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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

SUNDAY/JUNE 1st

6th Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man

St. Justin the Philosopher

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

Coffee Hour;

Church School; Book-for-the-Month of Spiritual
 Reading from Parish Library

TUESDAY/JUNE 2nd

7:00p.m. Paschal Matins

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3rd

Leave-Taking of Pascha

9:30a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy

6:00p.m. Vigil (in Upper Hall)

ASCENSION THURSDAY /JUNE 4th

(40th Day of Pascha)

"One of the 12 Great Feasts"

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 7th

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Ascension; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 8th

7th Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the

First Ecumenical Council

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

Coffee Hour;

Church School & Teen Discussion

Fasting Days

Wednesday, June 4th (wine & oil allowed)

Friday, June 6th (wine & oil allowed)

**FROM THE AKATHIST HYMN TO
 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

Ikos VII

In wondrous and incomprehensible manner did our Saviour, Who is true God, receive human nature from the Ever-Virgin Mary and ascend with glory into heaven, uniting those on earth with those in heaven, and providing free access to the mansions of heaven for those who cry out to Him:

O Jesus Who in Thine essence art God;

O Jesus Who did dwell on earth as a man with true flesh!

O Jesus Who hast left us Thine image not made by the hands of man;

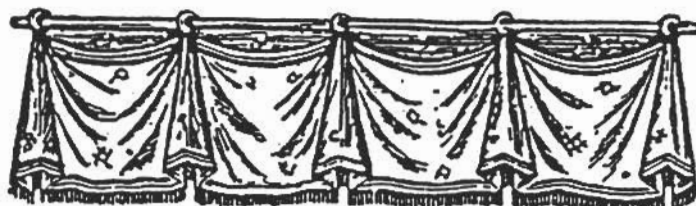
O Jesus Who in the Holy Eucharist art ever present in Thy divine essence!

O Jesus, Who in the heavens art now seen in Thine all-pure flesh by the holy angels and the souls of the righteous;

O Jesus, the sight of Whose deified flesh fills with joy and gladness the inhabitants of heaven!

O Jesus, Who hast not deprived even our unworthiness of this glory!

O Jesus Who ascended, bear our souls up to the heavenly kingdom!



Annual Parish Cemetery Care Envelope

If you have not returned this envelope in the month of May, please do so in June. Extra envelopes may be found on the vestibule stand.

Ascension Thursday – June 4th

(One of “the 12 Great Feasts of the Year”)

All the faithful should strive to be at the divine services on this Great Feast. Wednesday, June 4th, 6:00p.m. Vigil (in Upper Hall with the Parish of St. Elizabeth). Thursday, June 4th, 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Appropriate Summer Dress for church

Summer may be a “laid-back” time but we must always dress honorably for all church services. If coming from a leisure event, have a change of clothes in your auto.

In general inappropriate clothing would be

- the wearing of shorts (okay for pre-teen children);
- blue jeans of any style or make;
- tank tops, sleeveless shirts or blouses
- T shirts with any writing, logo or graphics;
- Sneakers;
- Tight or revealing clothing;
- Exposure of any body piercings;
- Fashionable clothing drawing attention.

June Adult Study Classes – Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30p.m. in Conference Room

Presentations open to the public.

June 10th: “Christians Promote Holy, Hot Sex in Marriage – an Orthodox Understanding”

June 17th: “The Message of the Emerging Church Movement – An Orthodox View”

June 24th: “On Spiritual Life in the Church – The Encyclical of the Holy Synod of the OCA”

Flowers from your garden

Are welcome to add beauty and perhaps fragrance at the divine service. Vases are in coat room.

Vacation Planning – Orthodox Churches

An online directory of churches in North America on the site: Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.org

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Genevieve Tindall (40th Day/June 7th)

June 01, 1961 Alex Horbel
June 02, 1929 John Senko
June 02, 1951 Wasyl Bondarenko
June 03, 1952 Michael Tacak
June 03, 1985 Anna Susko
June 05, 1953 Eva Hnatuk
June 06, 1938 Eutyches Gumenuk
June 06, 1972 Charles Fetchko Jr.
June 07, 2004 Helen Kulina



A Hand-Painted Icon of All Saints of America has been commissioned

This Icon being written by Austin Kachek will have all 14 Saints of the America depicted. It will be a beautiful large icon to honor our saints.

The feast day of the American Saints this year is June 29th.

Contributions are sought, mark an envelope “American Saints Icon.” It would be wonderful if all of our parishioners offered something. The cost of the icon is \$1,250.

Offerings for the week of June 1st

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia; in memory of Joan; in memory of Michael; for the health of John and Christine (anniversary); for the health of Vaschen.

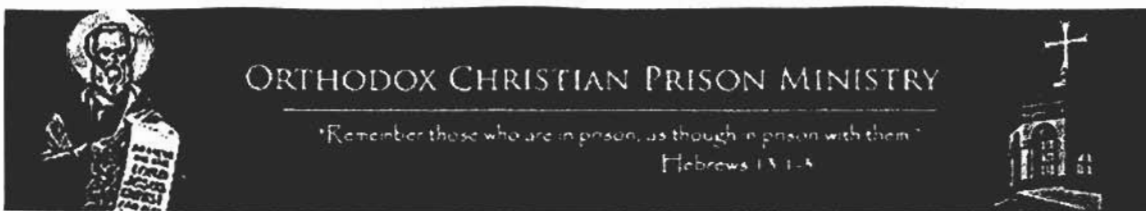
Wine - for the health of John and Daniel; for the health of Justina and Christine; for the health of Simona-Georgiana, Mariana, Gabriella-Antoaneta, Stefan, Hermann and Eric.

