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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.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Propers for Tone 6 on pp. 96-98. "Zastupnice" from the hand-out sheets. There will be *Mirovanije* (Festive Anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today in honor of the Feast of Saint Michael and the Holy Angelic Powers.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:4-10.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37.

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For the week of November 27:

Sun., November 27: (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of *all the departed +Michaels of our parish*. Requested by Judy Moore.

Thurs., December 1: (6:30 PM) Moleben to Saint Nicholas of Myra.

Sat., December 3: (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the Feast of the *Entry of the Birthgiver of God into the Temple*. Propers for Tone 7 and the Feast.

Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple Sunday, December 4

8:15 AM: Matins.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *24th Sunday after Pentecost and the Feast of the Entry of the Birthgiver of God into the Temple*. All Antiphons are from the Entry of the Birthgiver of God into the Temple on pp. 118-119. Tropar for Tone 7 on p. 99. Tropar for the Entry on p. 119. GLORY.... Kondak for Tone 7 on pp. 99-100. NOW & EVER.... Kondak for the Entry on p. 119. The remaining Propers are from the Entry on pp. 119-122. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for a *Special Intention*. Requested by *Carolyn Kyanko*.

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

2017 ECCLESIASTICAL WALL CALENDARS are now available in the back of the church. CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available in the near future.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS. TODAY is the *last day* of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We will also have a special collection TODAY. All proceeds will benefit the *Bridgeport Food Pantry*.

A.C.R.Y. MEETING will be held TODAY after the Divine Services. Members should attend.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE will be held *this* **Monday, November 28** at 7:00 PM.

THE NATIVITY FAST begins *tomorrow*, **Monday, November 28**. The first day is a Day of Abstinence from meat products. At minimum, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the Fast period are also Days of Abstinence from meat products. The liturgical color for this special season of preparation for the Birth of Our Savior is **PURPLE**.

This time of prayer, fasting and good works is meant to prepare us in body and spirit for a worthy celebration of the Coming of God in the Flesh. Another excellent way to get ready for Christmas is to make a good **Confession** during this time! Don't wait until the last minute if you plan to go to **Confession** — Christmas will be here before you know it!

ADVENT WREATH. Beginning *next* **Sunday, December 4**, we will begin our services at the Advent Wreath to help us prepare for the Nativity of Our Savior. The circular form of the wreath is a Christian symbol for God, Who is eternal. The evergreen branches symbolize eternal life, or the life of God, which Jesus came to make us partakers. The candles represent Christ, Who is the Light of the world. One candle will be lit each Sunday, and the color of each candle expresses the special theme of each week. There will be a brief service each Sunday at **9:50 AM**. We invite the children to come up front and help light the candles; and we invite an older student to read a Scripture lesson. Those who wish to participate should be in church by **9:45 AM!**

PITTSBURGH DEANERY SAINT NICHOLAS BENEFIT DINNER will be held at *Banquets Unlimited* in Wilmerding, PA *next Sunday, December 4* at **3:00 PM**. Proceeds from this annual Dinner benefit our Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown. Cost per meal, which will be buffet style, is **\$30.00**. Let Pan'i know if you want to go.

A FREE-WILL OFFERING will be taken-up *next Sunday, December 4*, to benefit our *Christ the Saviour Seminary* in Johnstown, PA. This is in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Deanery Saint Nicholas Benefit Dinner.

CHILD COUNT. In preparation for Saint Nicholas' visit on Sunday, December 18, we need to know the total number of children who will be present at the Saint Nicholas Dinner. Please give a child count to Pan'i of any extra children, and ages if possible, who will be visiting for the dinner.

A.C.R.Y. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE QUILT TICKETS are now on sale. Tickets are **\$1.00 each**; or **6 for \$5.00**. Drawing will be held at our annual *Saint Nicholas Dinner* on Sunday, December 18. Please see Kim Hurley to purchase your tickets.

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS will be collecting monies for the **ZOE for Life** Advent Project. Please read today's insert about *Zoe for Life* for more information.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (11/19) — 8
Sunday Divine Liturgy (11/20) — 67
Saint Michael Vespers (11/20) — 13
Saint Michael Divine Liturgy (11/21) — 14
Moleben of Thanksgiving (11/23) — 20

A **50/50 RAFFLE** will be held in conjunction with our Saint Nicholas Dinner. See Carolyn for tickets.

ORDERS FOR GRAVE BLANKETS are now being taken by Karen Zavatsky at a cost of **\$35.00** each. Each grave blanket is made to order, and is about 30"-36" in length. Please contact Karen Zavatsky at **740-695-4289** *this week* to place your order.

NATIVITY FAST PRAYER CHALLENGE

To focus our journey of peace and love this Nativity season, Bishop Gregory is once again offering a challenge to all of the clergy and faithful, and especially the youth and young adults of the Diocese. It is not enough to talk about making the world a more peaceful place. Rather, we must actually do something about it.

And the challenge is: To offer a special prayer for peace during our evening prayers. Special Prayer Cards will be passed-out at the end of the Divine Liturgy **TODAY**. Each household should have sufficient copies, so that each young person that can read has one by their bed to use nightly; and those who are too young to read may say this prayer together with their parents before they go to bed. Of course, all adults should join the challenge as well, so that all together our prayers will reach our Lord's ears.

During the Litany of Fervent Supplication at each Divine Liturgy during Advent, a special petition will also be included.

THE BRIDGEPORT FRIENDSHIP COUNCIL will be packing Christmas Food Boxes at *Saint Paul's Lutheran Church* in Bridgeport on **December 12 & 13** from **9 AM til noon**, for distribution on **December 15**. The Friendship Council is also collecting hats, gloves, socks, books and unused toys, appropriate for ages **birth to 14**. If you wish to contribute any of these items, please do so by **December 11**. If you would like to donate or help with these projects, please see Carolyn Kyanko or Joyce Baker.

THE WEEPING "KARDIOTISSA" ICON of the Holy Theotokos from Taylor, PA will visit our Church on **Friday, December 9**. Spread the word, and invite your family, neighbors and friends! A Moleben to the Theotokos will be served at **6:30 PM**. Father Mark Leasure will speak to us about the miraculous myrrh-streaming icon, and the effects it has had on so many people. Then everyone will have the opportunity to be anointed with the holy myrrh.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

Please mark your calendars now!

Sunday, December 18 — Annual Saint Nicholas Dinner and Youth Program.

Monday, December 19 — SAINT NICHOLAS DAY.