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BULLETIN OF JUNE 8, 2008

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

TUESDAY/JUNE 10th

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to **New-Martyrs
of China (June 11th)**

7:30p.m. Adult Study Class: "**Christians Promote
Holy, Hot Sex in Marriage – an Orthodox
Understanding**"

MEMORIAL SATURDAY/JUNE 14th

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 15th

**PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")**

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with
Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hour
4:00p.m. Memorial at Parish Cemetery

MONDAY/JUNE 16th

Day of the Holy Spirit

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church
in Manville on their Patronal Day

Fasting Days

Wednesday, June 11th (wine & oil allowed)

Friday, June 13th (wine & oil allowed)

Fast-free Days

Wednesday, June 18th

Friday, June 20th

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

Ikos III

The holy apostles, accepting the admonition of Christ not to depart from Jerusalem until they were invested with power from on high, abode together in prayer and fasting, awaiting the fulfillment of this promise, which after ten days they received in tongues of fire; and all were filled with the Holy Spirit, Which we also earnestly beg to receive through the grace of the ascended Christ, crying out thus:

O Jesus Who commanded Thine apostles not to depart from Jerusalem, cut us not off from Thy gracious aid in defeating the invisible foe;

O Jesus Who did teach Thy disciples the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, teach us also to understand that this kingdom does not consist in food and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!

O Jesus grant that we may ardently sense the unity of grace which exists between Thee, Thy Father and the Holy Spirit;

O Jesus impart unto us the grace to justify our faith by good works!

O Jesus teach us to be well-pleasing unto Thee in our understanding;

O Jesus grant that we may finish our life in peace and repentance!

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.

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 Picnic Date – Sunday, July 20th

At the Picnic Grounds in New Brunswick. Please mark the date on your calendar. More information will be forth-coming. Be sure to invite family members and former parishioners.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

June 08, 1976 Nadezhda Soroka

June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla

June 11, 1953 Chariton Mishalenko

June 12, 1979 Nadezhda Lebedz

June 14, 1978 Anna Williams

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 of \$200, and \$100 have been made to date.

Ss. Peter & Paul Day – Sunday, June 29th

On our patronal feast day a luncheon will be held. If you wish to bring some food dish, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

Church Cleaning this June Month

After Pascha, wax on the pews and carpeting needs to be removed and hanging lampadki cleaned. Please offer to help, speak with Protodeacon Paul or Peter Bakaletz.

June OCA Seminary Appeal

You are asked to use your Seminary Envelope. The Parish Council will directly send the funds – by passing the Central Church Administration – directly on a rotating basis to one of our 3 OCA Seminaries. We need to support theological education.





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ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN HERMAN FOR THE 2008 SEMINARY APPEAL

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To the Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Faithful
of the Orthodox Church in America

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

"We have to understand the responsibility of the Orthodox in America and to know what the Church really needs. We need a school of prophets who would have a spiritual and intellectual strength, able and desirous of going into the world to carry with them the true knowledge, and the true understanding." - Father Georges Florovsky

This year, the three seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America - St. Vladimir's, Crestwood, New York; St. Tikhon's, South Canaan, Pennsylvania; and St. Herman's, Kodiak, Alaska - are celebrating anniversaries.

St. Vladimir's and St. Tikhon's Seminaries are marking their 70th year of service. Both were established in 1938, at a time when the need for a theological school in North America was critical. Nearly two decades earlier, St. Platon's Seminary in Tenafly, New Jersey, was forced to close due to the financial constraints facing the Church after the 1917 Russian Revolution. With the establishment of many new parishes in the 1920's and 1930's and the growing number of American-born faithful, the Church faced the need for well educated clergy. With the establishment of these two schools, the need was met - and continues to be met. Today, both seminaries, with a strong tradition of pastoral formation and fully accredited, remain completely committed to educating the Church's future pastors, choir directors, educators, and lay ministers.

St. Herman's Seminary is celebrating its 35th year of ministry. Established in 1973 to train clergy, readers, choir directors, and educators to serve the unique needs of the vast Diocese of Alaska, the Seminary continues to make a major impact on the life of the Church. Over the years, the school has trained dozens of clergy and lay ministers who, despite the many challenges of Alaskan life, faithfully tend to Our Lord's vineyard.

