMBERS

Our Chapter is now collecting membership dues. Cost is $20 per person. Please remit your payment to Melanie Dudak, Treasurer or Rose Ann DeCoske, President, at any time. Checks are payable to: Cathedral ACRY #20. Thank you!!! If you are interested in joining our Chapter, your dues for your first year of membership are waived and paid by our Chapter. We have had a very successful year thanks to all ACRY members and to the members of the Cathedral. Let us continue our service to the Cathedral, Diocese and parishioners by being Forever Forward and Heavenward.

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COOKIE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th

Our A.C.R.Y. is having a cookie sale in the Cathedral Auditorium on Saturday, December 14th, 2024. We are asking for members (and others) to bake 5 dozen Christmas Cookies to sell at this fundraising event. Please bring your home-made cookies to the Cathedral Auditorium Friday, December 13th, 2024. There is a sign-up sheet in the Cathedral Auditorium for types of cookies that are needed. Please see Dee Tvarozna for more details.

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DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS DRIVE-2024

We are currently accepting donations of $100.00 or more toward this fundraising event for Camp Nazareth and the Diocese. Thank you for your consideration of this Diocesan Fundraiser.

Please make checks payable to The Distinguished Diocesan Donor Fund.

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2025 LOTS-O-LUCK CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
See Christina Sakmar

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NATIONAL JR. A.C.R.Y. FALL YOUTH ENCOUNTER
Jr. ACRY Announces 2024 Fall Encounter at Camp Nazareth
November 8-10, 2024 | Mercer, PA

The National Junior American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Youth (Jr. ACRY) is excited to announce the upcoming annual Fall Encounter at Camp Nazareth, scheduled for **November 8th to 10th, 2024**. This event promises to be an enriching experience for Orthodox youth aged 8 to 18 from across the diocese, offering a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun in the beautiful setting of Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. This year's Fall Encounter will explore the theme inspired by **Psalm 139:14**: *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* Through this theme, participants will be encouraged to discover who God created them to be, recognizing their inherent worth in His eyes, and deepening their relationship with Him, themselves, and each other. The weekend will feature a variety of activities designed to strengthen each camper's faith and identity, including:

- **Reflective discussions and spiritual sessions** that explore the Orthodox understanding of Psalm 139:14 through the teachings of the Church Fathers.
- **Engaging, interactive programs** focusing on how God's love empowers us to love ourselves and serve others.
- **Traditional camp activities** such as games, sports, bonfires, and special fall activities fostering lifelong friendships and fun.

This Encounter will remind participants that they are wonderfully created by God and called to a life of faith and purpose in Christ. **Registration is now open** at the official link, with a fee of **$110 per camper**. Join us from **November 8th to 10th, 2024**, for an unforgettable weekend at the Jr. ACRY Fall Encounter.

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THE VENERATION OF ICONS

It is the traditional custom of the Orthodox Church to venerate icons upon entering a church or chapel. We venerate icons by bowing from the waist, with our hands lowered to touch the floor; rise then kiss the icon near the bottom, if it is the Icon of Christ, kiss His feet (not His face). Iconoclasm was a heresy that infected the Church from the eighth to the ninth centuries. Prompted by Moslem prohibitions against images of any kind, the Emperor Leo III of Byzantium set forth an edict to destroy the churches and monasteries throughout the Eastern Empire. In the year 780 AD, with the accession of Empress Irene, the persecutions stopped. Although there were periodic outbreaks of persecutions over the next seventy-five years, the controversy abated about 843 A.D. with the Empress Theodora.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Since the soul is more noble than the body and God incomparably more noble than the world created by Him, he who values the body more than the soul and the world created by God more than the Creator Himself is simply a worshipper of idols.

St. Maximos the Confessor

If we turn our attention to our mind, we notice a torrent of successive thoughts and ideas. This torrent is uninterrupted; it is racing everywhere at all times: at home, in Church, at work, when we read and when we converse. It is usually called thinking, writes Bishop Theophan the Recluse, but in fact it is a disturbance of the mind, a scattering, a lack of concentration and attention. The same happens with the heart. Have you ever observed the heart? Try it even for a short time and see what you find. Something unpleasant happens, and you get irritated; some misfortune occurs, and you pity yourself; you see someone whom you dislike, and animosity wells up within you; you meet one of your equals who has now out-distanced you on the social scale, and you begin to envy him; you think of your talents and capabilities, and you begin to grow proud…..All this is rottenness: vainglory, carnal desire, gluttony, laziness, malice – one on top of the other, they destroy the heart. And all of this can pass through the heart in a matter of minutes. For this reason one ascetic, who was extremely attentive to himself, was quite right in saying that man's heart is filled with poisonous serpents. Only the hearts of saints are free from these serpents, the passions.

St. John Maximovitch

The lover of God is he who lives in communion with all that is natural and sinless, and as far as he is able, neglects nothing good. - ***St. John Climacus***

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak
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Veronica Buczak
Michael Sakmar
Joseph Muchesko
Roberta Kovalik
Kira Pronin
Alexxa Lowery
Romayne Laichak
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Ron Kuzmyak
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Barry Gilchrist
Robert Janeway
Eva Zeleniak-Whitak
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Ann Koehnlein
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Arianna Jade Miller
Taylor Miller
Jennifer Gardenhour
Valentina and Olga Yaremenko
Steve Prieber
Aberdeen Rudge
Pat Hanuska
Dwight Nugle
Rose and Terry Fyock
Rosalia Horner

Beverly Mayo
Al Kuzmyak
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Marilyn Stolzfus
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Zander Marshall
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Ronald Patrick
Lisa Daugherty
Cindy LaBarr
Amber
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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back.