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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 16th

**16th Sunday After Pentecost & Sunday
After the Cross (Tone 7)**

9:10a.m. 3rd & 6th Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour;
Church School Parents Meeting
5:00p.m. Liturgical Benefit Concert at St. John
the Baptist Church in Rahway

WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 19th

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
St. John Maximovitch

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 20th

5:30p.m. Memorial for Eugenia Fetchko
(1st anniversary of repose)
7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY/SEPTEMBER 21st

Leave-Taking of the Holy Cross
9:30a.m. Akathist to Holy Cross

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 22nd

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

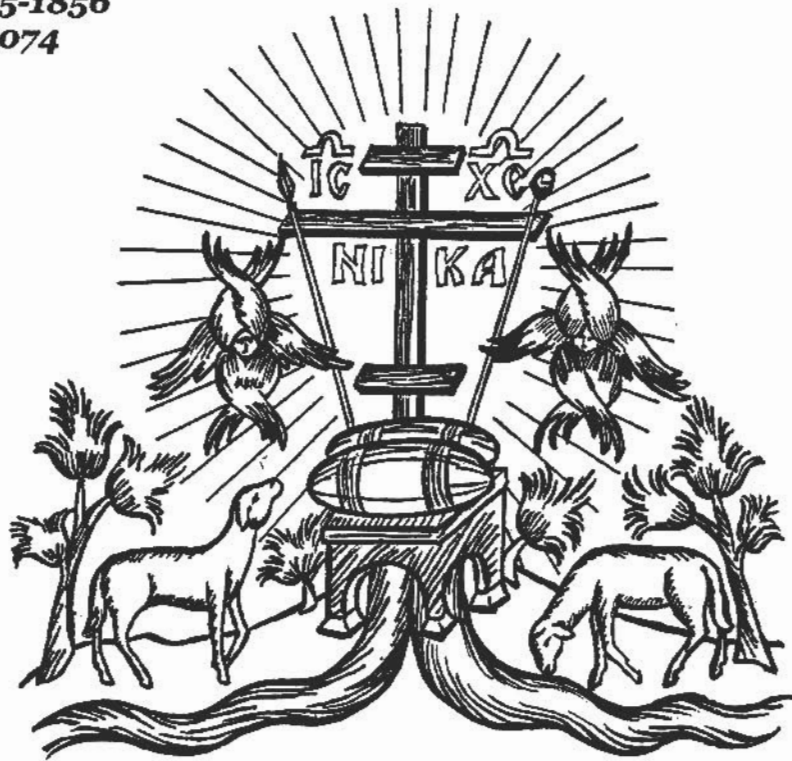
SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 23rd

**17th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)
Conception of St. John the Baptist**

9:10a.m. 3rd & 6th Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

Fasting Days

Wednesday, September 19th
Friday, September 21st



*"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."
John 7:37*

The Postfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
Is celebrated from Sept. 15th thru Sept. 21st, the "leave-taking" of the feast. Throughout this time the troparion and kontakion for the feast are sung or said with our evening and morning prayers and at meal times; the troparion before the meal and the kontakion after the meal.

Troparion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance / grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross/ preserve Thy habitation.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake / Grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power / granting them victories over their adversaries / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy / Thy weapon of peace.

Seminarian Housing Support

For a number of years now, individual parishioners have offered a free will offering to help in the rent monies of a family attending St. Tikhon's Seminary. There is no family housing provided at the seminary. Our parish has been helping seminarian Joseph McCartney and his wife Maura and their children Anna, Sara and Justin. If you wish to help out – you determine the amount you wish to give – please speak with Pam Oliver (908-231-9201).

WHEN YOUR HUT'S ON FIRE

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Everyday he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.



One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, with smoke rolling up to the sky. He felt the worst had happened, and everything was lost. He was stunned with disbelief, grief, and anger. He cried out, "God! How could you do this to me?"

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship approaching the island! It had come to rescue him! "How did you know I was here?," asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

The Moral of This Story: It's easy to get discouraged when things are going bad, but we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives... even in the midst of our pain and suffering. Remember that the next time your little hut seems to be burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the Grace of God.



Parish Synodicon

Sept. 01, 2007 Archimandite John (George) Lewis
(Parish Rector 1969-1971)
Sept. 16, 1980 Mary Lukasik
Sept. 17, 1950 Katherine Sedorkewicz
Sept. 17, 1988 Raymond Koslosky
Sept. 17, 2003 Mila Seidal
Sept. 18, 1974 Stephen Zydiak
Sept. 18, 1993 Johanna Godleski
Sept. 19, 1964 Olga Dutka
Sept. 20, 1940 Peter Chapan
Sept. 20, 1976 Sophie Demjanow
Sept. 20, 2006 Eugenia Fetchko
Sept. 21, 1977 Steven Trehubets

Parish Educational Classes

The Education Classes already set in place are:

- 1) Teen Discussion Group (high school students) a brief 15-2- minute informal discussion to be held on the 2nd Sunday (beginning in October) during the Coffee Hour.
- 2) Adult Study Class will be held on the 5 Tuesday evenings in October from 7-8:30p.m. The topic will be: "A Study on the Meaning of the Divine Liturgy," based on the Commentary of St. Nicholas Cabasilas.

"I have to Work on Sunday Mornings"

Try to change this when and if you can. Meanwhile, come to the Saturday evening Service (or part of it) and if this is not possible, the Saturday morning service. We should not let the week go by without glorifying God at the divine services.

