

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### ***BULLETIN OF AUGUST 3, 2014***

***220<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Orthodoxy in North America  
99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Manville***

#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 3**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**St. Issac of Constantinople**

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

#### **TUESDAY/AGUST 5**

7:00p.m. Vigil with blessing of fruits;

Confessions

#### **WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 6**

**Transfiguration of our Lord**

**(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with  
blessing of fruits

#### **FRIDAY/AUGUST 8**

7:00p.m. Vespers and Confessions

#### **SATURDAY/AUGUST 9**

**St. Herman of Alaska (+1837)**

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

3:00p.m. Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 10**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Post-Feast of Transfiguration**

**St. Lawrence the Martyr**

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

Coffee Hour

#### **THE TRANSFIGURATION**



Thou wast transfigured on the mountain,  
O Christ our God, showing to Thy disciples  
Thy glory as each one could endure; shine  
forth Thou on us, who are sinners all, Thy  
Light ever-unending, through the prayers of  
the Theotokos. Light-bestower, glory to Thee.

### **Offerings Week of August 3**

**Olive Oil:** in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia and Eva; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Sarafina.

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

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

Aug. 03, 1995 Helen Hnatuk  
Aug. 04, 1970 Fr. Peter Karel  
Aug. 05, 1966 Jacob Hosko  
Aug. 05, 1977 Joseph Pituch  
Aug. 05, 1988 Lepasava Ratzkovich  
Aug. 06, 1943 Sarafina Spaj  
Aug. 06, 1946 Jacob Russaway  
Aug. 06, 1975 Artem Kuchner  
Aug. 06, 1989 Andrew Gavlick  
Aug. 07, 1916 Anna Wislosky  
Aug. 07, 1931 Michael Gargol  
Aug. 07, 1932 Maria Vozny  
Aug. 07, 1941 Helen Martchisin  
Aug. 08, 1945 Mary Lebedz  
Aug. 08, 1949 Shelia Mc Closkey  
Aug. 09, 1916 George Siplak  
Aug. 09, 1939 Michael Sapochuk  
Aug. 09, 1979 Parasceva Kulwinsky

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

**Fast Days: Sunday Aug. 3 & 10**

Aug. 03 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone  
Aug. 10 Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells, Sokol  
Aug. 17 Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych

### **Usher Schedule**

Aug. 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.  
Aug. 10 Timothy G. & J. Stone  
Aug. 17 Dennis F. & Charles D.

### **Altar Server Schedule**

Aug. 10 & 24: Nicholas T, George J, Nicholas M, Matthew P, Andre & Mattei M.  
Aug. 06 & 13: Zachary S, George J, Nicholas M, Matthew P, Antoniu & Alexandru C.  
Aug. 31: Everyone

### **New On the Parish Website:**

- Photos of campers and staff from our parish at the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp.
- A 360 View of the Parish Cemetery taken from 5 locations.

### **The Dormition Lent of the Theotokos – August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>**

- This is one of the Four Lents of the Year.
- A Fast is observed from eat, dairy, fish, wine and oil – your wall calendar indicates days on which fish, wine or oil are permitted.
- As all “Lents,” are times of repentance, the Mysteries of Confession & Communion are part of the discipline of Lent. The monthly August calendar shows expanded timer offerings for Confession or call for an appointed time.
- Those that regularly receive Holy Communion on Sundays if you have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 20) you must go to Confession before Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, to continue to receive Holy Communion. This applies to all adults as well as children of Confession age.

### **Our Cemetery in Hillsborough Township**

We are blessed to have a beautiful cemetery and we are thankful for all those who in the past and present provide for it. The cemetery is not only for our parish but is open to all Orthodox Christians seeking a place of honorable burial. If the opportunity presents itself, share this information with those seeking a place of burial.

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Annual Appeal**

To date, the amount of \$5, 460 has been received. May the Lord bless your offerings!

