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GIVING UPDATES

MONTHLY OUTREACH COLLECTION: Thank you for your generosity to the needy of our community! In **June** we are collecting **Bath & Shower Products**.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION: We continue to collect non-perishables of all kinds for the food pantries.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAITHFUL GIVERS!

Wisdom from Fr. B.

"Let Me Get Back to You on that."

Fr. Boniface had many gifts from God that he used for God's glory, one of which that is increasingly important, was patience. He had the wisdom and confidence/faith to know when to act, when to speak, and when to wait.

Fr. Boniface's example reminds us of the crucial connection between our call to faithfulness and to wisdom. The most-wise Solomon used the metaphor of running & walking to illustrate the same point:

"When you walk, your steps will not be impeded; And if you run, you will not stumble." (Prov 4:12)

We pray for God's wisdom and guidance when life hands us situations that require us to "run," but as a general rule, our hurrying can often be based in either our own failure to trust in God or to prepare adequately. Usually, faithfulness to God means our walking steadily through life, trusting in His providence, which rescues us from the folly that can come from acting out of impulse, from trying to force things based on our own will and strength.

Parenting Suggestion

Pray for your children more than you speak to them, and also teach them to pray, explicitly and implicitly.

A Message from Fr Noah

Dear Saint Philip's Family,

The Prophet David rejoices "my cup runneth over" in celebrating God's providence through thick and thin.

This has never been truer in my life... I am blessed beyond belief with my still-growing family and our still-growing parish. So much to be grateful for, so little time...

St. Mark the Ascetic, an important spiritual author whose holy words are enshrined in the first volume of the Philokalia, tells us that this is the key to living a godly life: "You should continually and unceasingly call to mind all the blessings which God in His love has bestowed upon you in the past, and still bestows for the salvation of your soul."

We all have much to be thankful for – God, Church, family, friends, educations, security, prosperity, opportunity, freedom – and to capitalize on.

Lord, help us to be faithful in little things, so that we can be set over great things!

In Christ,
+Fr. Noah

Special Appeal:

The **Camp Scholarship Fund** is in serious need of funds as we are sending 26 children to camp this summer, many of whom have a partial scholarship.

Don't miss the opportunity to be a blessing to our kids and young families!

OUR SYMPATHY IN CHRIST



is offered to **Ken & Leeanna Gula & family** upon the passing of Ken's father, **George Gula**, who reposed on May 17. The funeral was held at St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Scranton. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

Mark Your Calendar:

Apostles' Fast – June 4-29

Ss Peter & Paul

Liturgy on **Thursday, June 28, 7 pm**
With Festal Potluck to follow.

High School Graduate Recognition
Sunday, June 10

Parish Life Conference
June 27 - July 1

2018 Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village
July 11-15, 2018

Vacation Church School
July 30 - Aug 3

Dormition Fast
Aug 1 - Aug 15

Feast of the Transfiguration
August 6

Feast of the Dormition
August 15

International Food Festival
September 21-22

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Friday, June 15, 7 pm

Campfire at the Kovalenko's.

A time of sharing & encouragement



2018 PLC @ AV

June 27 - July 1, 2018

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Register here: <https://www.antiochianevents.org/154>

Schedule of events: http://antiochianevents.com/ny_schedule_general.html

Update: Our Metropolitan JOSEPH will be attending the PLC! Plan to be a part of this blessed event!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL

Paul Heveran will be attending DeSales University in the Fall, where he received a very generous scholarship.



He was inducted into the National Honor Society in 10th grade as a cyberschool student. He has been the leader of the altar boys at church and enjoys Byzantine chant and assisting in the choir. He's an avid birdwatcher and has been a volunteer hawkwatch counter at Hawk Mountain since Fall of 2017. He hopes to become a conservation biologist studying bird migration.

Julian Bushelli is graduating from the Bushelli Homeschool Academy, 1st in his class! He has continued to be active in karate, fencing, Antiochian Village Camp and Sacred Arts Camp, Choir, Teens, and is now studying iconography. He has also had an engineering internship at Solar Atmospheres for two years. He has accepted a generous financial aide offer to Eastern University's Templeton Honors College. He'll be commuting from home and majoring in Mathematics, with plans to become an actuary, or perhaps will pursue a 4+1 program with Villanova for a Master's in Engineering, in Cyber Security. He is thankful to the faithful of St. Philip's who have been loving and generous extended-family to him.

