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Sunday, September 17th, 2023

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Hiero-martyr Babylas and the Holy Prophet and God Seer Moses

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am Sunday School: 10:20 am -11:15 am

Panachida for ***+Michael Pysh*** (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Melanie and Dave Dudak***;*** ***+Donna Zizan*** offered by Jerry M.H. Sandusky; ***+Anna and Michael Bolha*** offered by the family; ***+Michael, John, and Anna Kurutz;*** and ***+Andrew Mindek*** (Perpetual)

Tropar & Kondak: Resurrection Tone 6 pages 96-98

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

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CATHEDRAL PICNIC DAY -TODAY!

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Wed. 9/20 … ***Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos – 6:00 pm***

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Thursday, September 21st, 2023

The Feast of the Nativity of the Birth-giver of God

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: Page 105

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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Services for the week of September 17th (Continued)

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Bible Study Tuesday, September 19th @ 6:30 pm

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

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Fri. 9/22 … +Mary Matola offered by Charles Matola; +John and Helen Herman; +Anna Krisfalusi offered by Mr. & Mrs. Elias Kozar; +Mary Mirilovich offered by husband John and family; +Very Reverend Michael Conrad; +Martha Lucas; and Christine Olga Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich (Perpetual)……..8:00 am

Sat. 9/23 … Great Vespers……6:00 pm

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Sunday, September 24th, 2023

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday: 9:00 am **Sunday School 10:20 am – 11:15am**

Panachida for ***+Daniel Tvarozna*** (2nd Anniversary) offered by wife, Darice; ***+Samuel and +Brunislava Gvozdich*** offered by grandson, Subdeacon Michael Oleksa; ***+Gregg Kuzmyak*** (12th Anniversary) offered by his parents ***+Julia Haschak (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by the Haschak Family; ***+John Wells and +Margaret Kuzmyak*** offered by Pani Kathy; ***+Margaret Peggy Furda*** offered by the family; ***+Husband Michael, Justine, sons John and Nicholas, Justina, parents Andrew and Mary, in-laws Paul and Anna, and brother Michael*** offered by Justina Slachta; and ***+Charles Puskar*** offered by Mr. and Mrs. George Stegura; and ***+Nicholas Slachta*** offered by Vivian and Nick and Wendy Slachta (Perpetual)

Resurrection Tone 7 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 99-101

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17

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Tue. 9/26 … ***Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 5:00 pm***

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Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

A Day of Strict Fasting - Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Tropar & Kondak: Pages 109-112 Gospel: John 19:6-35

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Sat. 9/30 …+David Mirilovich offered by the Family; +George and Anna Havrilesko; +Bishop John Martin; +Agnes Bolha offered by the family; and +Stephen and Margaret Dobranski offered by Very Reverend John and Pani Marie Brancho (Perpetual)…….....8:00 am

Great Vespers…….6:00 pm

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Sunday, October 1st, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Panachida for ***John Haschak Sr.*** & ***+Bethany Haschak (Birthday Remembrance)*** offered by Michael & Sandy Haschak; ***+Frank Langal; Anna and Peter Fesko*** offered by Robert Fesko; ***+ Phillip L. Penrose*** (40th Day) offered by the Horner and DeCoske family ***+Helen Timo Pirich*** offered by Michael and Diana Pirich***; +Donna Zizan*** offered by Vivian Slachta; and ***+Peter and Mary, Stephen & Andrew, and Ann*** offered by Alex Dubnansky

Resurrection Tone 8 -Tropar & Kondak: Pages 102 & 110

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Marlene Matolyak (9/19), Sharon Kuzmyak (9/21), Michael Oleksa (9/25).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP and ALTAR CANDLES – are offered this week in memory of ***+ The Departed members of the Horbal Family by Mary Ann Savering.***

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WELCOME BACK SEMINARIANS: Sub-deacon Seamus Murray (2nd year); Deacon Peter Sodini (graduate of Diaconate Program and transfer to regular program); Thomas Fultz (auditing courses). Other students studying at various seminaries: Samuel Loposky - St. Vladimir's Seminary; Timothy Paproski - St. Tikhon's Seminary; Nicolas Laliberte - Holy Cross Seminary.

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DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS DRIVE-2023

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.

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FOR CONSIDERATION

The greatest teachers of the Church endeavored to teach great truths to men not only by their words but also by visual examples. Thus Abba Isaiah, in order to teach the monks that no-one would receive a reward from God who did not toil in this life for Him, led his disciples to a threshing floor, where a laborer was gathering the threshing wheat. "Give me some of the wheat!" Isaiah said to the laborer. "Have you been reaping as well, Father?" "I haven't," replied the elder. "Then you've got a hope of some wheat, if you've not gathered it!" To this, the elder said: "There's no wheat for him who has not gathered it?" "No," replied the laborer. Hearing this reply, the elder went away in silence. When his disciples asked him to explain his actions to them, he said: "I did that deliberately, in order to show you that no-one will receive the reward from God who has not labored in this lifetime.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Evil is a passion adherent to matter, but God is not the cause of evil. He has given men knowledge and understanding, the power of discriminating between good and evil, and free will. It is man's negligence and indolence that give birth to evil passions, while God is in no way the cause. The demons, like most men, have become evil as a result of the free choice of their own will. ***St. Anthony the Great***

Love is a holy state of the soul, inclining it to valued knowledge of God above all created things. We cannot attain lasting possession of such love while we are still attached to anything worldly. ***St. Maximos the Confessor***

Run from pride, for it is a passion more treacherous than any other. Covetousness and love for wealth spring from it as well as hatred, wars, and fights. For those who want more than they have will never be able to stop. Their desires come from nothing other than their love of displaying their accomplishments….If we cut off pride (the head of all evil), we would kill all the other members of wickedness with it. Then nothing could keep us from living on earth as though it were heaven. ***St. John Chrysostom***

As soon as our thoughts begin to oppress us, we must turn to God; and take to Him our cares and the cares of our neighbor. I always take my problems – and the problems of those who come to me for advice -to the Lord and His Most Holy Mother for them to resolve. And that is what they do. As for me, I cannot even help myself. How then can I help anyone else?

