

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF JUNE 1, 2014

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA/JUNE 1

##### Fathers of the First Council

##### St. Justin (Popovich) of Serbia

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period  
12-2p.m. Church Doors Open

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: "Death Before  
And After Christ"

#### SATURDAY/JUNE 7

##### Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service;  
Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil of Pentecost; Confessions

#### SUNDAY/JUNE 8

##### Pentecost: Descent of the Holy Spirit (One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Followed by Vespers with Kneeling Prayers  
Coffee Hour  
4:00p.m. General Memorial at Cemetery

#### MONDAY/JUNE 9

##### Day of the Holy Spirit

10:00a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost  
Church in Manville  
7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to  
The Holy Spirit



*And unite all of us to one another who become partakers of the one Bread and Cup in the communion of the Holy Spirit. Grant that none of us may partake of the holy Body and Blood of Thy Christ for judgment or condemnation. Instead, may we find mercy and grace with all the saints who through the ages have been well-pleasing to Thee: ancestors, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers; evangelists, martyrs, confessors, teachers, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith.*

### **Offerings Week of June 1**

**Olive Oil:** in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia and Demetrius; for the health of Christine and John (anniversary); for the health of Nikolai (birthday).

**Wine:** for the health and protection and safe journey Daniel and Marie; in memory of Archpriest Michael (birthday).

**Flowers:** in memory of Joan and Sandy.

**Litya Breads:** for the health of Katherine

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

June 01, 1961 Alex Horbel  
June 02, 1929 John Senko  
June 02, 1951 Wasyl Bondarenko  
June 03, 1952 Michael Wasyl  
June 03, 1985 Anna Susko  
June 05, 1953 Eva Hnatuk  
June 06, 1938 Eutyches Gumenuk  
June 06, 1972 Charles Fetchko Jr.  
June 07, 2004 Helen Kulina  
June 07, 2009 Fannie Huzinec

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

June 01 Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei  
June 08 Kita, Nevitt and Keller  
June 15 Inga, Eka, Marina and Nona

### **Usher Schedule**

June 01 Timothy S. & Peter B.  
June 08 Timothy G. & Jerome S.  
June 15 Dennis F. & C. Dunaenko

### **Altar Server Schedule**

June 15: Nicholas T, George J, Nicholas M, Matthew P, Andre & Mattei M.  
June 22: Zachary S, George J, Nicholas M, Matthew P, Antoniu & Alexandru C.

### **Face Book: Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church – 193 Members**

On this page you will find a wealth of photos, church news, lives of saints, spiritual and moral content and a whole world of food for the mind and soul. You are invited to join!

### **The Parish Website: New!**

A 360 virtual tour of our Church is now available on our parish website. Share this information with

your relatives and friends. Also, 91 Photos of the Feast of Pascha are posted.

### **The Calendar Forth-Coming**

June 11 & 13 Fast Free Wed. and Fri.  
June 15 Recognition of Graduates Sunday  
June 15 Father's Day (Civil Holiday)  
June 16-28 Ss. Peter & Paul Lent  
June 28 Parish Council Workshop in So. River  
June 29 (Sunday) Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day and Parish Picnic at Kita Residence after Services  
July 02 Feast of St. John Maximovitch

### **Our Coffee Hour on Sundays**

- Are always well attended and our thanks to our hosts for fine foods and preparation.
- If you do not come to Coffee Hour, please accept the invitation, a wonderful chance to break bread with others and develop and enrich friendships.
- Additional hosts are always welcome, please speak with Jill Peterson.
- Something special taking place? Graduation, birthday, anniversary, names day, etc. – feel free to bring a cake or some goodies and share your joy.

### **Vacation Planning**

- Locate the nearest Church for the Sunday Divine Liturgy: [orthodoxyinamerica.org](http://orthodoxyinamerica.org)
- Bring along your Bible and some material for spiritual reading.
- Be mindful of the Wed. & Fri. fast days.
- Ss. Peter & Paul Lent: June 16-28
- Dormition Lent: August 1-14
- If you plan to receive the Holy Eucharist, be sure that the priest knows who you are before the Divine Liturgy. It is not good form to approach the Chalice if the priest doesn't know you.
- Daily Prayer and the Discerning of the Will of God accompany us on vacation.
- A Prayer for Travelers is offered after the Sunday Divine Liturgy – request it at the veneration of the Cross

# Behind the Scenes in forming the Creed

The Church sometimes has special problems, and bothered constantly; It happens when someone "bends" the Truth. This is called 'heresy.' One heresy started when a sneaky priest (Arius was his name) Decided to preach that Jesus Christ and God were not the same. We can't know for sure why Arius felt the need to say what he said, But he wanted to be Patriarch, and Alexander was elected instead.

Let me explain this heresy more, in case you don't understand. If we say that Jesus Christ was not both God and Man, Then how could we believe He died to save us all from sin? Or how could we believe He founded the Orthodox Church we are in?