Jack Stephen Collins is graduating from North Penn High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and many music ensembles including the award winning North Penn Chamber Singers and the North Penn Navy Jazz Band. He also participated in the

Marching Knights, Wind Ensemble, Men's Choir, and Pit Orchestra. He enjoys teaching saxophone and jazz improvisation to several local students.

Jack is an Eagle Scout, and has enjoyed serving the community through countless volunteer activities, including his Eagle Scout service project which benefited the Hatfield American Legion Post 933. One of his favorite scouting activities was serving as Den Chief for Cub Scout Pack 397, where he mentored young cub scouts.

At St. Philip's, Jack served as an altar boy for many years before joining the choir. He is a member of the Teen Soyo and enjoys serving at the International Food Festival each year.

Jack plans to attend Temple University, where he will pursue a double major in Biochemistry and jazz performance.

Emilia Godshall is graduating Summa Cum Laude from Springside Chestnut Hill Academy. She has enjoyed being active in a number of school organizations and clubs, including President of the Service Council, the Honors A Cappella Choir, Co-President of the Theater Group, and Co-Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team. Emilia is completing her high school career by interning with "Make-A-Wish" Foundation. She will be attending Columbia University in the Fall, majoring in pre-med (Philosophy/Religion).

Paul Kyriakos is graduating from Central Bucks High school, where he was involved in track and field, excelling as a Javelin thrower. He also played baseball for Doylestown. He plans to start at Penn State Abington campus this fall, majoring in engineering.

Did You Know?

- **Natalia Mamardashvili** recently graduated from Westminster Choir College with a **Masters in Piano Performance**. Congratulations! She will be seeking employment in the area.
- **John Hulik** graduated from Penn State University with a **B.S. in Secondary Education**, certified in General Science, Earth Science, and Space Science. Congratulations! John has also recently become **engaged to be married** to Angelia Iliana Hartzell. No date has been set yet for the wedding. May God grant them many years!
- Thank you, Lord, for the **growth in our parish**. Let's go out of our way to welcome our new-comers and visitors with a warm smile, sit with them at coffee hour, and invite them to our homes.
- For the **Creative Arts Festival**, there were 258 total pieces from 19 different parishes. They will be on display at the PLC. Thank you to Kate Gohl, Bill & Linda Henry, and Terry Kaminsky for their efforts in coordinating and judging the artwork.
- Don't take a vacation from God this summer! **Go to church on vacation**, and connect with Orthodox believers in another place! Ask the priest before approaching the Chalice. Bring a bulletin back for Fr. Noah.
- Now that **warmer weather** is here and Sunday School is not in session, our children will naturally want to **play outside** during coffee hour. **Parents**, please teach your children to be **watchful** of cars (even when they're parked), to be **respectful** of others' property, and to **pick up** their trash. (They should not bring cups or plates out with them. Have them finish their snack indoors and place their trash in the bin.) Also, younger children **MUST** be properly **supervised**.



HOW TO DRESS FOR CHURCH

1. Wear clean clothes
2. Wear modest clothing.
3. Save "beach" wear and muscle shirts for the beach.
4. Avoid clothing with slogans or advertisements.
5. Long pants for men (no denim), skirts or slacks for women.
6. "Sunday Best" still has meaning for us.
7. Be strict with yourself, and if necessary, be lenient with others.
8. Do not approach the Communion Chalice dressed in a way that is not discerning of Christ's Body & Blood.



Challenge for 2018: Keep the Feasts and the Fasts

"Spiritual affairs are not divided into distinct times [of day] like human affairs ... I do not make this point to undermine the importance of fasting—God forbid: on the contrary, I'm all in favor of it. Instead, my intention is to teach you to take an active part in spiritual matters with an alert mind, not just follow along out of habit ... We have a gentle and loving Lord who demands nothing of us beyond our capabilities. It is not arbitrarily that he looks for fasting and abstinence from food to be performed by us, nor simply for the sake of our remaining without food, but rather that we may be detached from things of this life and devote all our spare time to spiritual matters."

St. John Chrysostom, Homily 10 on Genesis

Two New Additions!

- ◆ **Miriam Elena Bushelli** was born on Monday, May 21, at 3:41 pm.
 - ◆ **Simeon Alexander Kaminsky** was born on Monday, May 21, at 5:13 pm.
- Please keep both of these young souls and their families in prayer, especially Baby Simeon who was born premature and has a long road ahead.

