

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

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### ***BULLETIN OF MARCH 15, 2015***

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF FAST/MARCH 15**

##### **Veneration of the Holy Cross**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and  
Installation of New Parish Council; Coffee Hour;  
Church School and Teen Class

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers in Medford and Wayne

#### **MONDAY/MARCH 16**

7:00p.m. Vespers

#### **TUESDAY/MARCH 17**

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

#### **WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18**

##### **St. Nicholas of Zicha**

9:30a.m. Akathist to Holy Cross; Confessions

6:30p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

#### **THURSDAY/MARCH 19**

3:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

#### **FRIDAY/MARCH 20**

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

#### **MEMORIAL SATURDAY/MARCH 21**

9:30a.m. Akathist for Departed; Confessions

10:30a.m. General Church Cleaning Part Two

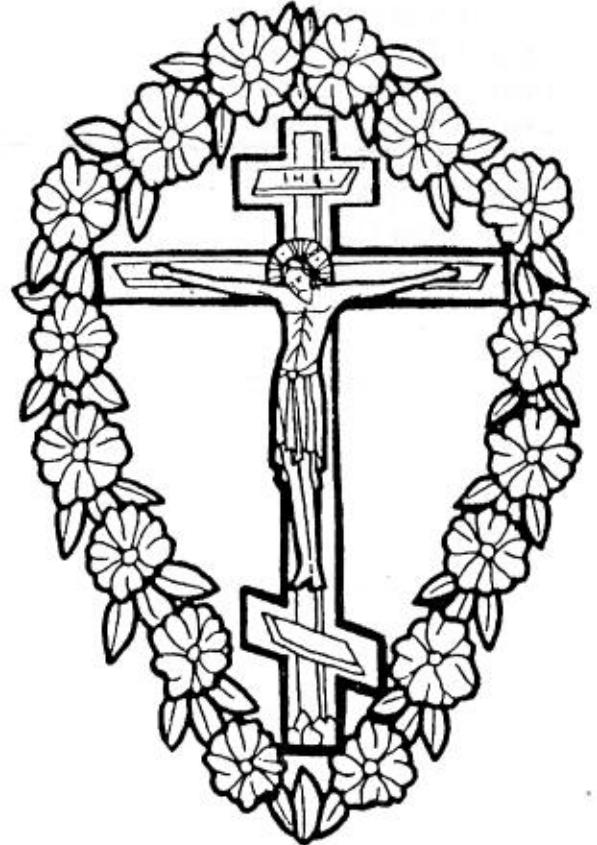
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF FAST/MARCH 22**

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

Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers in Mays Landing



### **Offerings Week of March 15**

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia, Anna; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Robert (birthday).

Wine: in honor of St. Edward; in honor of St. Nichols of Zicha; for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (name day).

Flowers: for the health of Zachary.

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

Mar. 15, 1951 Louis Nebozinsky  
Mar. 16, 1973 Edmund Kornacki  
Mar. 16, 1979 Joseph Peschek  
Mar. 17, 1949 Theresa Krivka  
Mar. 17, 1968 Andrew Hnatuk  
Mar. 17, 1989 Philip Kulina  
Mar. 18, 1942 John Hrihorchuk  
Mar. 18, 1981 Metropolitan Ireney  
Mar. 19, 2004 Anna Lesneski  
Mar. 20, 2000 Theodore Adamchak  
Mar. 21, 1991 Eugenia Kozlov

### **Coffee Hour Hosts – Fasting Foods**

Mar. 15 Dunaenko, Wypych, Chirnoaga & Moldoveanu  
Mar. 22 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman  
Mar. 29 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri

### **Usher Schedule**

Mar. 15 Dennis F. & Charles D.  
Mar. 22 Edward S., Adrian M. & Kakha K.  
Mar. 29 Timothy S. & Peter B.

### **Names Day Greetings**

St. Patrick/Mar. 17: Patricia Sokol  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Pussy Willows Sought**

Pussy willows may be out very soon and are sought for the blessing of Palm Sunday. Please deposit them in the lower hall (but not in plastic). Thanks.

### **The Mysteries of Confession & Communion For Those Home Bound**

These visitations will take place in the weeks of March 22 and 29, please be sure you are scheduled for a visit.

### **2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect**

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail your offerings in.

### **OCMC – Orthodox Christian Mission Center Lenten Boxes**

This annual Lenten endeavor is to support Mission work in Orthodoxy. Boxes may be picked up in the vestibule and returned on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Holy Confession: Foundational in the Season of Great Lent**

Great Lent is the season of "repentance." The Mystery or Sacrament of Penance should be received by all the faithful in this period of 40 days, ending, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the eve of Palm Sunday. In Great & Holy Week (April 5-11) Confession is not scheduled, but available for College Students. There are expanded times for Confession (see the monthly bulletin) or make an appointment with Father James. If you are a parishioner and wish to go to Confession to another priest, it is proper to secure a blessing first to do so, from your parish priest.

### **After the Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Please start your conversations outside of church, as post-communion prayers are being read.

### **Diocesan Teen Retreat – March 20-22**

This retreat is for grades 7-12 and will be held at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY. For more information and registration, go to the diocesan website: [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org)

### **A Town Hall Meeting on Proposed Revision of Statutes of the OCA**

On Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Jersey City, from 6-8p.m. To preview the Statutes go to the OCA website [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) under column for Statutes.

#### 4. THE MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE (OR CONFESSION)

**Q. What is Holy Repentance?**

**A.** It is a Mystery through which our sins, when confessed, are forgiven and our reconciliation with God is restored.

**Q. Which sins are forgiven in the Mystery of Repentance and which are not?**

**A.** All our sins which we commit after our baptism and which we confess to a priest and for which we repent are forgiven. The original sin, how-ever, cannot be forgiven by mere repentance without baptism. Also some mortal sins cannot be forgiven "either in this world or in the world to come", according to Christ's own saying (Matt.12:31).