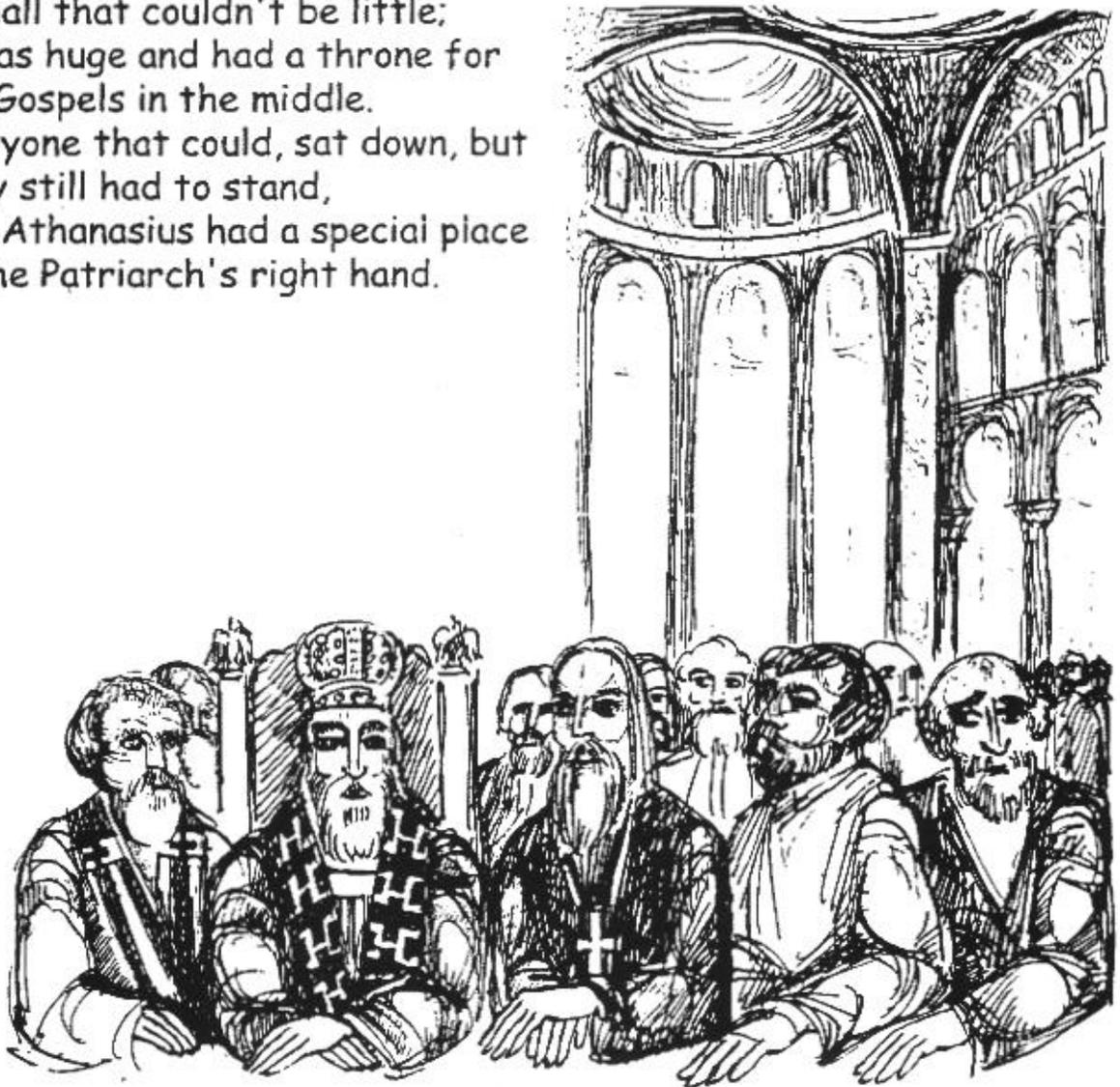
All of a sudden the people were taking one side or another, And when the Patriarch was told, he sighed and said, "Oh Brother!" He called Arius and told him, "Pack your bag and start making tracks." "OK, I'll go: But you better watch out when I decide to come back."

Arius went to Syria, just out of the Patriarch's reach. "I'll get even with him," he thought, "for telling me I can't preach." His good friend Bishop Eusebius said, "If you want to be real mean, we can get Alexander in trouble with Emperor Constantine."

"We'll get the emperor to let me come back; I'm sure he'll say o.k."  
But although he tried his best, The Patriarch still said, "No way.!"  
Constantine's advisor thought the best thing to do was call  
An Ecumenical Council and settle this once and for all.

Three hundred eighteen bishops would come (that was quite a few),  
And priests and deacons and acolytes were planning on coming too.  
Everything was ready; soon they would all arrive  
At the city of Nicea in the Year 325.

