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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 23, 2015

100th Anniversary Celebration – October 3 & 4

SUNDAY/AUGUST 23

12th Sun. After Pentecost

Leave-Taking of Dormition

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

Prayers for New Academic Year

Coffee Hour

FRIDAY/AUGUST 28

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

SATURDAY/AUGUST 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist
(Strict Fast Day)

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

5:30p.m. Vespers & Compline; Confession

SUNDAY/AUGUST 30

13th Sun. After Pentecost

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

Coffee Hour

MONDAY/AUGUST 31

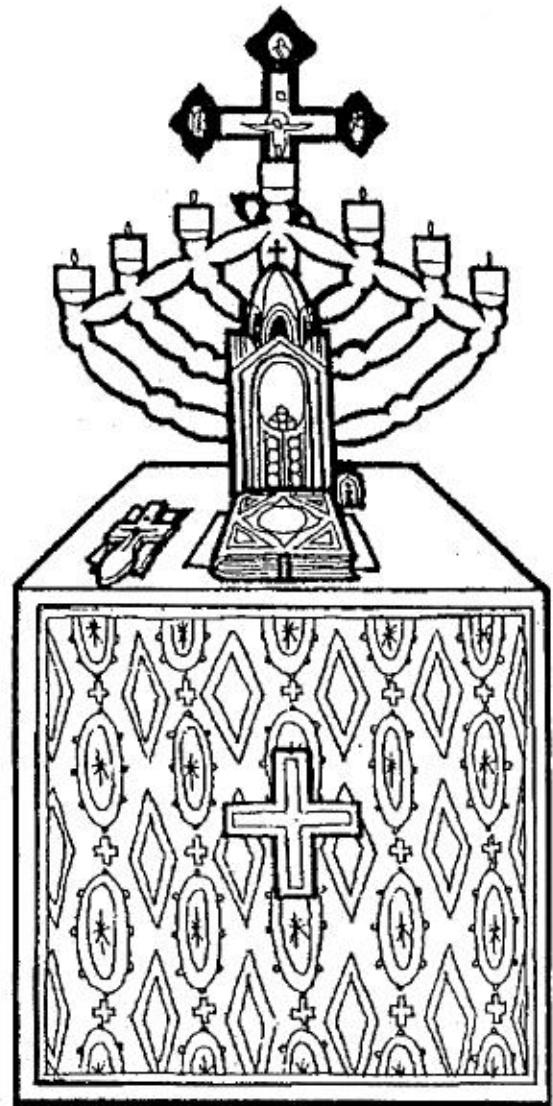
9:30a.m. Funeral of Helen Perry

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 1

Church New Year

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



The Holy Altar

Offerings Week of August 16

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen & Emilia; in memory of Eleanore; for the health, safety and protection of Anatol, Natalie John and Vera.

Wine: in memory of Father Michael Lewis.

Offerings Week of August 23

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen, Emilia and Valentina; for the health of Barbara, Andrew and John; in memory of Ann Marie and John; for the health of Lukas Webber (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Natalie (names day).

Flowers: for the health of Stone Family.

Litya Breads: for the health of Ekaterina.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 14 40th Day for Peter LaVerne Mickel

Sept. 27 40th Day for Helen Perry

Aug. 24, 1954 John Wasevich

Aug. 24, 1958 John Galida

Aug. 24, 1990 Michael Sudia

Aug. 25, 1977 Tekla Barna

Aug. 26, 1962 Anna Persurance

Aug. 26, 2001 John Wassel

Aug. 27, 1934 John Poklitar

Aug. 27, 1970 Luke Vozny

Aug. 28, 1958 Daniel Zydiak

Coffee Hour Hosts

Aug. 23 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Aug. 30 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone

Sept. 06 Mantzafos, Sokol, Arpastean, Nasledysheva & Sarchisian.

Usher Schedule

Aug. 23 Edward S. & Khaka K.

Aug. 30 Dennis F. & Peter B.

Sept. 06 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Counters

Aug. 23 Ekaterini M. & Ciprian C.

Aug. 30 Ekaterini M. & Peter B.

Sept. 06 Rebecca Oliver & Edward S.

Names Day Greetings

St. Natalie/Aug. 26: Natalie Ratzkovich & Natalie Gripp. Many Blessed Years!

