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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 27, 2011

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 27

24th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)

Kursk-Root Icon

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Q. & A. Period

WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 30

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to

St. Philaret the Merciful

(Dec. 1st)

SATURDAY/DECEMBER 3

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 4

25th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)

St. Barbara the Great-Martyr

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

11:45a.m. Movie: "Bella"



**THE WONDERWORKING
KURSK ROOT ICON
OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Notations

- On weekday evening services, the church doors will be open 15 minutes prior to the scheduled service.
- Weather conditions may necessitate a change to the schedule of services or events, please check the parish website before you leave for church.
- Changes in the schedule will also be emailed to those who subscribe to the parish mailing list.
- The weekday bulletin schedule takes precedence over the monthly schedule.

Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (95)

Just as parents rejoice when someone loves or honors their children, so also the Lord is glad when men love and glorify His saints. For it is the same as glorifying God. "Whoever receives you receives Me" (Mt. 10:40), He said. And whoever glorifies the saints of Christ, Christ glorifies. The saints celebrated their Lord on earth with divine love, and in the face of all temptation kept His commandments. So they overcame the ancient monster of malevolence and malice, the first man killer. And not seeking anything for themselves on earth, they receive everything in heaven. Thus has also been promised (not by the lying lips of man but by the veritable mouth of God): "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God and he shall be My son" (Rev. 21:7).

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 27, 1979 John Skwarla
Nov. 27, 1992 Mary Bozinta
Nov. 28, 1974 Anna Perchisin
Nov. 29, 1921 Alexander Khvechin
Nov. 29, 1934 Fr. Peter Shemashko
Nov. 29, 1981 Mary Fetchina
Nov. 30, 1930 Athanasius Klebanovich

Namesday Greetings – Many Years!

St. Andrew/Nov. 30: Andrew Long, Andrew Robert Erkman, Andrew Keller and Andrea Hunchar; Andria Arpastean

Offerings for the week of November 27

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for a safe journey; in memory of Richard; in memory of Joan and Sandy.

Wine – for the health of Alexander (birthday) for the health of Basil Kulick (birthday).

Coffee Hour Hosting

Nov. 27 (fasting) Sarchisian, Dunaenko, Hando
Dec. 04 (fasting) Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei
Dec. 11 (fasting) Kita, Nevitt, Keller

Nativity 40 Day Lent

The Nativity fast begins on November 15th and ends after the Divine Liturgy on December 25th. In this Lenten time a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Days of fasting modification are indicated on your parish wall calendar.

Sunday Coffee Hour- Important Change

The Sunday Coffee Hour is an important aspect of our parish life in which we share wonderful foods and fellowship. To make sure everything is done in good order:

- No one should be staying in the social hall or partake of any drinks or foods until after the Divine Liturgy.
- Juice and coffee may be secured when we enter the social hall after the Divine Liturgy.
- The Food Table must not be partaken of until the foods are blessed by the priest.

All parishioners and visitors are invited to share in the Coffee Hour. The foods are very

varied and many thanks to our teams that make such a great Coffee Hour. There being no need to rush over to Coffee Hour, those that receive Holy Communion are encouraged to remain for the Post-Communion Prayers.

Movie Presentation, Sun., Dec. 4th at 11:45a.m.

"Bella" This 91 minute film is great for family viewing. Synopsis: An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multi-million dollar contract when something happens that brings his career to an abrupt end. A waitress, struggling to make it in New York City, discovers something about herself that she is unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until an impetuous action brings them together and turns an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience. The movie is about characters that speak to us of confronting our past, and how the healing power of forgiveness helps us to embrace the future.

General Church Cleaning on Sat. Dec. 10th at 10:30a.m.

Your offering of time is much appreciated.

Memorial Services

For Fr. Jaroslav Roman (+7 Dec. 1999) and John Chabra (+6 Dec. 2010), Monday, Dec. 5th at 6:15p.m.

For Ann Kralovich (+10 Dec. 2004), Saturday, Dec. 10th at 9:00a.m.

Winter Coat Drive

The Coat Drive is now going on. Your used coats for infants, children and adults can be of warmth and benefit for others. Please bring them to the lower hall and place in the bin provided upon entering.

Christmas Cookie – Sun. Dec. 11th at 11:30a.m.

Bakers and Buyers are sought for our annual Christmas Cookie Walk Fund-Raiser. Please sign up at the vestibule stand if you can bake. For more information please speak with Jill Peterson.