The council took place in a beautiful hall that couldn't be little;  
It was huge and had a throne for the Gospels in the middle.  
Everyone that could, sat down, but many still had to stand,  
And Athanasius had a special place at the Patriarch's right hand.



First the bishops were seated; then the others sat down,  
And then the Emperor entered in a purple robe and crown.  
Even though he was emperor, Constantine still knew,  
He wasn't a Christian and wouldn't sit down until they asked him to.

The first to speak was Arius, and although almost sixty years old,  
He was still a persuasive speaker, which made him exceedingly bold.  
Athanasius listened quietly as the words hit his ears like thunder,  
But then it was that Arius made his biggest blunder.

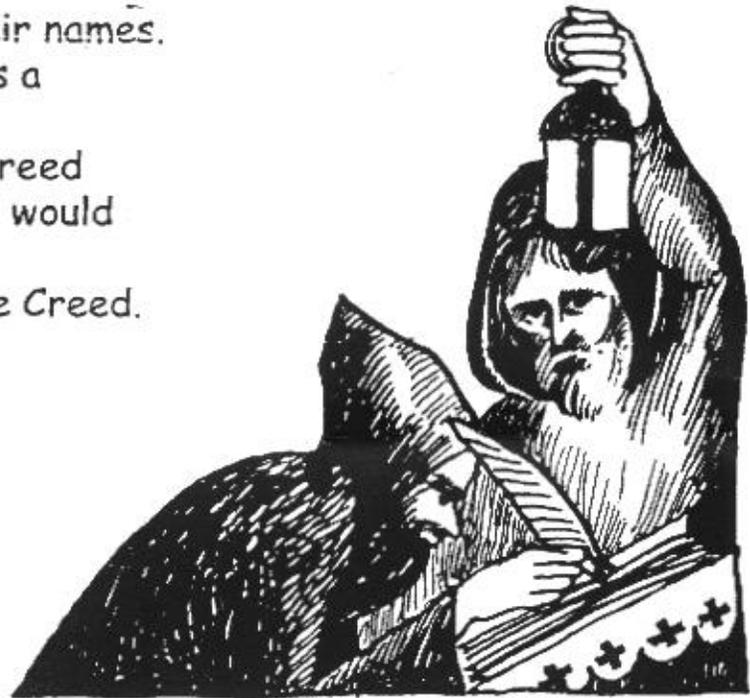


"Jesus Christ is not God!" he said in a high, shrill tone;  
Then the bishops drew back in horror with sighs, gasps and groans.  
When Eusebius saw that Arius had made a big mistake,  
He shouted, "You mean *nearly* God, don't you, for goodness sake?"

But the bishops muttered angrily as Arius took his seat;  
Then with a sign from the Patriarch, Athanasius jumped to his feet.  
Athanasius began his argument, his speech was detailed and long.  
And when he was through the bishops were sure that Arius was very wrong.

Then the bishops went to work, writing the church's views,  
Expressing exactly the Orthodox Faith so no one would be confused.  
At last the paper was finished and ready for all to sign,  
But Eusebius and a few others weren't eager to change their mind.

Seeming to agree, they signed,  
But later that night they came  
And bribed the guards  
and snuck inside  
And quickly erased their names.  
That evening there was a  
banquet  
And there everyone agreed  
That this great council would  
always be known  
For forming the Nicene Creed.



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**“Church Vitality Workshop”  
Theme of 2014 Diocesan Parish Council Conferences**

This year, the Annual Parish Council Conferences -- offered in each of our three Deaneries -- will consist of the *“Church Vitality Workshop”* led by Archpriest John Reeves. The conferences will each begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 14, 2014**

Saint Peter and Paul Church (NY State Deanery)  
210 Hill Street  
Endicott NY

**Saturday, June 21, 2014**

Saint Nicholas Church (NY City Deanery)  
14-65 Clintonville Street  
Whitestone NY

**Saturday, June 28, 2014**

Saints Peter and Paul Church (NJ Deanery)  
76 Whitehead Avenue  
South River NJ

Lunch is provided and each event is free of charge.

To appreciate the necessity and value of this workshop for your parish, ask yourself this question:

*Have you had a medical check-up in a while?*

If your health is important to you, you are proactive in managing it. People who take their physical health seriously schedule annual check-ups. They probably exercise, watch what they eat, and take whatever medicines the doctor prescribes. Good health is a value for them.

Not going to the doctor, on the other hand, is not a prescription for good health. There is less likelihood to discover an ailment in its early and more correctable stages. Good health habits are harder to establish if they have been routinely avoided for years.

Parishes are much like people. Some parishes value good church health. Some don't. Some have very good “church health habits,” but other parishes may have developed habits, routines, customs, even “traditions” over the years which are slowly, but surely, sapping their vitality.

