

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

September 22, 2019

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

Next Week: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:31-36

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

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| Services | Mon., Sept. 23 rd | Conception of St. John the Baptist (Canonsburg) | |
| | | Hours | 8:45 am |
| | | Divine Liturgy | 9 am |
| | Sun., Sept. 29 th | Venerable Cyriacus, the Hermit; Martyr Petronia | |
| | | Church School | Festival Break |
| | | Hours | 9:45 am |
| | | Divine Liturgy | 10 am |
| | Tues., Oct. 1 st | Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos | |
| | | Hours | 8:45 am |
| | | Divine Liturgy | 9 am |
| | | Akathist service for the Theotokos | 7 pm |

Announcements:

WEDDING BANNS Announcement # 1 ~~

*Rebekkah Gresh and Paul Simkovich will be united in
Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, October 12.*

Please Note: The Saturday, September 28th Vespers are cancelled. Vespers will be back on track Saturday, October 5th at 7 pm.

Special thanks to the choir "**Prayer Arise**". They sang a memorial for the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at St. Nicholas in Donora. The response was wonderful! Some of the comments included: "Ya know Father, I am all thumbs, that being said, I don't have enough thumbs for a "thumbs-up" to express what I just experienced!" One of the lifelong parishioners at St. Nicholas said that they cannot remember the Church being so full and the music being so beautiful.

The Deanery meeting this past Monday went well. The general consensus is that we, as a deanery, need to do more outreach to the other parishes as well as the communities. St. John the Baptist Church in Canonsburg is having a 9 am Liturgy on Monday, September 23rd for the Conception of St. John the Baptist. All are invited. HROC is having a Liturgy for the Protection of the Theotokos on Tuesday, October 1st. Again, all are invited.

ONE WEEK TO FESTIVAL! Sunday, September 29th will be here before we know it! This means that *we are in need of volunteers* to give of their time and talent for **Friday, September 27th and Saturday, September 28th sessions** and especially on Festival Sunday from **12 p.m. 'til we are sold out!** If you are able to help out on **Festival Day**, please see either Marie Dudzinski or Mary Merella. Your help and cooperation are *always* needed and deeply appreciated!

September 27th and September 28th are our **MAJOR** prep sessions where your help is *truly appreciated!* Come on over to help Baba bake her delicious bread and cinnamon rolls on **Friday, September 27th** to help stock her Bake Shoppe. On **Saturday, September 28th**, we will be rolling Halupki, doing last minute kitchen prep, setting up the flea market area as well as last minute cleaning up of the social hall to set up the Dining Room and Baba's Bake Shoppe. The Friday and Saturday sessions will start at 7 a.m. Come join in the fellowship while putting the finishing touches on our Festival.

In addition to Baba baking fresh homemade bread for her Bake Shoppe, **she still needs your help in filling her Bake Shoppe.** After preparing all the food and getting the social hall ready for her guests, she's running out of steam and needs your help to bake. Can you help? Do you have a favorite baked good(s) or a chocolate creation that you would like to contribute? (*Please no refrigerated items.*) Please bring your baked good(s) to the social hall anytime on **Saturday, September 28th.**

When doing your weekly grocery shopping, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. **Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contributes to the success of this endeavor!**

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Council News: HROC will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on **Sunday, November 10th following Liturgy** to collect donations for IOCC to aid the Hurricane victims in the Bahamas. Also, a special collection will be taken the following next two Sundays after the Liturgies.

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.

Collection: Sept. 15th: \$2,293