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PROPHET SAMUEL

Sunday September 2, 2018

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4, Matthew 22:1-14

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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!

We will have the **blessing of all students and teachers** for the new school year next Sunday at the Divine Liturgy. Please remember we are starting the **Liturgy at 10:00 AM** starting next Sunday

Letter from Bishop Gregory

Glory to Jesus Christ!

To the Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, and Faithful of our God-Protected Diocese:

Today I write to share with you my dear brother Priests and wonderful Laypeople (youth and adults) the news that the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople at its monthly meeting on August 29, 2018 voted to elevate your Bishop to the rank of Metropolitan.

I was stunned and nearly speechless (and still am) when His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Archdiocese who serves as the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate here in America called yesterday afternoon. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod have honored all of us. I am truly greatly humbled.

Working in His Vineyard with much love , + Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

“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,

Birthdays – 9/1 Pete Urchek, 9/2 Tanya Hirsch

The eternal light was sponsored by Kathy Daskivich in memory of mother, Kate, on Sunday August 19.

God is loving to man, and loving in no small measure. For say not, I have committed fornication and adultery: I have done dreadful things, and not once only, but often: will He forgive? Will He grant pardon? Hear what the Psalmist says: *How great is the multitude of Your goodness, O Lord!* Your accumulated offenses surpass not the multitude of God’s mercies: your wounds surpass not the great Physician’s skill. Only give yourself up in faith: tell the Physician your ailment: say thou also, like David: *I said, I will confess me my sin unto the Lord:* and the same shall be done in your case, which he says immediately: *And you forgave the wickedness of my heart.*

+ St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Three D Dinner - The **3-D program** benefits our Camp Nazareth and other worthwhile diocesan institutions. Please consider becoming a 3-D donor, even if you have never done it before. The minimum donation is still only \$100. Guests are welcome to the banquet still for only \$30. You can send your donation directly to the diocese. You should make out your check to “ACROD”, and mail it to Orthodox Diocese of Johnstown, 312 Garfield St., Johnstown, PA 15906. Make sure to note that this is for the 3D program.

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