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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.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017    DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM**  
**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!            GLORY FOREVER!**  
**SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU!            SLAVA NA V'IKI!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE SYNAXIS OF THE CARPATHO-RUSIN SAINTS: Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 1 on p 81. Special Propers sheets for the Carpatho-Rusin Saints. Prokimen & Alleluia Verses for Tone 1 on p. 83.

**EPISTLE: Romans 2:10-16.            GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-23.**

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**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**  
For the week of June 18:

- Sun., June 18:** (After Liturgy) **Panachida** in memory of all of our *departed fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and Godfathers.*
- Tues., June 20:** (6:30 PM) **Moleben** to the Most Holy Theotokos at the Prayer Garden.
- Sat., June 24:** (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *Third Sunday after Pentecost.* Propers for Tone 2 and the Venerable Onuphrius the Great.

**Sunday, June 25:**  
**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 AM: **Preparation Prayers** for Holy Communion. Feel free to grab a book and participate!

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the ***Third Sunday after Pentecost***. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Propers for Tone 2 on pp. 84-86. ***“Zastupnice”*** from the hand-out sheets.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a ***Happy Birthday*** to **Tony Neuhart**. Requested by *Janice, Stephen & Daniel*.

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

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

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TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers for ***Safe Travels*** to **Paul & Will Foster**. Requested by *Mom & Brodi*.

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SORRY, but we had ***no winners*** from our parish at the ***Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle*** last Sunday. Better luck next year! Our consolation is in knowing that we have contributed to the operation of Camp Nazareth by providing much-needed start-up funds at the beginning of the camping season. We'll just have to buy more tickets next year!

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THE SYNAXIS OF THE CARPATHO-RUSIN SAINTS, instituted in our Diocese in 2005 by His Eminence, +Metropolitan Nicholas, of thrice-blessed memory, is being observed **TODAY**. Special Propers sheets for this occasion have been included in today's bulletin.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all of our ***fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and Godfathers***. We will offer special prayers in honor of all of our fathers at the Liturgy today. We will also remember our departed fathers at the Panachida today.

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FATHER'S DAY DINNER. Please plan to stay and join us after the Divine Liturgy **TODAY** for a special dinner in honor of the men of the parish on Father's Day. *Stay and join your parish family today in honoring all of our Dads on their special day*

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OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* **Thursday, June 22** at **6:30 PM** in the church basement. If you signed-up or expressed interest, please try to come!

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THE NEXT LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will take place *next* **Sunday, June 25** after the Divine Services.

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SUMMER VACATION ARRANGEMENTS. Father Michael & Pan'i Kelley are planning to take their annual two-week summer vacation beginning on **Sunday afternoon, July 16** and running through **Saturday evening, July 29**. Since no deacons are available this year, Father Michael will return to Barton to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at **9:00 AM** on **Sunday, July 23**. Please note the start time!

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ORTHODOX CHURCH FINDER. If you are traveling or vacationing, and need to locate a nearby Orthodox church, you can use this site to quickly and easily find a place to worship:

**<http://orthodoxyinamerica.org>**

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ICON PRAYER CARDS with a prayer for those who are traveling are again available in the back of church. Please feel free to take one!

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING. Our Church Cleaning Committee is asking everyone to please tidy-up the pew area where you sit in church. Also, please do not leave books and articles of clothing in the pews from week to week. Thank you for your cooperation!

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# LIVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS

"Our plans and interests often interfere with our lives. We make all these plans, believing that we will never succeed in anything unless we arrange everything meticulously. We truly must try to do everything as our conscience tells us, but we must not do anything in haste. It is when we are in a hurry that the enemy traps us. In haste we cannot be aware of whether we have said something to offend our fellow man or whether we have ignored him, because we have no time to think of him; we are too busy with the plans inside our head. In this manner it is easy to sin against our neighbor. And when we sin against our neighbor, we are actually sinning against God, for God is everywhere. He dwells in the souls of each and every one of us. Our relationship toward our fellow men defines our relationship toward God."

— Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

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CHURCH KITCHEN CLEANING. The Cleaning Committee is planning a kitchen appliance cleaning for sometime in July. The ovens, stoves, mixers, sinks, etc. are in need of some TLC and attention. A sign-up sheet will soon be posted, and you can choose what you want to work on. Please see Joni Turner for more details.  
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## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

**Saturday Evening Vespers (6/10) — 8**

**Sunday Divine Liturgy (6/11) — 38**

**Moleben to the Theotokos (6/15) — 8**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2017

Please mark your calendars now!

**TODAY** — Father's Day.

**Sunday, June 25 thru Wednesday, June 28** — Diocesan Altar Boys' Retreat & Young Women's Encounter.

**Sunday, July 23 to Saturday, July 29** — Tri-State Deanery Summer Camp Week.

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## SOUNDS FAMILIAR.....