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Jack Dahl	Taylor Miller	Daniel Porembka	Alex Yarementko
Cindy LaBarr	Eva Zeleniak-Whitak	Jennifer Gardenhour	Dr. Rose Ann Jordan	Pauline Marie Blehi
Steve Martyak	Malcolm Barnes	Margaret Blehi	Demetra Mavrophilipos	Lauri LaBuda
Veronica Buczak	Ann Koehnlein	Valentina Yaremenko	Rose Conjelko	Dorothy and Kathy Bayconish
Jessica McLaughlin	Larry Eisenhauer	Olga Yaremetko	Cindy Birth	Nicholas and Carole Blitva
Michael Sakmar	Judith Rowlands	Steve Prieber	Roger Zankey	Lorie Joseph
Joseph Muchesko	Angeline Komara	Aberdeen Rudge	Jess Ambrose	Mary Frances Dutko
Roberta Kovalik	Arianna Risso	Pat Hanuska	Paul Kalinyak	Clarabella Knight
Theresa Milkovich	Charlie Erisman	Dwight Nugle	John Rosiak	Matushka Mary Margaret
Kira Pronin	Rachael Costlow	Rose and Terry Fyock	Louis Pocchiari	Remona Blunt-Wall
Alexxa Lowery	Marshall Rosenow	Rosalia Horner	Ed and Christine Sakmar	Patti Sweeney
Romayne Laichak	Shirley Mazurak	Beverly Mayo	Julie Locher	Samantha Salway
Zachary Rogina	Donna Babble	Al Kuzmyak	Denise Stroud	Joan Bost
Robert J. Gritzer	Richard Barnes	Michael Paul Gost	Brianna Thompson	Cheryl Reese
Ron Kuzmyak	Michael Logan	Brooklyn Balamuto	Infant Hale	Sheri Smay
Paul Kalcik	Lloyd Broadwater	Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz	Elijah Groff	Geroge Kuzmiak
Henry Laichak	Nick Timko	Joanne Democko	Lisa Shaffer	Robert Pringle
Beverly Tinkle	Erin Demich	Robert Stokes	Stephen Machik	Jackson Enhro
Ronald Kmet	Mary Ann Muchesko	Barbara Stokes	Aniee Himes	Lisa Luterman
Michael Derby	Joella Hamlin	Marcia Matthews	Michael Mehalacki	Jeanne Norris
Barry Gilchrist	Donna Martyak	Jolene McClain	Matthew Hanak	Jennifer Shfrift
Barbara Virostek	Mary Jane Matolyak	Georgene Coulter	Carol Labad	Kristo Burkett
Robert Janeway	Michaela Miller	Tanya Britan	Carter McAuly	Amanda May
Andy Walls	Arianna Jade Miller	Frank Porembka	Michael Yaremenko	Jean Romesburg

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The American Carpatho-Russian Youth -A.C.R.Y.

The National A.C.R.Y. (American Carpatho-Russian Youth) is the national youth organization of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. It is divided into two separate organizations. The Junior ACRY (for ages 8 to 18) and the Senior A.C.R.Y. (for ages 18 and older). Every parish in the diocese is encouraged to have an A.C.R.Y. Chapter in their parish. Currently there are 25 active chapters throughout the diocese.

The A.C.R.Y. is an Orthodox Christian family fellowship dedicated to the purpose of encouraging spiritual growth through charitable and apostolic missionary works, prayer and fellowship for the Glory of God and the building up of the Church and our Diocese.

The A.C.R.Y. seeks to enable its membership to experience the spiritual joy and fulfillment of participating in the work of Christ on a local, national, and global levels through its many charitable outreach and philanthropic initiatives.

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A.C.R.Y. – CHAPTER 20 ANNUAL MEETING

Rose Ann DeCoske is our Chapter President

The Annual Meeting of the A.C.R.Y. Chapter 20th is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th, 2023 in the Cathedral Auditorium. We will elect officers at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEW members are encouraged to join.

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A.C.R.Y. UP-COMING EVENTS

Annual Meeting – October 5th, 2023 Visiting nursing homes October, 2023

Basket Party, Saturday, December 2, 2023 Cookie sale Saturday December 16, 2023

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2024 LOTS-O-LUCK CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

See Christina Sakmar

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BASKET PARTY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

The A.C.R.Y. is asking for Baskets valued at $25.00 and up, or items for baskets, or monetary donations for their upcoming Basket Party. Please place your items on the stage in the Cathedral Auditorium now through November 25th, 2023. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please see Rose Ann DeCoske or Dee Tvarozna for more details.

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COOKIE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Our A.C.R.Y. is having a cookie sale in the Cathedral Auditorium on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. We are asking for members (and others) to bake 5 dozen Christmas Cookies to sale at this fundraising event. Please bring your home-made cookies to the Cathedral Auditorium Friday, December 15th, 2023. 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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WHY FUND RAISE?

Our A.C.R.Y. Chapter uses our fundraising events for Scholarships to our college students, National A.C.R.Y. publications, visits to shut-ins, and other charitable outreach programs. Please consider joining us.

To become a member of the A.C.R.Y. Chapter 20, please see Rose Ann Decoske.

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