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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN/ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

Sunday May 6, 2018

Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 John 4:5-42

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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!

Our yearly meeting is today! 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.

“King David suddenly felt that his spiritual thirst was not only unquenched but had grown to such proportions that all this material universe was in no way able to quench it. He then felt himself to be, in this world, *in a barren and dry land, where no water is* (Psalm 62/63:2), and cried to God as the only Source of immortal drink, for which a rational, awakened soul yearns. “*My soul is athirst for God; yea, even for the living God!*”

St. Nikolai Velimirovich

| WEEKLY SUNDAY REPORT OF INCOME AND CANDLES, 4/29/18 | | | |
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| Sunday Offering \$470.00 | Candles \$18.00 | | |
| Yearly Assessment \$ 90.00 | Build and Maint. \$10.00 | | |
| Case of Candles \$ 36.00 | | | |
| | | Total | \$624.00 |

““But nothing causes such exceeding grief as when anyone, lying under the captivity of sin, calls to mind from where he has fallen, because he turned aside to carnal and earthly things, instead of directing his mind in the beautiful ways of the knowledge of God. So you find Adam concealing himself, when he knew that God was present and wishing to be hidden when called by God with that voice which wounded the soul of him yourself? Why are you concealed? Why do you avoid Him Whom you once longed to see? A guilty conscience is so burdensome that it punishes itself without a judge, and wishes for covering, and yet is bare before God.”

+ St. Ambrose Milan

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Candles

2 – Special Intentions by Brett

4 – Anonymous

2 – In Memory of Sam, and for Family/ by Deb Sasala

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

Birthdays: Fr. Deacon John Shumack 5,12

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 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 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.**

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>



Update! Camp Nazareth Family Camp 2018: Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its sixth annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

This year's theme - "Being Grateful for Your Family". Come join His Grace Bishop Gregory in the beautiful environment of Camp Nazareth. Come and learn what it means to be a grateful family. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from You the Father of Lights..." St. James writes in his letter (James 1:17). Did you ever consider that the biggest of these gifts may be your family? Come to Family Camp and see what God has given you and IS giving you through your family!

Each year we have a wonderful time together and we are looking forward to being together again this year. A variety of events and activities have been planned that will allow families to learn, have fun and pray together, and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp. With the newly renovated and expanded cabins, together with the new High and Low Ropes Course the Camp has even more to offer our families this year.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Space is limited to the first 10 families, so register soon. Register online at campnazareth.org. Registration closes after Friday, May 25. Visit campnazareth.org for more information.

Update! Camp Nazareth Annual Family Day will be on Sunday, June 3. Fellowship & fun all day. Music entertainment, swimming, craft activities, games and the Raffle Drawing. 10am -- DIVINE LITURGY. Lunch/Picnic following Liturgy. MENU: BBQ Chicken; Pot Roast; Mashed Potatoes; Glazed Carrots; Tossed Salad; Fresh Fruit; Chips/Dip; Homemade Desserts; Drinks; Vegetarian Option: Grilled Vegetable Wrap. ADULTS: \$10.00; Children under 13 : \$6.00 ; Children under 5: free; FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (includes 2 parents & all children under age 13)

News and Info from the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA *continued from* <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"

Fact 4. The same rule – lower rates of attendance in the larger parish – holds true for the individual jurisdictions as well as Orthodoxy as a whole. The above discussed Fact 3 that such jurisdictions as the GOA or Serbian Orthodox Church have significantly lower rates of attendance than the OCA or Antiochian Archdiocese cannot be simply "blamed" to the much larger average size of GOA and Serbian parishes as compared to OCA or Antiochian churches. Indeed, the study shows that the GOA and Serbian churches tend to have lower than national rates of attendance in almost all parish size categories. Quite differently, the Antiochian and OCA churches are likely to be above national average regardless size of their membership.

Fact 5. There exist also huge state-to-state variations in proportion of church members attending services in their parishes on a regular weekly basis. Tab. 2 on p.11 and Map 1 on p.13 show that in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Kentucky more than 40% of all parishioners are frequent church goers, while in Nevada, Washington, California, Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Missouri, Florida, New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island fewer than 25% of church members attend regularly. As a general rule, all states with sizeable total Orthodox population have lower rates of church attendance, while the states with the relatively small numbers of Orthodox Church members have higher rates of attendance. *There is one remarkable exception from this rule: the state of Pennsylvania.* Being the fourth largest state by total number of Orthodox Church members living there (after New York, California and Illinois), Pennsylvania also has the rates of church attendance well above national average: 36% versus 26%.

Facts 6, 7 & 8 These facts discuss possible reasons that the Orthodox Church falls into the patterns discussed in the above facts. Their conclusions are interesting but still incomplete. More analysis is needed. You are welcome to check out the entire report at the website shown above.

