

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, October 21, 2018

- Sunday, October 21 -9:00 AM – Adult Education
-9:40 AM -3rd and 6th Hours
-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by a Parish Council Meeting
- Monday, October 22 -5:00 PM Panikhida for Fr. Stephen on the anniversary of his
Falling Asleep in the Lord
- Wednesday, October 24 -9:00 AM -Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, October 27 -Pork Chop Dinner Preparation
- 4:45 PM -9th Hour
- 5:00 PM –Vespers
- Sunday, October 28 -9:40 AM -3rd and 6th Hours
-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Pork Chop Dinner

On Monday, October 22 at 5:00 PM, a Panikhida will be served for the one-year anniversary of the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Fr. Stephen.

May his memory be eternal!

Thanks so much to all who worked so hard to welcome Archbishop Michael this past weekend. We are especially grateful to the choir, all who prepared the church and hall and to all who contributed to, and attended the luncheon. May God Grant You All Many Happy and Blessed Years!

Thanks also to all who helped with the pierogi making this past week. Please keep our Sisterhood Food Festival and Craft Fair on November 10 on your calendars and attend with your friends! (And please consider helping the Sisterhood out with this great community outreach activity!)

Our Pork Chop Dinner is scheduled for next Sunday, October 28. Any help in preparation for the event would be greatly appreciated, especially on Saturday morning. Thank to all who work so hard to support the activities of our church! And please bring desserts as we are often short of them. Thanks!

Memorial Donations

\$75 in memory of Michael & George Pavlyak -- by Michele Pavlyak -- for the General Fund

**\$25 in memory of Veronica Thoryk and Mark Novak -- by the Aversa's --
for St. Nicholas Benevolence Fund**

**\$25 for the health of Wulfgar (Peter) and Baren (Paul) -- by the Aversa's --
for St. Nicholas Benevolence Fund**

Future Dates To Keep In Mind

October 28 – Pork Chop Dinner Following Divine Liturgy

October 30-31 – Diocesan Assembly in Brick NJ

November 8 – Feast of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel (9:00 AM Divine Liturgy)

November 10 - Sisterhood Food Festival and Craft Fair

November 11 – Sisterhood Meeting

November 15 – Beginning of the Nativity Fast

November 18 – Parish Council Meeting Following Divine Liturgy

November 21 – Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (9:00 AM Divine Liturgy)

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day (9:00 AM Divine Liturgy)

November 30- December 1 – Pierogi Making

Venerable Hilarion the Great - October 21

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to Saint Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8). Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.