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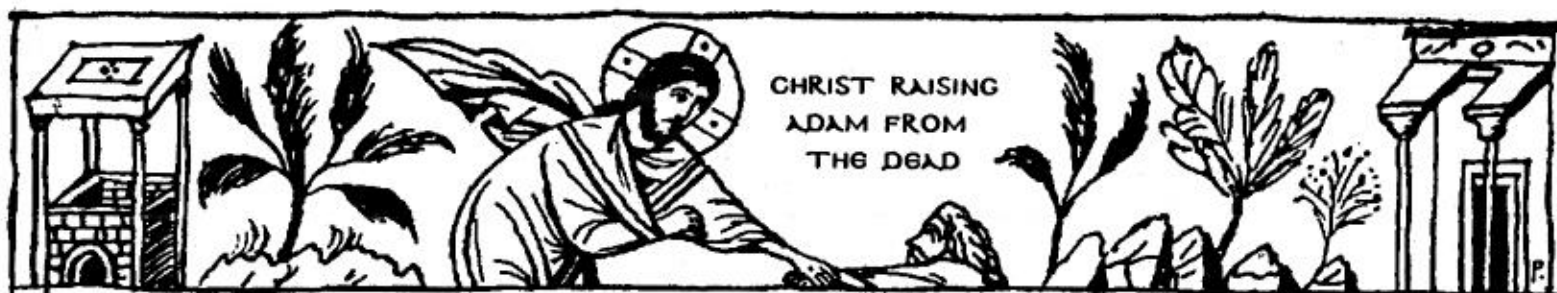
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BULLETIN OF APRIL 19, 2015



NEW SUNDAY/APRIL 19

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

Hosted Luncheon for Mission Trip to Mexico for Rebecca Oliver

MONDAY/APRIL 20

6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial Service at cemetery

(rain date: Tuesday 6:30p.m. – if rain, 7:00p.m. in church)

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to St. George

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

7:00P.M. Compline & Akathist to St. Mark; Confessions

SATURDAY/APRIL 25

Parish Council Conference at Holy Assumption Church in Clifton

(9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m.)

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA/APRIL 26

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

Coffee Hour & Presentation of St. Tikhon's Camp

Question & Answer Period

MONDAY/APRIL 27

7:00p.m. 40th Day Memorial for Sophie Olszyk at cemetery

Offerings Week of April 19

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia, Anna; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health and salvation of John and Vera.

Wine: for the health of Lucian-Ioan (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

- Apr. 28th 40th Day for Sophie Olszyk
- Apr. 20, 1934 Metropolitan Platon
- Apr. 20, 1947 Charles Lazaruk
- Apr. 21, 1919 Eva Chukhta-Zydiak
- Apr. 21, 1935 Peter Chromoho
- Apr. 22, 1986 Julia Andrews
- Apr. 22, 1997 Olga Verkon
- Apr. 22, 1999 Anna Tacak
- Apr. 23, 1959 Vladimir Hnatuk
- Apr. 23, 2003 Peter Hnatuk
- Apr. 25, 1970 Vera Welenteychik

Coffee Hour Hosts

- April 19 Special Hosted Lucheon
- April 26 Motoviloff, Torrasi, Kachek & Stone
- May 03 Mantzafos, Sokol, Arpastean, Nasledysheva & Sarchisian

Usher Schedule

- Apr. 19 Dennis F. & Charles D.
- Apr. 26 Edward S., Adrian M. & Kakha K.
- May 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.

5th Anniversary Celebration of the Consecration of Archbishop Michael

May 9th, Saturday at St. John the Baptist Church in Passaic at 9:30a.m. A Banquet to follow at the Brownstone in Paterson. See posted flyer for details.

The Sunday envelope collection is significantly falling short of the anticipated 2015 budget. Please be mindful and regular of your donations to our Parish.

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.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Ads

Presently are being solicited. Forms (pink sheets) are on the vestibule table as well as posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall. Please return by May 31st.

The 50 Days of Pascha to Pentecost: April 12 to May 31

In this period of time we do not kneel or make prostrations either in church or in our homes, as we celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord.

Names Day Greetings

St. George/Apr. 23: George Janiasvili
St. Alexandra/Apr. 23: Alexandra Erkman
Many Blessed Years!

Parish Council Meeting

May 7th, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

The Sunday Coffee Hour

The Coffee Hour is a wonderful time to have fine foods and good conversations. It is also provides an opportunity to "get-to-know" someone else. Move around a little and sit "with someone" else, instead of your usual companions.

2015 Saints Peter & Paul Parish Fiscal Summary	Total Income	Total Expense	Year to Date Profit (Loss)	Sunday Envelope Budget	Sunday Envelope Actual
January	\$8,818.05	\$14,156.78	-\$5,338.73	\$13,160.00	\$6,560.80
February	\$10,413.83	\$15,662.21	-\$5,248.38	\$13,160.00	\$8,069.60
March	\$17,845.81	\$21,413.61	-\$3,567.80	\$16,450.00	\$14,401.00
1st Quarter	\$37,077.69	\$51,232.60	-\$14,154.91	\$42,770.00	\$29,031.40
April (2 weeks)	\$13,553.00	\$2,519.87	\$11,033.13	\$6,580.00	\$5,676.00
YTD	\$50,630.69	\$53,752.47	-\$3,121.78	\$49,350.00	\$34,707.40

6 SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST THAT ADORN OUR ICONOSTASIS HERE IN MANVILLE

Symbols are an important part of our faith and are very evident within our churches. The icons, the three parts of the church building, the iconostasis, the candles, the vestments, are all symbols of various types. Each holds a meaning that must be understood if the symbol is to touch our lives with more than its mere external appearance.