Those who established our seminaries not only possessed a vision for the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church, but also took responsibility for funding each school's mission. And, as each school grew and matured, the cost of providing quality theological education and formation has steadily grown. With increased enrollments, the need for additional classrooms, housing, library resources, and faculty also increased. Providing financial assistance to students who otherwise could not afford to pursue seminary studies continues to be a concern, especially as many seminarians today are married. Yet, in good financial times and bad, the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America have always responded generously to the call to support the ongoing work of our theological schools.

It goes without saying that we are living in precarious financial times - not unlike those that ultimately led to the closing of St. Platon's Seminary some 80 years ago. Yet we are confident that you, the faithful of our Church, will once again recognize the good work of our seminaries and respond generously to the 2008 OCA Seminary Appeal. Your gifts will be fully distributed directly to our three seminaries and, combined with the gifts of so many who support them directly, they will ensure that our theological schools will have sufficient resources to continue and expand their ministries today and well into the future.

Thanking you in advance for your generous response. We pray that Our Risen Lord will continue to bless you for your wise, generous, and responsible stewardship.

With God's Blessings,

+HERMAN
Archbishop of Washington and New York
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Offerings for the week of June 8th

Olive Oil - in memory of Emilia; in memory of Joan; in memory of Michael; for the health of Derek (birthday); for the health of Vaschen.

Wine - for the health of Justina and Patricia (birthday); in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Sasinca, Alexandru, Maria and Doina; in memory of newly-departed Protodeacon John Federoff.

In Memoriam: Protodeacon John Federoff

Article posted: 5/30/2008 11:34 PM

BRICK, NJ – Protodeacon John Federoff, 59, of Annunciation Orthodox Church here fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 30, 2008.

A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Protodeacon John was the son of Frank and Julia Federoff. After graduating from Fort Cherry High School, McDonald, PA, he began studies at Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, and Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY, as part of the latter's pre-theological program. He received a BA from Iona in 1971, and completed his graduate studies at the seminary in 1974.

On January 14, 1973, he married the former Ruth Parsells at Christ the Savior Church, Paramus, NJ, where he was also ordained to the diaconate. His entire ministry was spent at Annunciation Orthodox Church.

On June 25, 2006, he was elevated to the rank of protodeacon by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 2, at Annunciation Orthodox Church, 360 Van Zile Road, Brick, NJ, with the Funeral rite at 7:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, at the church, followed by interment at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Cemetery, Jackson, NJ. Services will be celebrated by parish rector, Archpriest Gary Breton, and diocesan clergy.

May Protodeacon John's memory be eternal!

ALUMINIUM CAN/CUPOLA RESTORATION PROJECT – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Catasauqua, PA – Diocese of Eastern PA., is currently in the process of securing funds in order to have their cupolas restored. Here at Ss. Peter and Paul, we are certainly aware of what such a project entails.

Holy Trinity Church is the Mother Parish of the Leigh Valley, established in 1899, it was consecrated by St. Tikhon of Moscow, when he was bishop in America.

Part of the fund drive, is the collection of aluminum cans, be they soda or other beverages. Why aluminum cans? In PA., they receive a deposit back on aluminum cans. So, please save your cans and bring them to the lower church hall, where a receptacle is placed. For the time being, this will be an on-going project. Updates will be posted. For more information about this project, speak with Henry Hando. Let's make good use of our aluminum cans to help restore a link with the history of Orthodoxy in America.



May 23, 2008

Christ Is Risen!
Dear Father,

On May 17, 2008, the initial organizational meeting of the IOCC New Jersey Metropolitan Committee took place with 12 enthusiastic representatives from various Orthodox churches within New Jersey.

During the 2 hour meeting one of the first goals we set for our group is to introduce all Orthodox Christians to the IOCC, its mission and humanitarian work. We are hoping that through this effort we will also realize an additional goal which is to strengthen the bands of all Orthodox Christians. And lastly, we are earmarking January 2009 as the target date for our first fundraiser.

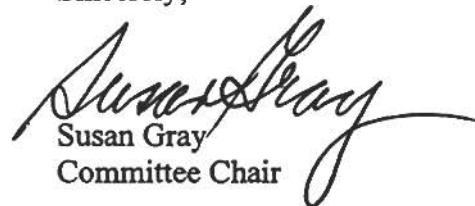
Building on the enthusiasm of our first meeting we have already scheduled our next meeting for 10 am on Saturday, June 28, 2008, at the **Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, 249 South Seventh Avenue, Manville, N.J. 08835** (Directions are attached). Light refreshments will be provided. We invite you to send one or two representatives from your church.

