

Our youth and their special friend are: Andrew Affeldt – Cheryl Travis; Noah Alekov-Pich – Mary Todoroff; Ariana Affeldt – Karen Rehn; Andrew Royer – the Hrabnickys; Blake Aleksynas – Sandra Arnaut; Sam Royer – Matushka Janet; Dylan Aleksynas – Sub-Deacon David; William Royer – the Hrabnickys Nathaniel Aleksynas – Deana Affeldt; Keirstin Timpko – Delphine Connor Greyson Hrabnicky – Kelly Tramontana; Anthony Tramontana – Jann Petroff; Nada Lazar – Val Lazar; Benjamin Tramontana – Chris Muzzin Matt Muzzin – Val Lazar; Dominic Tramontana – Milo Runyon; Sarah Muzzin – Colleen Pandoff; Helena Tramontana – Mary Roley; Natalie Tramontana – Mary Todoroff

This is the last Sunday for our “Giving FromThe Heart” collection of school supplies.

Thank you to Ryan & Linda Lazar for the donation of a bookcase. Our “Give/Take Library” will soon be located in the lobby near the coat rack. Please donate/help yourself and watch our library grow.

Reminder: Jars on tables in the coffee room are for donations to pay for our ODO dinners at Sts. Peter & Paul. ALL donations are very, very appreciated to assist in defraying meal costs.

**AUGUST 20 DONATIONS:**

**FOR HEALTH OF (FHO): FAMILY** – COLLEEN PANDOFF

**FHO: FAMILY** – ANGIE PANDOFF

**FHO: FAMILY & NADA LAZAR’S 5<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** – VALARIE & RODERICK LAZAR

**FHO: FAMILY** – PETE & JANN PETROFF

**FHO: ANGELA, DONALD & VIRGINIA TRAVIS & JAMES GUYOT** – CHERYL & DONALD TRAVIS

**IN HONOR OF(IHO): HER FATHER’S 94<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** – JIM & DELPHINE CONNOR

**IHO: NADA’S 5<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** – RYAN & LINDA LAZAR

**IN MEMORY OF (IMO): MY FATHER ALFONSO MILANTONI** – JANN PETROFF

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SEPT: 3** –LADIES GUILD MTG.

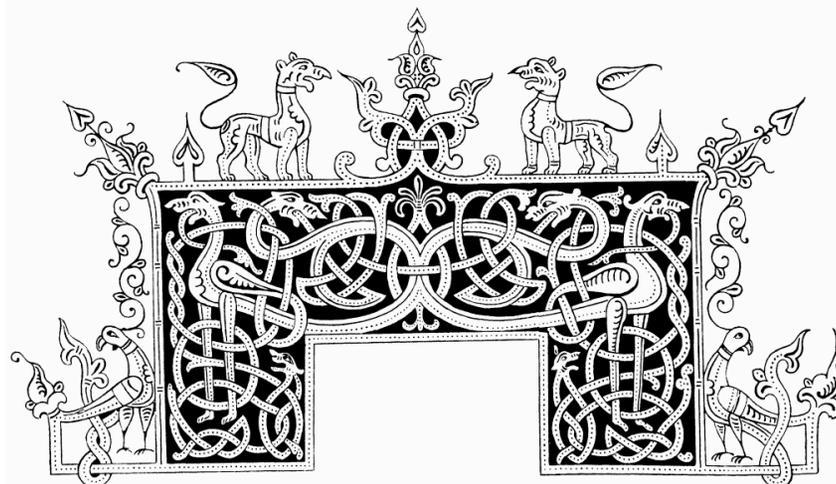
10 – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY PICNIC BARBEQUE LUNCHEON  
(SUGGESTED donation: \$3/person, \$5/couple, \$10/family)

17 – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

# SAINT PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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**August 27, 2017 – Tone 3**  
12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF  
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Epistle – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, now I would remind you, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### Gospel – Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, one came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked

at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Liturgical Notes:

On the *Synaxis* and arriving to Church on time:

The first part of the liturgy is called the *Synaxis*. It contains everything from "Blessed is the Kingdom..." up to the Great Entrance.

"*Synaxis* is a Greek work. It means 'gathering up' and 'coming together' and 'assembly.' *Synaxis*...as the name for the first part of the liturgy, comes to us from deepest antiquity. The term is rich with Scriptural allusion and Eucharistic dynamism. *Synaxis* alludes to the Lord Jesus feeding the crowds with only five loaves and two fish. When everyone has eaten, Jn.6:12, Jesus gives the command 'Synagete...gather up the broken pieces of bread left over, so that nothing may be lost.' In a first century document, the *Didache* or *Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, 9:4, the same word is used for the gathering of the Eucharistic bread, in turn a metaphor for the gathering of the Church. 'As this bread broken into pieces...was brought together and became one, so let Your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom...' Our gathering once again, our liturgical ascent to God in his kingdom-obedient to Christ-to show reverence and tell out God's glory as we should, is itself a fruit of our having offered and shared in the Eucharist last week." --Fr. Paul Harrilchak, *The Liturgy*, 27 (Reston, 2013)

If the *Synaxis* is this important, shouldn't we show it respect enough to show up on time? Unless something greatly hinders us, we should take our role as concelebrants in the liturgy as seriously as possible and try our hardest to arrive for the beginning of the *Synaxis* when our Lord gathers us up to his Kingdom to join him in the Eucharistic banquet.

### **AUG. 27 ANNOUNCEMENTS: BACK TO SCHOOL/SPECIAL FRIEND SUNDAY**

Following Divine Liturgy today we shall be selecting the school district receiving all of the school supplies which have been so generously contributed. Then our special friends and our youth will be introduced and a special gift will be presented to each of our children. After a brief prayer, a pizza luncheon (SUGGESTED donation: \$3/person, \$5/couple, \$10/family to Mary Todoroff) will be served in the coffee room.