In Russian Chill, Waiting Hours for Touch of the Holy

By SOPHIA KISHKOVSKY

MOSCOW — From morning all through the night, tens of thousands of Russians have been lining up since Saturday in the cold with just one aim: to kiss a glass-covered reliquary that they believe holds the Virgin Mary's belt.

They shuffle along, waiting for up to 12 hours without complaint in a line that stretches for miles. Within a few days, the organizers say, the wait could reach 24 hours. At any given time there are about 25,000 people, according to news media estimates, and as of Wednesday morning, 285,000 true believers had earned their moment before the belt, said the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation, which organized the tour.

As befits his status as the arbiter of most things Russian, Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin was the first to greet the holy relic when it arrived on Oct. 20 in St. Petersburg from a Greek Orthodox monastery on Mount Athos in Greece for a monthlong tour of Russia.

Of all the industrial nations, perhaps only Russia outdistances the United States in the religiosity of its people, two million of whom venerated the belt before its final stop in Moscow.

They wait here, within view of the Kremlin, snaking past the hulking Ministry of Defense building and billboards in support of United Russia, the pro-Putin governing party.

"We came so that we will live well, be happy and healthy, for the sake of our children," said Anna Kozlova, 68, a pensioner who joined the end of the line late Tuesday night with her daughter Oksana Kulikova, a nurse, wrapped, like her mother, in fur against the cold.

She said she planned to head straight to work after venerating the relic at the towering Cathedral of Christ the Savior, which has been open around the clock.

"If a person believes, they come here," Ms. Kulikova said. This, she stressed, is a matter of free will — in contrast to the long lines of the Soviet era for forced visits to Lenin's mausoleum on Red Square.

Moscow's city government closed streets around the cathedral — causing those Muscovites not so inclined to venerate relics to rant about the even-worse-than-usual traffic jams. Mobile canteens were set up to feed the pilgrims, and heated city buses lined the embankment to offer respite from the cold. A free bus service is shuttling provincial visitors to train stations.

Moscow's mayor, Sergei S. Sobyanin, came to inspect the scene. The benefactor of the St. Andrew the First-Called Foundation is Vladimir Yakunin, president of the Russian Railroads, who is close to Mr. Putin. At a news conference in October, Mr. Yakunin said the belt — usually kept at the Vatopedi Monastery on the Mount Athos peninsula in northern Greece, where women are not permitted — was known for promoting fertility.

"The belt of the Most Holy Virgin Mary possesses miraculous power," he said. "It helps women and helps in childbirth. In our demographic situation, this is in and of itself important."

It also seems to attract people who, having forsaken Russia's deteriorating health system, are looking for something else. In recent years, Russians have thronged to relics of numerous saints, hoping to be cured of ills like cancer, debt and drunken husbands.

"People come who apparently no longer have faith in medical care and await a miracle," said the Rev. Mikhail Ryazantsev, the cathedral's sacristan, who said the overwhelming majority were women.

The blogs and Facebook pages of Russian Orthodox intellectuals have overflowed with debates about whether hysteria over the belt was a disturbing sign that many Russians' faith is based on superstition. Many noted that Christ the Savior Cathedral and the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra near Moscow, one of the most important monasteries in the Orthodox Church, have relics of the Virgin Mary that are just as precious.

At a bustling coffee shop near the cathedral that this week became an impromptu pit stop for the faithful, an excited young woman rushed in to tell waiting friends that she had venerated the Virgin Mary's belt. Then she told them about her visit to a fortune teller.

For other people, excitement over the relics underscores that Russians are dissatisfied and searching for something.

"Faith helps us live," Dmitry Gurov, 27, who works in a bank and would seem to live the good life, said as he joined the line on Tuesday night. Yet not many miles from Moscow people may live without gas or running water. "Life is hard in our country," he said. "We don't know what will happen next."

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<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2011/11/georgian-patriarch-seeks-reburial-of-two-former-georgian-tsars/>

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TBILISI
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The Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church asked for the reburial of two Georgian tsars, Vakhtang IV and

Teimuraz II, in Georgia during his visit to Moscow as part of the celebrations of Russian Patriarch Kirill's birthday.

"We talked about the reburial of Georgian tsars Vakhtang IV and Teimuraz II who are buried in Astrakhan. According to their will, they asked to be buried in Georgia. We have passed all necessary paperwork over to the Russian side and this issue is being discussed now," said the Georgian Patriarch.

Patriarch Ilia II raised the issues of Georgian refugees in Abkhazia, held a service in Moscow's Georgian church of St. George and met with representatives of the Georgian community in Russia.