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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 15

Sunday After the Holy Cross

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

Coffee Hour

Church School & Teen Class

MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 16

"Lucan Jump" On this day we begin the Gospel Readings from St. Luke

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 17

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to The Holy Cross

WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 18

Fast Day

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 19

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY/SEPTEMBER 20

Fast Day

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 21

Leave-Taking of the Holy Cross

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 22

13th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Coffee Hour



Offerings Week of September 15

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalie; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Julia; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for the health and protection of John and Vera.

Wine – for the health of sister, Leona

Flowers – for the health of Stone Family

Litya Breads – health of Ekaterina.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 15, 1966 Theodore Mivvonuk

Sept. 16, 1980 Mary Lukasik

Sept. 17, 1960 Katherine Sedorkewicz

Sept. 17, 1988 Raymond Koslosky

Sept. 17, 2003 Mila Seodal

Sept. 18, 1974 Stephen Zydiak

Sept. 18, 1993 Johanna Godleski

Sept. 19, 1964 Olga Dutka

Sept. 20, 1940 Peter Chapan

Sept. 20, 2006 Eugenia Fetchko

Sept. 20, 1976 Sophie Demjanow

Sept. 21, 1977 Steven Trehubets

Coffee Hour Hosting

Sept. 15 Peterson, Bakaletz & Mattei

Sept. 22 Kita, Nevitt & Keller

Sept. 29 Inga, Eka, Mariana & Nona

Ushers Schedule

Sept. 15 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko

Sept. 22 E. Sarchisian & D. Fedechko

Sept. 29 P. Parsells & C. Dunaenko

Namesday Greetings – Many Years!

St. Cornelius/Sept. 15: Cyprian Cornelius Chirnoaga

St. Sophie/Sept. 17: Sophie Olszyk, Sophie Barna, Sophia Bakaletz, Sophie Avelar

Fall Adult Study Classes Will Resume

Fourth Posting – 2 Responses to Date

Weekly classes for October and November months are being planned. There will be a series of topics and perhaps differing days of the week and times offered. Maybe a Saturday morning class? Your input is sought. What day of the week? Time? Topics? Typically we meet from 7-8:30p.m.. Please speak/email/inform/ Fr. James of your comments.

98th Anniversary Open House With International Food Festival – October 13 2:00-6:00p.m.

Plan to join us in this celebration. Spread the word to former parishioners, friends of the parish, neighbors and extended family members.

- Healing Service with blessed Oil in the church;
- Followed by children's choir;
- Foods from various nations;
- Tours of the church;
- Silent Ethnic Meal Auction;
- Fellowship;
- Music

Proceeds will benefit the Outreach Mission of our parish and relief work for Suffering Christians in Egypt and the Middle East.

More information will follow. Can you volunteer? Contact Jill Peterson, Kate Margiana, Symeon Combs or Pam Stone.

Parish Council Workshop

September 28th, Saturday 9:30a.m.

Operation Princeton – NY-NJ Diocese

On September 20/21, Friday and Saturday, all are invited to this diocesan project to help the OCA Mother of God Church in Rocky Hill. Landscaping is the immediate concern. See posting on bulletin board or diocesan website www.nynjoca.org or call Fr. John Cassar 609-306-4168.

Javier Available – Work Projects

Javier does part-time work at our cemetery. He is available for landscaping, general clean-ups, painting etc. To make arrangements call Fr. James 908-685-1452.

Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church – Now 182 Members

This site has grown in the past months. There are daily postings of church news, lives of saints, art, personal sharing, etc. Join us on Facebook!

Pantagis Somerville Dinner

At 79 Route 206 North, opened 3 week ago. It has many Greek dishes, a great menu, fabulous cakes and is open 24/7. An excellent buffet for \$9.99.



ON THE VIRTUE OF THE PERFECT MAN, WHO IS FIGURATIVELY
REFERRED TO AS AMBIDEXTROUS

by. St. John Cassian (+430)

There are persons, who are referred to in Holy Scripture as ambidextrous. Ehud, "who used either hand as if it were his right hand," is described as such in the Book of the Judges (3:15). We shall also be able to possess this quality in a spiritual way if by a good and correct use we put the things which are considered fortunate and right-handed and the things which are called unfortunate and left-handed on the right side, so that whatever befalls may become for us, in the words of the Apostle, "the arms of righteousness." For we see that our inner man consists in two parts or, as I might say, two hands. No holy person can be without what we call the left hand, but perfect virtue is discerned in the fact that by proper use he turns both into a right hand.

