

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

September 15, 2019

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 21:33-42

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11

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

Services Sat., Sept. 21st **Great Vespers** **7 pm**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)

 Sun., Sept. 22nd **Hieromartyr Phocas;**
Prophet Jonah
Church School **9:15 am**
Hours **9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements:

TODAY ~~ *Prayer Arise* ~~ The Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Men's a capella 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 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!

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Monongahela is having a Halupki sale BY ORDER ONLY. The deadline for ordering is **TOMORROW (September 16th)**. Please call Linda at 724/972-2307. Thanks and enjoy with a friend!

Thank You for all the prayers and cards for my brother, Matthew. This week, I had the opportunity to visit with my mother and a couple of my brothers at the homestead. I gave the stack of cards to my mother and we all cried with her as she read them along with your prayers. It was a good day! Thanks!

Please note: The Festival cooking session on September 21st (Beef Stroganoff) has been moved to Thursday, September 26th.

Looking ahead on the Church's activity calendar:

- ❖ **Tues., October 1st** ~~ **Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos** ~~ There will be a Liturgy scheduled for 9 am (Hours begin at 8:45 am) and an Akathist service at 7 pm for the Theotokos. We will bless the restoration of the mosaic as well as the new carved icon of the Theotokos.

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

The parish is looking much better thanks to the efforts of so many. There are still plenty of opportunities for those who still want to volunteer some time. Thanks!

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, 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: Sept. 8th: \$1,028