Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

September 1, 2019

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:23-35

Next Week: Philippians 2:5-11 ***Gospel Reading:*** Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services Sun., Sept. 8th **Feast of the Nativity of our most Holy Lady Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary**

Moleben of the Academic Year	**9:30 am**
Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

Announcements:

WEDDING BANNS Announcement # 3 ~~

*Joelle Lynn Niro and Dale Edward Fisher will be united in Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on **Saturday, September 7**.*

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **no** vespers celebrated on Saturday, September 7th. We will resume our normal vespers schedule on **Saturday, September 14th**.

Sun., September 8th: The **first Sunday after Labor Day** is our transition back to the 10 am start time.

Thanks for the prayers, visitations, and the donations in memory of my brother Matthew. I really appreciated the presence of those who were able to make the journey. The pick-up choir was truly beautiful! The church was bursting at the seams and some had to listen from afar. Please bear with me as we move forward.

Yours in Christ,
Father Stephan

Next Parish Council meeting will be **Tuesday, September 10th at 7 pm.**

Looking ahead on the Church's activity calendar:

- **Sun., September 8th at 9:30 a.m.** ~~ HROC's Moleben of the Academic Year (inaugurating the Parish Church School)
- **Sun., September 8th** ~~ **"St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet,"** the annual parish festival of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Greensburg from **11:00 am to 4:00 pm**. The traditional Middle Eastern foods for which they are famous will be featured and are itemized on the flier posted in the vestibule bulletin board. Please consider patronizing this fine event, as a number of St. Michael parishioners regularly attend our Fall Festival.
- **Sat., September 14th** ~~ Feast of the Elevation of the Cross: *Hours 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy 9 am*
- **Sun., September 15th** ~~ *Prayer Arise* ~~ The Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Men's a capalla Liturgical and Folk Choir ~~ In Prayer and In Concert ~~ Will present a Mon Valley Memorial Service and concert to commemorate the 18th Anniversary of 9/11 on **Sunday, September 15th** at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Donora. **Prelude at 4:45 pm; Memorial Service at 5 pm; A Patriotic Concert at 5:45 pm**. The Concert will be followed by a covered dish All-American Food Fest in the church social hall. All are welcome!

HELP WANTED: Volunteers need to cut and trim church grass for Summer and Fall. Let a member of Parish Council know if interested.

It has been brought to our attention that Marie as of late is having difficulty removing grass from the rugs in the entrance vestibule. The grass becomes embedded in the microfibers of the rug's nap. We ask that you utilize the sidewalks (which are kept swept) when entering the church. Thank you for your help and consideration in this matter.

Save the Date: This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 29th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that *we are in need of volunteers* to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! (Please see the vestibule bulletin board for a listing of all cooking sessions starting at 7 a.m. on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted.) Your help and cooperation are always needed and appreciated! Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties.

If cooking isn't up your alley, help in the form of monetary donations are also needed with restocking of supplies! A year in the life of our Parish has been busy with repasts, Presanctified Liturgy, special coffee hours, etc., and some of our festival supplies of wrapped silverware, takeout containers, plates, napkins, plastic wrap, foil, sterno, etc. have been put to good use, but have dwindled. Can you help with restocking of the necessary supplies to help this year's Festival run smoothly? Thank you in advance with your help and God Bless. See either Marie or Mary.

Don't forget! -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause.

Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!

Collection: August 25th: $2,298