Aluminum Cans for Holy Trinity Church

Don't forget to bring your rinsed cans to the bucket in our church hall.

Namesday Greetings

Ss. Sophie & Faith/Sept. 17th: Sophie Olszyk, Sophie Wassel, Sophia Bakaletz, Sophie Barna, Vera Wilhousky, Vera Somoluk; Many Blessed Years!

Offerings for the Week of Sept. 16th

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia; in memory of Michael; in memory of Joseph, John & Loretta; in memory of Eugenia Fetchko.

Wine – for the health of Jackie (birthday); in memory of Joan.

Flowers – in memory of Peter Lorenick.

Litya Breads – for the health Mary and Zena.

THE INVOCATION OF THE SAINTS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS

*Folk Tradition,
According to the Typicon of the Lavra of the Miracle*

This script was presented to the Great Lord Tsar and Great Prince Alexis Mikhailovich, the Autocrat of All Russia, and to the Great Lord and Most Holy Kyr Joseph, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus in the city made illustrious by the reigning throne, Moscow, in the year 7160 (1652).

- 21) **Preservation from evil charms, sorcery and witchcraft:** The holy Hieromartyr Cyprian and the holy Martyr Justina the Virgin, both from the city of Antioch in Syria, and whose memory we keep on 2nd October.
- 22) **For deliverance from infertility and childlessness:** The Venerable Romanus the Wonderworker, from the city of Antioch in Syria - commemorated 27th November; and the Venerable Hypatius, the Wonderworker, the bishop of Gangra - 31st March.
- 23) **For the birth of children of the male sex:** The holy Martyr Felicity of Rome - 25th January.
- 24) **For deliverance from lustful passions and from fornication:** The holy martyr Thomais of the city of Alexandria - commemorated 13th April; Venerable Moses the Hungarian, the Much-Suffering - 26th July; Venerable Martinian of Caesarea of Palestine - commemorated 13th February; and the Venerable John the Much-Suffering, the recluse of the Kievan Caves - commemorated 18th July.
- 25) **To establish peace in the family, when a husband hates his wife without cause or the wife the husband, and for the safeguarding of conjugal faithfulness:** The holy martyrs and confessors Gurias, Samonas and Habib of the city of Edessa - 15th November.
- 26) **To effect a swift and happy marriage:** The holy Hieromartyr Valentine of Rome [actually of Terni -ed.] - commemorated 30th July; the holy Great martyr Paraskeva of the town of Iconium - 28th October; and the holy Great Martyr Eirene - 5th May; and for widows: the holy Martyr Sophia - 17th September.
- 27) **For the learning of iconography:** The holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian - 26th September.
- 28) **To master the sciences and medicine:** The holy Apostles and Evangelists John the Theologian - 26th September, and Luke - commemorated 18th October; the holy Wonder-working Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian - 1st November, and Cyrus and John - 31st January, and the holy Hieromartyr Hermolaus - 26th July.
- 29) **That the minds of children might be enlightened to learn to read and write:** Holy Peers of the Apostles Methodius and Cyril, teachers of the Slavs - 11th May; and the holy Prophet Naum - commemorated 1st December.

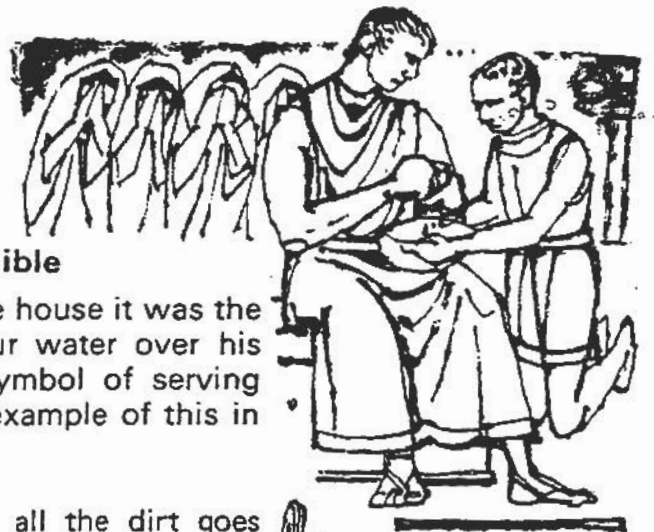
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Hand Symbols in the Bible

When a guest came to the house it was the duty of a servant to pour water over his hands. This became a symbol of serving another person. Find an example of this in 2 Kings 3. verse 11.



When we wash our hands all the dirt goes away and we are clean. Washing the hands became a symbol of innocence. It meant—"I am not guilty." Read what Pilate did in Matthew 27. verse 24.

To kiss the hand of someone was a way of showing very deep respect for him. We still use the saying "to kiss hands." Can you remember when this is done and to whom? Look back to page 4 and see what you found out, if you need to.

When a Jew took an oath or made a solemn promise he "lifted up his hand" (read this in Genesis 14. verses 22-24). Find out what a man does today in a law court when he takes the oath.

To "give one's hand to another" was a symbol of making a binding friendship. Kings used this symbol, too, when they made an alliance with each other. Read an example of this in 2 Kings 10. verse 15.

The right hand was the symbol of strength—can you think why? You can read about this in Psalm 17. verse 7, and 20. verse 6, and 44. verse 3.

