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SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC/ VIRGIN MARTYRS AGAPE, IRENE, AND CHIONIA OF DALMATIA

Sunday April 22, 2018

Acts 9:32-42, John 5:1-15

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Christ Is Risen! Christos Voskrese! Christos Anesti! Feltamadt Krisztus Al Massih Kam!
Indeed He Is Risen! Vo Istinu Voskrese! Alithos Anesti! Valoban Feltamadott! Hakkan Kam!

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

“When the feeling of God’s presence became dulled and spiritual vision darkened, that is when pride entered into tradesmen and technologists, and they started to give glory exclusively to themselves for their buildings, handiwork and intellectual works, and began to misuse their work that is when the shadow of cursedness began to fall on technology.”
St. Nikolai Velimirovich

WEEKLY SUNDAY REPORT OF INCOME AND CANDLES, 4/22/18			
Sunday Offering	\$1007.00	Candles	\$33.00
Yearly Assessment	\$ 10.00		
Eternal Light	\$ 10.00		
		Total	\$1060.00

“It is of great significance if there is a person who truly prays in a family. Prayer attracts God’s Grace and all the members of the family feel it, even those whose hearts have grown cold. Pray always.”
+ Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica,

Candles

2 – Special Intentions by Brett
3 – Anonymous
1 – For Health of Jessie/ by Deb Isenberg
3 – In Memory of Sam and Aunt Helen Gibbon, and for Family/ by Deb Sasala

Holy Mystery of Confession: Before services. After services - just ask.

Birthdays: Rebecca Urchek 4/19, Stephen Rebovich 4/25, Pat Hirsch 4/26

Camp Nazareth Family Camp will be held June 1–2. **Family day will be on June 3.** Please see Brett Stiteler for Camp Nazareth Raffle tickets.

+ The Eternal Light is offered in memory of father, Stephen by Stephen and Lois Rebovich.

The first **Camp Nazareth Classic Golf Tournament** will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 10 at the Traditions at the Glen Resort in Johnson City. The Tournament benefits the *Science and Nature Camp program* (see Flier downstairs for more info).

Young Adult Retreat May 4th – May 6th. An e-mail was sent out and there is a poster downstairs. If you are in the age range, please consider going and spending time with other young adult Orthodox Christians.

Young Women’s Encounter July 1 to July 4th. Maggie has gone in previous years, but won’t be able to attend this year. Marina is likely to go from our parish. Please encourage other girls ages 12-18 to go. This is the same time as the altar boys retreat. There is a flier downstairs with contact information.

Camp Nazareth info was e-mailed several weeks ago. Please see the flier downstairs. **REGISTRATION FOR CAMP WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO BE DONE ONLINE THROUGH THE CAMP’S WEBSITE – CAMPNAZARETH.ORG.**

Our yearly meeting is coming up on May 6th. We will also be reviewing diocesan information received at the Priest’s Convocation, talking about replacing the bells system, out-reach, growing ourselves, and more.

Diocesan Website: <http://www.acrod.org> Camp Nazareth: <http://www.campnazareth.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>
You Tube: <https://youtube.com/acroddiocese>



News and Info from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA

If you would like to explore further online, please go to <http://www.assemblyofbishops.org/news/research>.

Eight Facts about Church Attendance in US Orthodox Christian Churches: The results of a survey conducted by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA in 2010:

- 1) The total number of persons who see themselves as Orthodox and involved – however loosely – in the life of the local parish community. US nationwide and for all jurisdictions of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops combined, the total number of Orthodox Church adherents is **797,600**. Only **26%** of all Orthodox Church adherents in America participate in the church life on a regular weekly basis.
- 2) While 26% of all American Orthodox Church adherents attend church services on a regular weekly basis, this proportion – and, thus, reflecting the strength of church commitment - varies greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In the Orthodox Church in America, Bulgarian Orthodox Diocese and Carpatho-Russian Diocese at least 40% of all adherents attend church services regularly. On the opposite end, in Vicariate for Palestinian Orthodox Communities, Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church and Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese, less than 20% of all members attend church weekly.
- 3) The rates of church attendance depend not only on jurisdiction. The size of a parish is also a significant factor which has strong impact on percentage of parishioners regularly participating in church life. As the total membership of a parish increases, the proportion of parishioners attending frequently goes down. For instance, in parishes which have from 1 – 50 parishioners, attendance averages about 60–70%. In parishes of 2000+ parishioners, attendance drops to about 15%. (To be continued)