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 Mysteries of Confession & Communion in the Month of August

If you are a regular communicant on Sundays and have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 12), to continue to receive Holy Communion, you must go to Confession in the month of August. This includes children of Confession age.

Hall Manager Sought

The Parish Council is seeking a person to manage parish hall rentals. Anyone interested should speak with Peter Bakaletz.

The 100th Anniversary Banquet Invitations

The Invitations have been mailed out. RSVP by September 8th. If you did not receive the invitation or wish to have an invitation sent to someone not on our mailing list, please see Pam Stone or Katherine Mantzafos.

Memory Eternal!

Helen (Barna) Perry, a long time parishioner who has resided in California for the past few years, reposed on August 19th. Her Funeral will take place on August 31st, Monday at 9:30a.m. in the church with burial at Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at Fucillo & Warren in Manville on August 30th, Sunday at 7:30p.m. Our sympathy to her sister, Sophie Barna, and all family members. Memory Eternal!

Photos of Transfiguration Feast & Marriage of Stephen & Svetlana

Are posted on parish website and Face Book – Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church.

The Parish Calendar: Sept. thru Dec.

On the Parish website are listed the planned services, education classes, parish events and other activities. Please make reference to it when making plans.

Christ is our High Priest

HE IS APPOINTED BY THE FATHER – *“So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek’”* (Hebrews 5:5-6)



HE IS LIKE US IN ALL THINGS, EXCEPT SIN – *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin”* (Hebrews 4:15).

HE IS OUR ETERNAL PRIEST – *“He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them”* (Hebrews 7:24-25).

HE CALLS US TOGETHER IN THE HOUSE OF GOD – *“Since we have a great High Priest who is over the house of God, let us draw near in utter sincerity and absolute confidence, our hearts sprinkled clean from the evil which lay on our conscience, and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to our profession which gives us hope, for He who made the promise deserves our trust. We must consider how to rouse each other to love and good deeds. We should not absent ourselves from the assembly, as some do, but encourage one another; and this all the more because you see that the Day draws near”* (Hebrews 10:21-25)

We fulfill our priesthood in Christ when we:

- **Participate actively in the Church’s worship** – Vespers, Matins, the Divine Liturgy – especially on the Lord’s Day and the Feasts of the Church Year, adding our voices to the praises of the saints and our *Amen* to the invocations of the priest.
 - **Support the participation of others** by using our particular gifts as a cantor, a choir member, an altar server, or a greeter. Arrange flowers, design church decorations, beautify the church grounds.
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LIVING IN THE BODY

Going to church for worship is one element in living as a Christian. *Being church* means making an active contribution to the Church's life, being a vital organ in a living body.

The first step in being church is being connected to others in our parish by:

- **Cultivating community** in the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Get to know one another in a more than casual way.
- **Treating others as brothers and sisters in the family** of God in Christ. Give others the time and attention we would give to our blood relatives.
- "Above all, **clothing yourselves with love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).



We nurture the relationships in the parish or the eparchy when we:

- ⊗ **Share our lives** – Authentic fellowship calls for more than coffee-hour courtesies. Grow to the stage when you can share your troubles as well.
 - ⊗ **Learn together** - Take part in adult formation, retreats, or workshops to encourage others as well as to improve our own spiritual life.
 - ⊗ **Work together** - Join in parish projects or committees to support the work of others as well as to make our own contribution. *"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith"* (Galatians 6:10).
 - ⊗ **Encourage each other** – by supporting their efforts, praying for their concerns and building them up in the eyes of others. *"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:10).
 - ⊗ **Bear one another's burdens** – Be accepting of the weaker community members. There is no "perfect" church: every parish is made up of "saints" who are sinners, each with their own weaknesses and infirmities. *"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2).
 - ⊗ **Admonish one another** – Do not shrink from confronting "family members" who are hurting others by promoting conflicts, pettiness, or legalism. *"My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted"* (Galatians 6:1).
 - ⊗ **Protect the unity of the church** – by avoiding gossip or cliques, and speaking ill of others.
 - ⊗ **Restore broken relationships** – when they occur by admitting our faults. No project or program is worth harming the family's inner life. *"If anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive"* (Colossians 3:13).
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