Congratulations & Many Years!

To Gabriel Ligneris on his Holy Baptism today (Princeton Chapel) and his parents, Vincent and Melinda.

June Month

- 14th – Memorial Saturday, 9:30 Panikheda
- 15th – Pentecost with Vespers & Kneeling Prayers; 4:00p.m. Memorial at Cemetery
- 16th - Day of the Holy Spirit – Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church
- 23rd – 28th – Six day Ss. Peter & Paul Lent
- 29th – Ss. Peter & Paul Day – Patronal Feast of Parish with Procession & Meal



ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them."
Hebrews 13:3

In 1991, Metropolitan PHILIP, primate of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America, asked Father Duane Pederson, a highly experienced prison minister, to establish a prison ministry for the Archdiocese. In 2005, His Eminence graciously offered the Archdiocese's prison ministry to SCOBA. Shortly thereafter, OCPM was chartered by SCOBA as its official prison ministry.

OCPM continues to build on Father Duane's vision of ministering to prisoners and their families by mobilizing the Church to work in this important vineyard of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry

Quick Facts:

<http://www.ocpm-scooba.org/>

- Through 2007, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) has ministered to more than 700 prisoners and former prisoners, many of whom have embraced the Orthodox faith.
- OCPM is currently ministering to more than 250 Orthodox catechumens in prisons across America.
- Many of the prisoners with whom OCPM has worked have been released from prison and are now living productive, Christ-centered lives as active members of their local parishes.
- OCPM has published eight books, more than 1,000,000 copies of which have been distributed in prisons.
- OCPM prints and has distributed more than 2,000,000 icon prayer cards to prisoners.
- OCPM ministers monthly to more than 200 homeless or needy former prisoners, as well as the spouses and children of current prisoners.
- OCPM receives hundreds of letters each month from prisoners seeking direction and help. Prayerfully, each letter is personally answered, offering these men and women spiritual guidance and hope in an environment where they are almost completely absent. Many of these prisoners receive no other personal mail. OCPM writes more than 5,000 personal letters to prisoners every year.
- Through the work of OCPM, five men have been tonsured Orthodox monks in prison, and several prisoners have become iconographers.
- Approximately 275 prisoners per year participate in intensive Orthodox study courses through the St. Athanasius Academy.

Current & Future Programs:

- Development of a seminary-level prison ministry curriculum similar to the one currently in place at St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, and the encouragement of prison ministry as a priestly vocation.
- Development of a certifying body for Orthodox prison workers.
- Development of a parish training program to facilitate the creation of parish-level prison ministries all over North America.
- The continued publication and distribution of Orthodox materials for prisoners and prison workers.
- Organization of Orthodox in-prison retreats.
- Provision of mental health and substance abuse counseling to prisoners.
- Maintenance and growth of weekly prisoner correspondence programs.
- Maintenance and growth of Aftercare program.
- Ministry to the material and spiritual needs of prisoners' families.
- Aggressive lobbying for the recognition of the Orthodox Faith in every prison. (Currently, the Orthodox Church is recognized in only a few institutions, and is not recognized in the federal prison system at all.)
- Provision of a convenient source of materials and networking opportunities for Orthodox prison workers throughout North America.

ENCYCLICAL OF SCOBA FOR PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY - JUNE 1, 2008

I was in prison, and you visited me.
St. Matthew 25:36

June 1, 2008
The Sixth Sunday of Pascha

The Hierarchs of the Standing Conference
of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas

To all the Clergy and the Laity of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the
Americas

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ Is Risen!

We, the Hierarchs of SCOBA, are by the grace of God blessed to designate the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, this year on June 1, 2008, to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all Orthodox parishes of North America. For this reason, SCOBA took on the sponsorship of the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), accepting it as an Agency of SCOBA, much like International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

We have embraced this diakonia in keeping with the example of our Lord, Who shunned not the sinners, but preached His message of love and forgiveness to tax collectors and sinners, and Who included visiting and ministering to prisoners as the basic expressions of Christian faith and love (St. Matthew 25:36). SCOBA encourages the faithful to learn about supporting prison ministry and the prison ministers who actually enter these institutions to bring the Gospel of hope and salvation to the incarcerated.

Most prisoners suffer from the burdens of their consciences, from their confinement, and from their fears of being unable to function in society. By guiding them to the spiritual way of life found in the Church, we not only help to make better citizens for our society, but we also make potential citizens of Gods Kingdom. By teaching prisoners the joy and perspective on life that repentance brings, we open to them the path to conversion leading to the fullness of life granted by Christ.

We ask all of our parishes to find ways to support OCPM, and perpetuate this good work, which can literally bring salvation to countless prisoners by providing literature and ministry opportunities to those who thirst for Gods mercy and compassion.

With paternal blessings and love in the Risen Christ,

+Archbishop DEMETRIOS, Chairman
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America

+Metropolitan PHILIP, Vice Chairman
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

+Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER, Secretary
Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA and Canada

+Metropolitan NICHOLAS of Amissos, Treasurer
American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese in the USA

+Metropolitan HERMAN
Orthodox Church in America

+Archbishop NICOLAE
Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America and Canada

+Metropolitan JOSEPH
Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church

+Metropolitan CONSTANTINE
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+Bishop ILIA of Philomellon
Albanian Orthodox Diocese of America