Please advise me by June 21st via email at sqg106@aol.com, with the names of those who will be attending from your parish. If you have questions about the directions, please contact Father Matthew Moriak at 908-725-3385.

If you wish, please post this letter in a prominent place to capture the attention of those who may be interested in joining our committee.

Interested?
Please speak with
Fr. James if you
wish to represent
our parish.

Sincerely,


Susan Gray
Committee Chair

IOCC is the Official Humanitarian Aid Agency of
Orthodox Christians Worldwide

REFLECTIONS

The Greatest Need

by Archbishop Lazar (Puhalo)
Former Bishop of Ottawa

It would be difficult to catalogue all the problems in the Orthodox Church in North America, let alone in the rest of the world. We are not expected to reconcile the Church with the world or with the moral standards of worldly societies. We do, however, have to adapt ourselves to the realities of the cultures in which we live and hope to evangelise.

The 'Imperial Church' was itself an adaptation (some would say a corruption) to an era and culture that prevailed in a long past time. That time has long since vanished. We can no longer tell the laity to simply pay and obey, and not pay attention to the public life and financial matters of the Church.

We must, as Orthodox Christians, however, observe that the hierarchical nature of the Church is ordained and must be respected. The Church cannot be treated like a corporation. Attacking the hierarchs is not acceptable. This does not mean 'autocracy'. nor does it mean that the laity are there only to finance the operations of the Church, in silence. Indeed, many of the best developments in the Orthodox Church in North America in recent years have been the work of the laity.

It occurs to me more and more that the greatest need for the Orthodox Church today is to be finally liberated from the Byzantine Empire and from the antique Byzantine way of conducting the affairs of the Church. I cannot see how we can possibly have any sort of unity or witness the Orthodox faith in 21st century North America while we are still breathing the musty air of Byzantium. It is time to put away the mythologies and admit that the Empire destroyed itself from within, and the destruction came about from a long accumulation of pettiness. So long as we are infected with that self-defeating virus, we can hardly expect to have a different fate.

Our task is certainly not to Hellenize or Russify America, Mexico and Canada, nor can we expect to be taken seriously so long as we continue to base our polity and methodology on 13th century Byzantium. Our first duty as hierarchs is to teach the faithful and give them spiritual leadership (even those of us who are retired). None of us can claim anything like

perfection; we are all humans with our human frailties and failings. We need the compassion and prayers of the faithful like everyone else. The burdens of administrative duties are realities that hierarchs must face, and the faithful must accept that these are heavy burdens for the hierarchs to bear.

Nevertheless, without the careful concern of the bishops about what is being taught in the parishes and how the Divine Services are being fulfilled, without the teaching role of the hierarchy and the spiritual leadership that we are supposed to be giving (even those of us who are retired), we do not have the fulness of Orthodox Church life. The 21st century presents us with unparalleled challenges to the faith. New questions are raised that must be responded to. Mere statements of concern are not sufficient. Hierarchs and priests must work much more closely with the laity in this present era. We have to be cognizant of the fact that the laity are less and less able to give the financial support than they once were, and this situation will become more difficult with each passing year. The price of oil, and the price of everything else that it effects is not going to become more manageable, but less so. There are enormous economic problems arising very quickly, and all these are having huge humanitarian consequences.

Fiscal prudence is not the only issue, but it is significant. Responding to the spiritual pressures and giving answers to the issues of the 21st century are of vital importance. Nineteenth century answers and superstitions will not sustain the faith and spiritual lives of the faithful in our century. We need to find the strength and presence of mind to make the great issues facing humanity, and facing the faith itself, outweigh the petty issues of Church politics and even the more significant matters of inter-jurisdictional relationships.

Just a thought for discussion, outraged remonstrances and, hopefully, some honest contemplation.

Your brother in Christ,

Archbishop Lazar

(His Eminence, the Most Reverend Lazar (Puhalo) of Ottawa, is a retired hierarch of the OCA and is the founding abbot of the Monastery of All Saints of North America in British Columbia, Canada.)
