

Parish Prayer List (Living)

Metropolitan Nicholas	Sharon	Bob	Reader Mark
Andrea	Amanda	Sherry	Joretta
Fr. Michael	Barry	Sean	Kristi
James	Nicholas B.	Karin	Andrea & Kirby
Nanette	Michael	Tatiana	Rachael
Michael	Helen	Susan K	Bob Wedder

Parish Prayer List (Fallen Asleep)

Francis Dreyer (+2/1)
Kristi Cornwell

Ia (Edith) Glogg (+2/17)

Thoughts from the Fathers

"A man standing on the seashore sees the immense expanse of water, but his eye can embrace only a small part and cannot reach its limit. In the same way a man who, through contemplation, is given to see the limitless ocean of Divine glory and to see God Himself with the eyes of his mind, sees God and the infinite vastness of His Glory, though not the whole as it really is, but only as much as is possible for him."

St. Simeon the New Theologian

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Study fish. In the water they fly, so to speak, and they find the air they need in the water. They would die in our atmosphere, just as we would die in the water. Watch their habits, their way of mating and procreating their kind, their beauty, their permanent homes and their wanderings.

Study the enormous number of different kinds of birds, the variety of their shapes and colors. Some are mute, other sing.

Who gave them the gift of song?

Who played a tiny lyre in the breast of a cicada? Who has arranged things in such a way that this little creature gets excited in hot weather and fills the woods with its music and accompanies passers-by with it? And who helps the swan to compose its song when it spreads its wings to the blowing of the breeze?

It gives me joy to speak of these things because they unfold to

us the greatness of God.

St. Gregory the Theologian (of Nazianzus) 329-389/90

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Online Class Offered by Diocese

Dear Diocesan Clergy and Faithful,

We wanted to pass along to you that a seven week on line Class, *Orthodoxy 102*, the *Orthodox Spiritual Life* will be offered on Monday Evenings at 7:00 pm beginning this coming Monday January 31, 2011.

Topics to be discussed will include, *The Nature of the Church, Teachings of the Fathers on the Spiritual Life, Sin and Repentance: Combating the Passions and Training in the Virtues, Orthodox Worship, Faith and Works, Spiritual Life and the World.*

Time will allowed at the end of each session for a question and answer period based on questions raised in person or via email or instant messaging. Audio recordings of each session will be archived for later study.

There is no charge for participating, however, those who wish to participate must register on-line to enter the class room and access the broadcast link. Audio recordings of each session will be archived for later study.

To register go to

<http://www.acrod.org/ministries/religious/onlinelearning/onlineclassroommoodle>

Information About Camp Nazareth for the Summer of 2011

Camp Nazareth is eagerly awaiting and preparing for the arrival of the Summer Camping Season. Diocesan priests and parents have already been calling to find out the details of

the 2011 Summer Camping Schedule. The 2011 Schedule has been posted on the Camp's website – www.campnazareth.org. In addition, all the necessary forms for parents, campers, clergy, volunteers and staff have been posted.

Here is what is different from previous years in this information:

1. There is **NEW and IMPORTANT** information in the Camper/Parent Information Guide for them to know. This is especially true in the Packing For Camp section.
2. There is also a new form online called the **Media Consent Form** which must be filled out for each camper. This has to do with taking pictures and videos of the campers during the Camp Program and using them to promote the Camp.
3. In addition, there is an article on the Camp website dealing with homesickness with tips to parents for preparing their kids (and themselves) for Camp.
4. The **Fee for Camp has increased to \$270/diocesan camper and \$320/non-diocesan camper**. This represents a 4% increase in each of the past 2 years.
5. Please also note that the **Camp will not be sending out hardcopies of the application material this year**, unless specifically requested. Again, all application materials are available on the Camp Website (see the Registration Forms page). The forms may be printed off by you or your campers. Next year we will be implementing an online system of registration. This is another step closer to that goal and the goal of being "greener" here at Camp. In last year's letter we indicated that less than 35% of what the Camp prints is sent back to us. However, if you need the Camp to send you hardcopies of the application materials, please call or email me at 724-662-4840 or campnazareth@acrod.org.

6. **Staff applications are due March 15th, 2011.** This is a month-and-a-half sooner than usual. This is being done for several reasons. First, we have purchased an online training system for the staff which needs time to be completed by them before they arrive at Camp. Second, the Camp and Staff need to know sooner than the middle of May if we have workers and if they have a job for the summer. Third, an inter-Camp staff training weekend is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011 at the Camp. This is a joint event between our Diocese and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh. It is the first of its kind. Only those who have been hired for the Summer will be invited to this event. We need the hiring process done by mid-April.

Finally, please encourage those who are of age (at least 18 by the beginning of the Summer Season and have completed High School), to be part of the Camp's Summer Staff. There are positions available as counselor, head counselor, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, athletic director, lifeguard and nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to get involved in this vital and meaningful diocesan apostolate, form lasting friendships, and use their God-given talents for the benefit and upbuilding of our Church. The link for staff employment opportunities is

www.campnazareth.org/Forms&Registration.htm.

Please note the following deanery weeks at Camp (St. Nicholas is in the Washington, D.C. deanery):

Week 1 -- July 17-23, 2011 - Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 24-30, 2011 -- Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington, D.C. Deaneries

Week 3 - July 31-August 6, 2011 -- New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries