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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 17, 2014

SUNDAY/AUGUST 17

10th Sunday After Pentecost

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

SATURDAY/AUGUST 23

Leave-Taking of Dormition

9:30a.m. Akathist to Formition;
Confession

SUNDAY/AGUST 24

11TH Sunday After Pentecost

St. Dionysius of Zakynthos

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
With Prayers for the New Academic Year;
Coffee Hour and Question/Answer Period

THURSDAY/AUGUST 28

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

FRIDAY/AUGUST 29 (Strict Fast)

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

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

SATURDAY/AUGUST 30

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

1:00p.m. Baptism of Lukas

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/AUGUST 31

12th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
With Vespers for Church New Year
Coffee Hour



There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Eph. 4.4-6

Offerings Week of August 17

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

Wine: in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Gabriela, Elena, Petre, Valeria and Mihail.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Aug. 17, 1977 Theodore Kucheruk
Aug. 17, 1985 Anna Tarangul
Aug. 18, 1922 Demetrius Barthusak
Aug. 18, 1968 Peter Patson
Aug. 19, 1925 Helen Warenychuk
Aug. 19, 1942 Constantine Yancevich
Aug. 19, 1948 John Shander
Aug. 19, 1957 Samuel Barnosky
Aug. 20, 1965 Natalie Lega Salevanik
Aug. 20, 2008 Sophie Wassel
Aug. 21, 1980 Mary Pegene
Aug. 21, 2001 Anna Cherniak
Aug. 22, 1978 Anna Recketz
Aug. 23, 1926 John Mlinets
Aug. 23, 1938 Semeon Dutko

Coffee Hour Hosts

Aug. 17 Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych
Aug. 24 Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei
Aug. 31 Kita, Nevitt and Keller

Usher Schedule

Aug. 17 Dennis F. & Charles D.
Aug. 24 Edward S., Adrian M. & Kakha K.
Aug. 31 Dennis F. & Charles D.

Church Discipline About Holy Communion

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 17th, to continue to receive Holy Communion. This applies to all adults as well as children of Confession age.

Reliable Worker Available

Small jobs, landscaping, painting, - Javier, contact through Fr. James.

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.

The Calendar

Sept. 01, Mon. Church New Year Begins
Sept. 08, Mon. Nativity of the Theotokos
Sept. 14, Sun. Elevation of Cross (Fast Day)
Sept. 14, Sun. Church School Begins
Sept. 18, Thur. Parish Council Meeting

99th Anniversary Celebration of Parish

This celebration will be held on November 8th and 9th, 2014 Saturday and Sunday, as a "pre-feast" of our 100th anniversary next year. Bishop Michael will be here for both our 99th and 100th anniversaries. Please mark your calendars, spread the word and be part of our preparatory work.

100th Anniversary Celebration Dates

The weekend of October 3 and 4, 2015.

Adult Study Classes Are Held on Evenings from 7-8:30p.m.

These classes will start in October for 5 weeks. The day of the week will be determined by your feedback. What evenings are best, Tues, Wed. or Thurs? Topics? Comments to Fr. James please.

Church Media – Keeping in Touch

- Parish website: www.ssppoc.org
- Diocese website: www.nynjoca.org
- Parish Face book: Friends of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
- Parish e-mail: Parish Mailing List (subscribe on parish website).

"We extol in prayer the unsleeping Mother of God. The tomb and death, according to the words of the church hymn, could not grasp her. She, the mother of Life, has passed onto life. Even in her dormition, she has not left the world, and through her prayers, she frees our souls from death. This constant Motherly protection and intercession fills a Christian soul with joy and thanksgiving."

— St. Alexander Hotovitzky (1916)

THE MYSTERY OF THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

(Dramatized)

Narrator: A monk in the desert, thinking he had achieved perfection, prayed to God that He would reveal to him His various judgments in the lives of men. God put the thought into his head to go a long way to visit an elderly spiritual guide and ask him about this. While the monk was on the way, he met an angel of God who looked like an ordinary man. The man accompanied him on his way.

They walked on together until a pious man took them into his home, and at dinner he brought a silver platter to the table. When the next morning, they were about to depart, the angel took the platter, tossed it into the air, and it disappeared. The monk was troubled but said nothing.

The next day they lodged with a hospitable man, who was a lover of Christ, but the monk's companion caused the man's son to die. Still they went on together until they came to the house of a wicked person.

Wicked Person: What is it you want?

Monk: Kind sir, we are weary and hungry from our travels, and we are wondering if you could give us food and lodging for the night.

Wicked Person: Begone with you! I don't have money to waste on food for the likes of you. And go and sleep in a bramble bush for all I care.

Angel: Sir, I see you have a wall that is tumbling down. Would you allow me to rebuild it for you? I am good with that kind of work.