Let us make what we are saying more understandable: The holy person has a right hand - namely, his spiritual achievements. He has this, when, fervent in spirit, he masters all his desires and lusts; when, safe from every diabolical attack, he rejects and cuts off the vices of the flesh without effort or difficulty; when, raised from the earth, he contemplates all present and earthly realities as mere smoke and an empty shadow and disdains them as soon to disappear; when, with estatic mind, he not only ardently desires future realities but even sees them with clarity; when he effectively fed by spiritual theoria; when he sees unlocked to himself the heavenly sacraments in all their brightness; when he sends prayers purely and swiftly to God; and when, inflamed with spiritual ardor, he passes over to invisible and eternal realities with such utter eagerness of soul that he cannot bring himself to believe that he is in the flesh.

He also has a left hand - when he is involved in the turmoil of trials; when the desires of the flesh are seething emotions and impulses; when the fire of aggravations enkindles or vainglory; when he is depressed by a death-dealing sadness; when every virtuous practice takes on a certain unbearable and darkly loathsome quality.

Whoever, then, is, on what we have referred to as the right side is not elated at the approach of vainglory and, courageously struggling with the things on the left side, is not disheartened by any despair. Rather he seizes the arms of patience from adversity for the sake of exercising his virtue, uses both hands as right hands, and having triumphed in both respects, snatches the palm of victory from the left as much as from the right.

Take Joseph the Patriarch as an example of being ambidextrous. In prosperity he was more thankful than his father, Jacob, more devout than his brothers, and more acceptable to God. In adversity he was chaste, faithful to the Lord, more gentle to those who were imprisoned, heedless of insults, kind to his enemies, and not only respectful of his jealous and very nearly murderous brothers but even exceedingly kind in their regard.

Joseph, and others like him, - as for example Job the Long-Suffering - are rightly called ambidextrous. For they used either hand as if it were their right hand and, passing through those things which the Apostle enumerates, they could all say alike: "By the arms of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by glory and dishonor, by bad reputation and good reputation," and so forth.

We shall be ambidextrous ourselves, therefore, when neither an abundance nor a lack of present things change us - when the former does not push us into harmfully lax pleasures and the latter does not draw us into despair and complaining, but when in either case we are thankful to God and draw similar fruit from both successes and failures.



THE UNITED NATIONS ASTONISHING FACTS

THE HAVES The richest fifth of the world's people consumes 86 percent of all goods and services while the poorest fifth consumes just 1.3 percent. Indeed, the richest fifth consumes 45 percent of all meat and fish, 58 percent of all energy used and 84 percent of all paper, has 74 percent of all telephone lines and owns 87 percent of all vehicles.

THE ULTRA RICH The three richest people in the world have assets that exceed the combined gross domestic product of the 48 least developed countries.

THE SUPER RICH The world's 225 richest individuals, of whom 60 are American with assets of \$311 billion, have combined wealth of over \$1 trillion—equal to the annual income of the poorest 47 percent of the entire world's population.

COSMETICS AND EDUCATION Americans spend \$8 billion a year on cosmetics—\$2 billion more than the estimated annual total needed to provide basic education for everyone in the world.

THE HAVE NOTS Of the 4.4 billion people in developing countries, nearly three-fifths lack access to safe sewers, a third have no access to clean water, a quarter do not have adequate housing and a fifth have no access to modern health services of a kind.

MEATS Americans each consume an average of 260 pounds of meat a year. In Bangladesh, the average is six and half pounds.

THE FUTURE By 2050, 8 billion of the world's projected 9.5 billion people—up from about 6 billion today—will be living in developing countries.

SMOKE Of the estimated 2.7 million annual deaths from air pollution, 2.2 million are from indoor pollution—including smoke from dung and wood burned as fuel which, is more harmful than tobacco smoke. 80 percent of the victims are rural poor in developing countries.

TELEPHONE LINES Sweden and the United States have 681 and 626 telephone line per 1,000 people, respectively. Afghanistan, Cambodia, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have one line per 1,000 people.

ICE CREAM AND WATER Europeans spend \$11 billion a year on ice cream—\$2 billion more than the estimated annual total needed to provide clean water and safe sewers for the world's population.

PET FOOD AND HEALTH Americans and Europeans spend \$17 billion a year on pet food—\$4 billion more than the estimated annual additional total needed to provide basic health and nutrition for everyone in the world.

\$40 BILLION A YEAR It is estimated that the additional cost of achieving and maintaining universal access to basic education for all, basic health care for all, reproductive health care for all women, adequate food for all and clean water and safe sewers for all is roughly \$40 billion a year—or less than 4 percent of the combined wealth of the 225 richest people in the world.