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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 29

14th Sunday After Pentecost
Church Musician Appreciation Day
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour with Q. & A. Period
Georgian Food Festival 4-9p.m. in
Manville at 2nd & Washington Aves.

MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 30

St. Michael of Kiev
Namesday of Bishop Michael
7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/OCTOBER 1

Protection of the Theotokos
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 2

Fast Day

FRIDAY/OCTOBER 4

Fast Day

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 5

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Luke of Crimea
and anointing with oil; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 6

15th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Innocent, Enlightener of
Alaska and Siberia
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour



Psalm 68:4 "Sing to GOD, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds...his name is the LORD...be exultant before him."

Offerings Week of September 29

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalie; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for the health of June and Mike; for the health of Marie (birthday) for the health of Jeffery Alexander (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 29, 1929 Demetrius Berdar
Sept. 30, 1954 Wasyl Kluchnik
Sept. 30, 1966 Anna Gnointsy
Sept. 30, 1983 Anna Motoviloff
Sept. ?, 1930 Stephen Chemeris
Oct. 02, 1990 Stella Labay
Oct. 03, 1922 John Milanich
Oct. 03, 1946 Stephen Blisak
Oct. 03, 1971 Dimitri Pegene
Oct. 03, 1978 Pauline Andreyko



Coffee Hour Hosting

Sept. 29 Inga, Eka, Mariana & Nonna
Oct. 06 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone
Oct. 13 Combs, Mantafos, Parsells & Sokol

Ushers Schedule

Sept. 29 P. Parsells & C. Dunaenko
Oct. 06 T. Smith, P. Bakaletz, A. Moldoveanu
Oct. 13 T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone

Namesday Greetings – Many Years!

Protection of Theotokos/Oct. 1: Marie Turri and Pam Marie Stone
St. Justina/Oct. 2: Justina Dao
St. Dionysius/Oct. 4: Dennis Fedechko

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.

98th Anniversary & International Food Festival is October 13th

Now is the time to extend an invitation, buy tickets, help out, and spread the word!

Reminder

The Monthly Calendar is subject to change. The Weekly Bulletin always takes precedence.

To Mark On Your Calendars

- St. Vladimir's Seminary Education Day/Oct. 5 – all day
- Manville Community Day/Oct. 5, 1-5p.m. at Lincoln Field
- 98th Anniversary & International Food Festival/Oct. 13, 2-6p.m. at Social Hall
- Church School Classes/Oct. 13 & 20 after Divine Liturgy
- Prayers for Iconographers/Oct. 13
- Teen Class/Oct. 20 after Divine Liturgy
- General Memorial Service/Oct. 18, 7p.m.
- Youth Pumpkin Outing/Oct. 19, afternoon
- Conference on Evangelism/Oct. 19, 9-5 in Clifton
- St. James Feast Day/Oct 23, 9:30a.m. Liturgy
- Operation Princeton Work Days/Oct. 25& 26 (Mother of God Church)
- Prayers for Those in Healing Ministries/Nov. 3 at Divine Liturgy
- Diocesan Assembly/Nov. 12 in Yonkers
- Parish Council Meeting/Nov. 14
- Nativity Lent 40 Day Lent Begins/Nov. 15
- Church Cleaning/Nov. 30 & Dec. 7

Face Book – Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

Presently are now some 180 members in our group. There are daily postings about saints, miracles, church events, commentary, photos galore, postings by our parishioners and friends. This is an excellent venue to have a daily dosage of education, inspiration and communication. Also, weekly you can have Coffee with the delightful Sister Vassa.

Our New Deanery Clergy Recently Appointed in Central Jersey

Fr. Leonid Schmidt of St. Gregory Palamas Church in Glen Gardner and Fr. John Diamantis of St. Vladimir's Church in Trenton. We look forward to working with them.

Parish Directory

If you have had any changes in the past six months, address, phone, email – please be sure Fr. James is aware of said changes. Thanks.

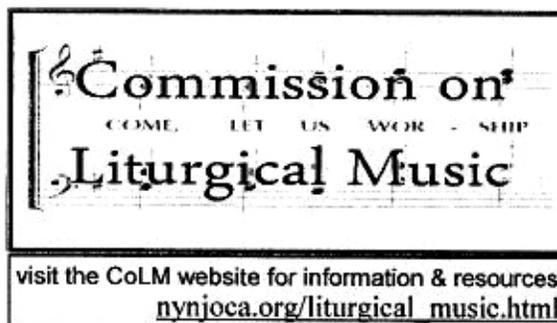
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**CHURCH MUSICIAN APPRECIATION DAY
Sunday ~ September 29, 2013**

Dearly Beloved in the Lord:

Christ is in our midst! He is and always shall be!

