

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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04 November, 2012: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father Joannicus the Great.

The Holy Martyr Nicander, Bishop of Myra. The Priest Hermas.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 03 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Sue Henry requested by brother Steve Skapura

Sun. Nov. 04 **10:30 AM: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

Wed. Nov. 07 **7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy: Archangel Michael & All Angels**
+ Daniel Furwa requested by Walter & Family

Sat. Nov. 10 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Mary Ann Witek requested by Connie & Mike Bankovich

Sun. Nov. 11 **10:30 AM: 24th Sunday after Pentecost:** For Our Parishioners

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Nov. 03	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Nov. 04	E.& R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Wed. Nov. 07	Any Present	S. Vacha	--Any 2 Present--
Sat. Nov. 10	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Nov. 11	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	C. & D. Cianciotti

Collection: 10/28/12: Adult \$707; Candles \$40; Student \$4; Fuel \$25;
Archeparchial Charities \$260; **Total: \$1036**

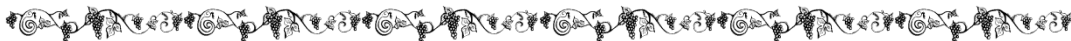


Philipovka: the **Philip** or **Nativity Fast** begins this year on **Thursday, 15 November**. This 40 day fast is in preparation for Christmas. The Ruthenian metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 88o, §2). This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially or in its entirety. It is also a pious tradition to offer the «Emmanuel Moleben» during this fasting period.

The Hieromartyrs Hermas the Presbyter and Nicander, Bishop of Myra, were disciples of the holy Apostle Paul's follower and fellow ascetic, the holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, and they were ordained by him to the priesthood. Living the ascetic life amid incessant

pastoral works, the saints converted many pagans to Christ. For this they were arrested and brought before the city prefect, Libanius. Neither flattery nor threats swayed the holy martyrs to renounce Christ. Then Libanius gave orders that they be tortured. The saints endured fierce and inhuman torments: they were tied to horses and dragged over stones, their bodies were raked with iron hooks, and they were cast into a hot oven. The Lord helped them endure things that a mere man by his own strength could not endure. Towards the end, iron nails were hammered into their heads and hearts. They were thrown into a pit, then covered over with earth. After enduring such a cruel death, now they live forever in the joy of the Lord (Mt. 25:21).

Saint Joannicius the Great was born in Bithynia in the year 752 in the village of Marikat. His parents were destitute and could not provide him even the basics of an education. From childhood he had to tend the family cattle, their sole wealth. Love for God and prayer completely dominated the soul of the child Joannicius. Often, having shielded the herd with the Sign of the Cross, he went to a secluded place and spent the whole day praying, and neither thieves nor wild beasts came near his herd. By order of the Emperor Leo IV, officials went through the cities and towns to draft young men for military service. Young Joannicius was also drafted into the imperial army. He earned the respect of his fellow soldiers for his good disposition, but he was also a brave soldier who struck fear in the hearts of his enemies. St Joannicius served in the imperial army for six years. More than once he was rewarded by his commanders and the emperor. But military service weighed heavily on him; his soul thirsted for spiritual deeds and solitude. St Joannicius, having renounced the world, longed to go at once into the wilderness. In the monastery he became accustomed to monastic obedience, rules, and practices. He studied reading and writing, and learned thirty Psalms of David by heart. Foreseeing his death, St Joannicius fell asleep in the Lord on November 4, 846, at the age of 94.



~ Announcements ~

- **Katy Snitzer** is convalescing at Oak Hill Nursing and Rehab Center, 827 Georges Station Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Send her a card to let her know that she is being warmly thought of and remembered in prayer.
- *Special Thanks to **Freida Kutch** for donating baked goods to our Friday Bingo.*
- **The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union** invites you to its annual “**Stedry Vecer**” on **Sunday, December 2, 2012**, at the **Bishop Connare Center**, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. The evening begins with Mass at 4 pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovakians will entertain. Tickets: \$20 adults / \$15 ages 13-17 / \$10 ages 3-12. Tickets must be reserved prior to November 20th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.
- **Door Prizes Needed for St. Mary Parish Turkey Bingo -- Sunday, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.** Proceeds from the bingo will benefit all the youth of our parish at Christmas time, including the altar servers & the young volunteers at bingo. Parents of ECF students are asked to please donate a door prize.

- **The Following Programs are sponsored by the Mt. St. Macrina House of Prayer. Call 724-438-7149 to register. 1)Busy Women's Morning Retreat – November 10 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. Registration due by Nov. 5. Offering - \$15. Includes Lunch. 2)Egg Etching Retreat – November 17 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Registration due by Nov. 10. Offering \$40. Includes Lunch. 3)Pre-Christmas Day – December 8 from 10:00 am – 1:15 pm. Registration due by Dec. 3. Offering - \$25. Includes Lunch. 4)Pre-Christmas Day – December 9 from 1:15 pm – 4:30 pm. Registration due by Dec. 4. Offering \$25. Includes Supper.**
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Save the Dates.....

- ❖ **Saturday November 10** – Busy Women's Morning Retreat
- ❖ **Sunday November 11** – Craft Show and Pirohi Sale at St. Mary's in Bradenville. (Poster)
- ❖ **Thursday November 15** – Start of the 40 day Philip Fast or Nativity Fast
- ❖ **Saturday November 17** – Egg Etching Retreat
- ❖ **Sunday November 18** – St. Mary Parish Turkey Bingo
- ❖ **Saturday December 8** – Pre-Christmas Day by Rev. James Hess
- ❖ **Sunday December 9** – Pre-Christmas Day by Sandra Collins, Ph.D.
- ❖ **Sunday December 9** – 56th Annual Saint Nicholas Charity Dinner at our Cathedral.
- ❖ **Sunday December 16** – Parish Christmas Dinner & ECF Play