There are many symbols that speak of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps, the **Red Egg** is the most well known. Just as the egg appears to be lifeless, so too did the body of Christ appear to be a mere corpse. But just as the egg can contain life, so does Christ contain the life we receive through His Resurrection.

- (1) The **Butterfly** is a symbol of the springtide of new life. At the caterpillar stage, the creature represents the earthly life of Jesus Christ. The cocoon stage reminds us of the crucifixion and burial of our Lord. The butterfly comes forth from the cocoon (the tomb) with an entirely new and glorious body.
- (2) The **Peacock**. From the earliest times this image was found upon the walls of the ancient catacombs of the Church. This creature was used as a symbol because of its unusually beautiful tail. Each year, however, the bird loses the beauty during the molting season to such an extent that the apparent intrinsic worth of the beauty is greatly diminished. Yet the value of the bird is enhanced as the molting season comes to an end and a new and more beautiful tail appears. In the eyes of men, the mystery, the awe, the greatness of Christ is enhanced countless times over through the Resurrection.
- (3) The **Phoenix** is an ancient bird from Greek mythology. This bird is said to have fallen to the ground dead and burned. It rose from the ashes as a new bird and soared aloft. In this image we see the Phoenix aflame in the fire. As Christ's life in an earthly form was destroyed through the crucifixion, but a new and more glorious life came about as a result of the Resurrection.
- (4) The **Lion** is a symbol of Jesus Christ, found both in the Old and New Testaments. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The Lion is kingly and full of strength. As a Resurrection symbol, the Lion is said to sleep with one eye open. The Fathers of the Church – St. Hilary and St. Augustine – see this to represent the divinity of Christ, which was not “asleep” in the tomb. While the human nature of Christ died, His divine nature was alive. The Scriptures also speak of Christ as a lion's whelp (puppy). The ancients believed that the young new born lion on the third day after birth being still inactive, needed to be awakened by the roar of the Father Lion. Here, we understand that God the Father raised up His Son from the tomb.
- (5) The **Lily** is a symbol of immortality. The bulb decays in the ground, yet from it a new life is released.
- (6) The **Pomegranate** fruit, bursting or broken open is a symbol of the fullness of the sufferings and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. A 4th century Christian symbol.

3 Rules For Keeping On The Straight Path

After Confession and Holy Communion

By St. Theophan the Recluse (+1894)

Our inner spiritual lives never get into the proper order all of a sudden. What is always required and what lies ahead is intensified labor over oneself, by assimilation of good intentions and by the enabling grace through the Mysteries of Confession and Communion. This work and effort is directed towards destroying the disorder that reigns inside; in its place it establishes order and harmony, after which follows inner peace and a continual joyful mood of the heart.

Do not think, however, that for this you must re-do everything, or bind yourself to a lot of rules. Absolutely not. Two or three little rules or precautions, is all you need.

Rule One: It is necessary to get in the habit of unceasing remembrance of God, along with fear and reverence. Be with the Lord no matter what you do; and turn to Him with your whole mind, trying to conduct yourself as you would in front of a king. You will soon get into the habit, just don't give up or break off. To make it easier to acquire the habit of remembrance of God, there is a special method for fervent Christians; that is, the unceasing repetition of a short prayer of two or three words. Most common is "Lord have mercy," or "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." If you have never done it, begin doing it now from this moment on. Whether you are walking, sitting, eating, going to bed, repeat over and over the prayer. From long practice of this, the words will fasten themselves to the tongue, so that they will repeat themselves. Do not forget to combine this prayer with reverence.

Rule Two: Do not do anything that your conscience prohibits; and do not omit anything that it says to do, whether great or small. Follow your conscience undeviatingly, and with such perseverance that you would not allow yourself to do anything against it even if you were to die. The more decisively you act, then the more powerful your conscience will become. The more powerful your conscience becomes, the more completely and forcefully it will inspire you with what is necessary and steer you away from what is unnecessary in words, deeds and thoughts, and the more quickly your inner being will be put in order.

Rule Three: Supplement the first two rules with this third one – be patient. You must spiritually work and not give in to pleasing yourself or the world. There will be constant opposition to any good spiritual work you have begun. You must overcome this; therefore, you must exert more force and consequently, be patient. Clothe yourself in this all-powerful armor and never allow your spirits to fall when you encounter misfortune. Everything will come with time. Be encouraged in your patience through this hope. This is what happens to be borne out by the experience of all people who have sought and accomplished salvation.

Three simple rules: remembrance of God with reverence; obey your conscience strictly and arm yourself with hope through patience. May the Lord bless you to be so inclined and to be in this frame of mind.