*Father Anthony said, "A time is coming when people will go mad, and when they see someone who is not mad, they will attack him saying, 'You are mad, because you are not like us.'"*

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# On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life

## Part 146: Two Paths (5/14/17)

*“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..”* (Genesis 1:26 RSV)

God having made man in His image gave man the unique ability of free choice. Freedom to choose is a divine attribute of those whose purpose is to become sons and daughters of God. We have two choices that present themselves to us: the **good path or the bad path.**

Many of us have chosen the path that leads into the secular world and all the desires and passions that accompany it. **Self-love and self-centeredness guides our way.** We rely on our rational mind to know right from wrong. Going to church is something that we just do and holds no true meaning or impact on our daily lives. We seek our own enjoyment, entertainment, comfort and wellbeing with little concern for our neighbors. We use the gifts that God has given us for selfish reasons, that is if we even realize what gifts He has given us.

There are those that chose a different path. God becomes the center of their life. The many gifts which God has bestowed upon them by His grace when they were baptized become apparent to them and they use these gifts in their journey to **Theosis**, being in communion with God, as well as **sharing** these gifts with others, who also are on their journey to Theosis. God made us to be **“persons in communion”** with Him and with the body of Christ, the Church. Sharing the gifts that He gave each of us is **essential and necessary** for the health of the Church as well as our own physical and spiritual health.

Our life on earth is ephemeral, it is gone in the blinking of an eye. Eternity is forever and we will all be there, some enjoying it while others are relegated to the **“smoking” section.** God gave us the freedom to choose as He did Adam. Adam made the wrong choice. What about you? Can you say you made the correct choice? Did you choose the good path? Do you recognize the gifts God has given you and are you gratefully returning them to the glory of God and the body of Christ? Or, are you selfishly using them for your own self-aggrandizement? The choice is yours, **smoking or non-smoking!**

If you have made the wrong choice until now, there is hope. True repentance is the medicine the Church prescribes for taking the wrong path. We do not know the day or time that our judge will come so if you are on the wrong path make the change of direction, *metanoia*, to the correct path. Be a **good steward** of all that He has given you!



## Part 147: The Biblical connotation of Stewardship (5/21/17)

*“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How are we robbing thee?’  
In your tithes and offerings.”* (Malachi 3:8 RSV)

In 2010, the Diocesan Stewardship Commission after much research provided the Diocese with a true Biblical connotation of Stewardship which reads:

**“Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a *Christ-centered* lifestyle, which acknowledges *accountability, reverence, and responsibility* before God. Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a call to all of the faithful to share *willingly and cheerfully* the gifts that God has bestowed on them including sharing these gifts for God’s work in His Church.”**

What a wonderful definition of Stewardship. And although this definition has been circulating through the Diocese for almost seven years now we find that when the word “stewardship” is brought up, most people immediately fall back on the Western Christian concept of “MONEY.” Where in the Commission’s definition do you see, “give us money.” What it says is to ***center your life around Christ***, put Him first, before all things. Don’t just give Christ an hour or two on Sunday or a Feast Day and then go back to your secular lives forgetting what you just heard and experienced in the Liturgy.

***Accountability, reverence, and responsibility***; what in the world does that mean? It means that the way you live your life will be accountable to God at the awesome judgment seat! You ask for a good accounting at that awesome judgment seat every Sunday in the Liturgy, that is if you are paying attention.

You are responsible for the gifts that God has given you not to do as you want with them but to use them on your journey to salvation (Theosis) as well as to **share with others** on their journey. They are to be used for the glory of God, not for your personal comfort. You are responsible for using the time and talents He has given you to help others by teaching adult classes, youth ministry, Sunday school, active in prayer groups as well as Bible discussion groups. You are expected to welcome visitors and strangers into the church, make them feel wanted and at home so that the Holy Spirit might work in them. You are admonished to provide financial support to your parish for operating expenses as well as Orthodox Outreach to the community.

The Church is **not** a place you come just to be enriched, partaking of the Body and Blood of Our Savior, and then go home to your secular life and comforts. You made a **covenant** with God when you were Baptized, and you recommit to this covenant each time you enter the Church and cross yourself. That covenant was to be a member of the body of Christ, the Church. That commitment is to do **EVERYTHING** within your power to help the Church and each and every member of the church. It takes work: it takes **PARTICIPATION**. There is that word again, participation, “being in communion.”

You are to do this ***willingly and cheerfully*** for God loves a cheerful giver! Folks, your salvation is in the balance here. The Commission states that “Stewardship is a Way of Life.” That sums it all up, it can also have a subtitle, “Stewardship is a Way of Salvation.” If you are not giving in proportion to what you have received for the glory of God and the service of your neighbor, then you are not following Christ’s new commandment, (John 13:34), “to love your neighbor as I have loved you.” If you are not practicing the commandments, then your salvation is in jeopardy.

If you can’t remember the beautiful, Biblical definition of Stewardship that the Commission wrote, Bill Marianes, GOA, summed it up this way, “**What are you doing with the gifts that God has given you?**” Are you using them for the glory of God or your comforts?

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

***Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2nd annual Stewardship Retreat will be held September 22-24, 2017.***