**Q. What are the requisites for this Mystery?**

**A.** The confession of sins is before a priest, after which the priest reads prayers and grants, through the Holy Trinity, remission and absolution to the repentant person.

**Q. How do we know that sins are forgiven to a penitent person?**

**A.** From the Holy Scriptures and from Holy Tradition. Christ forgave sins to the penitent, and the apostles did the same. From Tradition we know many instances of sinners who repented of their sins, corrected their life, and became saints.

**Q. Who gave authority to bishops and priests to forgive sins?**

**A.** The Lord Christ Himself who said to His apostles: "Receive ye the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained" (John 20:23).

**Q. When an offender is forgiven by the person offended, is it necessary that he still should go to the priest for confession?**

**A.** It is recommended. For every sin which we commit against men we are committing against God also. For there is no sin which does not hurt God. Therefore, we ought to go to God's priests for confession and forgiveness.

**Q. With what disposition of soul should we go to the priest for penitence?**

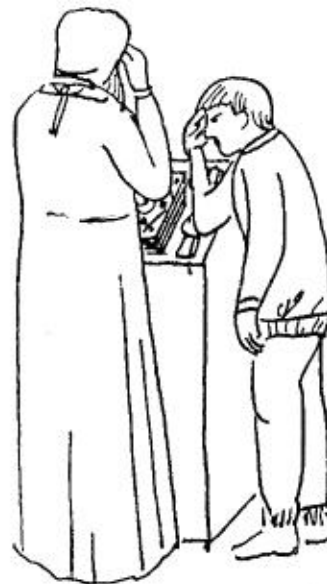
**A.** With sincere repentance and with a contrite heart; also with heartfelt forgiving of those who trespassed against us, and with willingness to obey the priest concerning the penance (*epytimiya*) imposed.

**Q. What penance may the priest impose upon us?**

**A.** Penance varies according to the gravity of our sins, as for instance: to fast, to pray, to make retribution for damages done to somebody, to give alms, and even to abstain from Holy Communion for a certain period.

**Q. How often shall we go to confession?**

**A.** The oftener the better. It is indispensable before going to Holy Communion; and it is urgently needed in sickness for we do not know the time of our death. Therefore we ought to be ready, quite ready, to join God's family in heaven, as repentant, forgiven and blessed children of God.



## Confession

Confession is the sacrament\* of repentance – a change of heart leading to forgiveness and healing.

It is based on Christ's promise to his disciples: 'If you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven' (John 20:22) and his saying: 'If your brother repents forgive him' (Luke 17:3).

True repentance means a movement towards healing. The penitent turns away from a side-track and towards the goal of the Kingdom of God.

The sacrament involves examining relationships with God and with other people, and seeking ways to improve. It is more than a dialogue between priest and parishioner: the Holy Spirit and Christ are present in a mysterious way.

# NEW BOOKS IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

2014-2015

The Cross Stands While The World Turns, John Behr (252.6 BEH)

*This collection of homilies by Fr. Breck covers the feasts and fasts of the liturgical cycles of the Church, the Paschal cycle, the Nativity-Theophany cycle and the Theotokos cycle.*

Give Me a Word: the Alphabetical Sayings of the Desert Fathers, John Wortley, translator (271.009 WOR)

*This volume is an attempt to provide the reader with a readable translation of the oral tradition of tales and sayings of the monks living in the Egyptian desert at the beginning of the fourth century. A codification of this monastic lore arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the monk emerged towards the end of the fifth century.*

The Human Work of Art, a Theological Appraisal of Creativity and the Death of the Artist, Davor Dzalto (261.57 DZA)

*The author draws from the theological framework of Nikolai Berdyaev and John Zizioulas to reveal creativity as a vital part of the human person. His ideas are explored in dialogue with the modern art of Marchel Duchamp, Andy Warhol and others.*

My Life's Journey, the Memoirs of Metropolitan Evlogy, as Put Together According to His Accounts by T. Manukhin, Part One, Alexander Lisenko translator (281.9092 EVL)

*These memoirs encapsulate the life of a missionary and visionary of someone who was compelled to leave his home but then took that next courageous step and looked forward with his faith, seeing all around him Orthodoxy's enormous potential for growth.*

On Christian Ethics, St. Basil the Great, Jacob N. VanSickle, translator (241 BAS)

*Here St. Basil lays out a consistent theological ethic rooted in a nuanced appreciation for the supremacy of Scripture. These texts are for anyone interested in early Christian approaches to ethics as well as the right use and interpretation of the Bible.*

Orthodox Christianity, Volume III: the Architecture, Icons and Music of the Orthodox Church: Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev, (281.947)

*This is the third volume of a detailed and systematic exposition of the history, canonical structure, doctrine, moral and social teaching, liturgical services and spiritual life of the Orthodox Church.*

Time and Man, Mantzaridis, Georgios, translator Julian Vulliamy, editor Harry Boosalis (231.7 MAN)

*This book includes discussion on such issues as the problem of time, space and time, Christ and time, the transfiguration of time, and liturgical time – among others. In addressing such topics the author shows how these are not simply abstract theological issues.*

The Watchful Mind, by a Monk of Mount Athos, George Dokos, translator (242.72)

*This book written by an unknown ascetic of the Holy Mountain in 1851 is the fruit of a life of deep prayer; he shares with readers his hidden life filled with spiritual struggles, ecstatic experiences and mystical revelations.*