Wicked Person: It certainly needs mending. But what do you charge?

Angel: I will do it for you at no charge, since you seem to be hard up for money.

Wicked Person: All right, then, but be quick about it. And I still don't want either of you in my house.

Monk to Angel after he had completed the mending of the wall:

I can no longer contain myself. By the Most High God, tell me the truth! Why do you do these things? These works are inhuman. Yesterday and the day before, those good people received us and were hospitable to us. Yet you took the silver platter of the one and lost it for him, and you caused the son of the other to die. We came here, and the man gave us no consolation or hospitality, and you built for him and benefitted him. What are the reasons for all this?

Angel: Listen to me, my friend, and I will reveal the truth of these matters:

The first one who received us is a God-loving and righteous man, and he manages and governs his property according to God. But that silver platter was an inheritance from a bad person, and, so that he would not lose the wages of the righteous, God ordered that I destroy it, so his hospitality would be pure and unspoiled.

The other one who was hospitable to us is pious and a man of excellent virtues. If his son had lived, he would have become an instrument of Satan and done many things to bring to nothing the works of his father. Because of this, God appointed that he die while he was still young, so that his soul and his father's be saved.

Know, Abba, about this also. The householder of this courtyard is a wicked man with evil designs. He would do wickedness to many, but he cannot because of his poverty. His grandfather, when he built the wall, hid much money in it. If I had allowed it to continue falling over, that malicious man, whose domain it is, would have tumbled it down in order to rebuild it. That way he would find the treasure and use it for his wicked desires and the harm of men. God has a time when he will reveal it to a man who will use it for good works.

Faith in Everyday Life: A Practical Guide

Source: All Saints of North America Orthodox Church <<http://www.asna.ca/articles/201407-02.html>>

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RESTAURANTS: Perhaps you were raised without prayers before meals, or with the idea that you only asked God to bless your food when you were at home. This simply doesn't make sense. At every meal, especially at a restaurant (since you never know what they put in the food), say the Lord's Prayer, and "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers..." at the end, asking the Lord's blessing on your hamburger, steak, or shrimp fritata.

AT THE LIQUOR STORE: Buy a bottle of Manischewicz, a fruity Jewish wine from California used in many Orthodox parishes as a Communion wine. If you are the sort who gets shy making the sign of the Cross in public, there is no better place to start turning your heart and mind back to Christ than serving Him in the most unlikely of places: in a liquor store.

ON LONG DRIVES: Plan ahead to bring along recording of spiritual talks or music, or fill up your iPod so you can make the most of the hours you spend travelling. You'll eventually get to the point where you'll miss hearing it, when you travel without it.

IN AIRPORTS: Bring light spiritual reading (not a heavy book, which is hard to carry around, and which you might never crack open). DO NOT bring religious pamphlets: these turn people off God like nothing else, and it will be your responsibility for the way others respond.

LEAVING YOUR DRIVEWAY or a PARKING LOT: Worried about road safety? Put an icon of a "travel" saint (such as Saints Nicholas, John Maximovitch, Innocent, or Brendan) in your vehicle, and reverence it each time you get into the car. Make the sign of the Cross when you start your vehicle. It really is better to have God in the driver's seat.

AT THE GROCERY STORE: Few experiences can be more frenetic and faith-distracting than going to the grocery store. Keep your mind and heart on your eternal priorities by purchasing a bottle of Virgin Olive Oil when you shop, and give it as a gift to the church, to be burned in the lamps before the holy icons. (It will benefit your soul much more than adding it to spaghetti sauce).

ON THE HIGHWAY: North American highways are dotted with tiny memorials to victims of car accidents – usually a cross, perhaps the most overt public expressions of hope in the Resurrection. Pray for departed accident victims by making the sign of the Cross each time you see such a memorial, uttering the simple prayer, "Lord, have mercy on them".

DOWNTOWN: It is always befitting a Christian to give money to those who beg for it on the streets. Don't worry too much about how the recipient will use the money (especially since you are unlikely to be using every \$5 and \$10 for holy purposes – but more often for junk food, theatre tickets, and dining out). Better than just giving money, ask the name of the person speaking to you, and wish them God's blessing. Then, the next time you are in church, write down their name among the non-Orthodox needing prayers, or make this request directly (or through email) to your priest. This is a very concrete, Christian manner to offer spiritual (not simply material) help to those living on the streets.



Alleluia is derived from a Hebrew word meaning "God be praised" or "Praise the Lord." It is sung after the Epistle and Prokeimenon verses, just before the Holy Gospel is read, and after receiving Holy Communion, before we leave the church. It is a song of joy, for at these moments we see, hear and experience God's presence. That's why some translate it freely, "God is here, Praise Him."