### **Young Readers Sought for Post-Communion Prayers**

After the Divine Liturgy, post-communion prayers are read. This is an opportunity for our young people (ages 7 and up) to start reading and chanting. Instructions will be provided. There are short and longer prayers. Five or Six people could read parts in this short service. Speak with Fr. James or Diaconissa Patricia.

### **Diocesan Youth Day – Great Adventure Park in Jackson, NJ**

August 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday. See the diocesan website for particulars: [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org)



## ON CONTEMPORARY NARROW MINDEDNESS IN ORTHODOXY

By Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Great Britain

Alas, the element of nationalism, of ethnic narrowness, is a fact that we can see very widely in the contemporary Orthodox Church. And it has of course deep historical roots. It is not only a problem of today.

Phyletism, setting nationalism above Orthodox catholicity, was defined as a heresy by the Church of Constantinople in 1872. We must keep in mind, however, that there is nothing wrong in itself with nationhood and our loyalty to our own particular people. In fact, it is good. Patriotism is a noble feeling. But this feeling of national identity that humans have when they lead a balanced, full life, has to undergo *metanoia*, repentance, this change of mind, it has to be baptized. And very often this repentance, this change of mind hasn't taken place and we have an untransformed nationalism. So while nationhood is precious and can be a means of grace, we must remember that Christ stands higher than all ethnic differences. "There is no longer Jew or Greek...for you are all one in Christ Jesus," Saint Paul instructs us (Galatians 3:28). And we have to emphasize that what matters about the Church is its universality, its catholicity. Nationalism can be a servant but it must not be allowed to become master of our heart. And, as we said, there is a negative narrowness in the kind of intense feelings that one encounters in Greece, and in Russia and also among British people, of course. None of us is without sin.

Actually, I have noticed while visiting Romania that though Romanians are proud of their nation they don't have the hostile aggressive attitude towards the West and the fear of non-Orthodox churches that I encounter in other Orthodox countries. In Romania I don't hear, or only very occasionally hear, people talking about 'Judeo-Masonic conspiracies' against the Orthodox world. So, in my experience at least, Romanians seem to be more balanced than many other Orthodox in their views about the rest of the world.

But of course we mustn't generalize. In Greece, in Russia there are also people with a wonderful vision of the universality of Orthodoxy, who value and love their native lands, their national tradition, Greek or Russian, but who at the same time are universalists; and this is surely what the Western world needs. Not an Orthodoxy that is ethnic but a *Catholic* Orthodoxy. Not an Orthodoxy that is always condemning, but an Orthodoxy that is generous, humble, *kenotic* (self-emptying). Not compromising, but not attacking the others.

This could be the *karios* (the time of opportunity) for Orthodoxy. But we Orthodox are not ready. We are not Orthodox enough.

## LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Father James and fellow parishioners,

I would like to thank you for all your support and prayers for my health and success of the medical procedures I went through since April.

Now, I can say that every day is better than the day before, and I feel that I am on my way to a complete healing and recovery, for which we are still praying daily (We will know for sure sometime in mid September when I will have a full body PET scan).

We are grateful having all of you close to us and knowing that everybody is praying for us. This makes us feel blessed to be part of our parish at Saints Peter And Paul Orthodox Church.

Thank you again for all your support and help.

God bless you all!

In Christ,  
Lucian Arpastean & family.

## BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 26

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Father James

Please pass this message along to the parishioners.

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the blood drive. We did a lot of advertising on various blogs and bulletin boards including the electronic one at Manville middle school. It is very important to get the word out on blood drives.

We had 5 donors with 1 decline. We had a first timer! We had one donor from the local community. The four donations will assist 15 people at local hospitals. Summer is always a tough time to get donations but NJ Blood Services was very thankful that we opened our doors to the community and could assist in this critical need for our local hospitals. This is our second blood drive and we have a good thing in place to help those in need. We will explore another blood drive in Sept/Oct timeframe.

Thanks again  
Outreach Committee