On Sunday, September 29th, I ask all the faithful of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey to join me in celebrating “**Church Musician Appreciation Day.**” On that day, which is the Sunday closest to the feast day of *Saint Romanos the Melodist* (October 1), I encourage Rectors, Parish Councils, and the faithful of our parishes to offer special thanks to their choir directors, singers, composers, arrangers, and those who teach church music to our children.



In particular, I ask our clergy to offer the following petitions during the Augmented Litany on Sunday, September 29:

O Heavenly Father, on this day of recognition for the women, men and youth of our choir, and all those who give their time and musical talent in service to Thee, our Lord, and to Thy Church, we ask that Thou wilt ever strengthen and inspire them as they lead us in prayer, singing to Thee, blessing Thy Name, and proclaiming Thy salvation from day to day: We pray Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. [Repeated after each petition]

Bless, O Lord, our choir director(s), singers, chanters, and readers, as they sing praises to Thee, and glorify Thy Name. Let their work be a witness to Thy majesty and love, reminding us all of Thy presence in our lives. We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

O God, Whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be ever present with Thy servants who seek through music to make perfect the praises offered by Thy people on earth; grant to them even now glimpses of Thy beauty; and make them worthy to behold it unveiled forevermore; we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Church Life Of The Month

Feast of the HOLY THEOTOKOS PROTECTION



On October 1 (October 14) if the Old Calendar is used in your church, many Orthodox Churches celebrate the Feast of the Holy Theotokos Protection. It is not one of the twelve major feasts of the year, but in many Orthodox countries this feast is always celebrated and many church buildings bear its name – “Pokrov.”

The event remembered on this day happened in the year 903 A.D., when the Byzantine Empire was being invaded by its enemies. The city of Constantinople was in great danger. During the all-night-vigil service, held in one of its churches, a strange and wonderful vision was seen by a man, called Andrew, who was standing in the crowd. He saw Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, surrounded by angels and saints, entering the Church, walking as on air, above the people. She stopped before the Royal Doors and for a long while prayed, with tears running down her face. Then she turned toward the people and

taking off the veil that covered her head, she spread it in a gesture of protection over the heads of the people. The veil glistened and shone like sunlight.

Andrew watched this protecting veil until the Theotokos became invisible. Then he spoke to the people in the Church, encouraging and comforting them. The city was spared that time and the enemy withdrew without destroying it.

The vision which Andrew saw that day remains true for all times. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, Mary the Theotokos, prays for us. She sheds tears for us, for all our sins and misdeeds, she does not judge us, she sorrows with us. . . . Mary is the Mother whose heart broke as she stood at the Cross and watched her Son in His agony. The Son of God, Jesus Christ, became one of us, a Man Who shared our human life. In a sense, His Mother is the Mother of all mankind, of all of us.

BIG SINS AND LITTLE SINS

Once upon a time there lived a holy hermit. Many people came to him to ask his advice, and he received everyone kindly and helped each one to see more clearly their way in life.

Two women went on a pilgrimage to ask for the holy man's prayers and blessing. They had a long way to go on foot and as they walked they talked to each other.

"I am almost afraid of coming to Father," said one of them. "I have done a very evil thing. I tried to kill someone and it was only by accident that I did not murder him. I am a great sinner indeed and what will he say to me?"

"I am sorry for you," said the other woman. "It must be terrible to have something like this on one's conscience. Thank goodness there is nothing like this in my life. I have just the usual small sins that everyone has."

At last the two women approached the little hut in the woods where the hermit lived. He was sitting at his door-step and he greeted the two women kindly. Then he said:

"My friends, I have a little job for each one of you. Will you do it?" And both women said they'd be glad to do any work he gave them. The hermit gave each of the women a big canvas bag. Speaking to the woman who had sinned so heavily he said: "Please go and look for as large a stone as you can carry in this bag and bring it to me." Then he said to the other woman: "Go and fill this bag with many small stones and bring them to me." And the women hurried to carry out the work, wondering why it was necessary.

REPLACING THE STONES

A little later, when they brought their loads to the hermit, he said to the first woman: "Now go, and replace the stone in the exact place where you found it." The woman went, she found easily the mark in the ground where she had picked up the stone and placed it back exactly as it had been before. To the second woman the hermit told too: "Go and replace the stones you gathered in the places where you found them." But this task proved so hard that it was impossible to carry it out. The woman was able to replace just a few of the last stones she had gathered and then she got quite confused. She returned to the hermit with her bag still full of stones.

"Do you understand, my dear friends," said the hermit. "These stones are like our sins. When we commit a big sin and are sorry for it, we remember it; we think of it; we repent, and with God's grace we get rid of it. But we do not remember our small sins; we do not repent for them; and, added up one to another, their load can be much heavier than that of one big sin."