

# **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**BULLETIN OF JUNE 14, 2009**

## **SUNDAY/JUNE 14 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS (Tone 8)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour  
Church Open 12:00-2:00p.m.

## **MONDAY/JUNE 15 Beginning of Apostles Fast (June 15 – June 28)**

This is one of the "Four Lents" of the Year. The duration of this Lent is determined by the date of Pascha. For this year of 2009, the Fast is of 14 days. We fast from all meat, dairy, fish and wine products. Your wall calendar indicates days in which fish, or wine or oil may be used. The Fast ends after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul, June 29th.

7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17**

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class: Part Two:  
*"Christ the Sender of the Holy Spirit"*  
*The New Spiritual Senses*  
*Charismatic Life*

## **SATURDAY/JUNE 20**

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

## **SUNDAY/JUNE 21 SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA (Tone 1)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour  
Church Open 12:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.



*To all the saints, the chosen favorites of God,  
who through the ages have shone forth  
throughout the whole world and have received  
crowns of glory in heaven,  
let us offer hymnody or praise; as you have  
great boldness before the Lord,  
free us from all misfortunes,  
that in laudation we may cry out to thee:  
Rejoice, all you saints, you fervent advocates  
before God for the whole world!*

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

June 15, 1959	Leon Martinchuk
June 15, 1973	Maksym Yadlowsky
June 16, 1953	Olga Pawlik
June 17, 1977	David Kloss
June 18, 2002	Irene Marmarinos
June 19, 1926	John Makovsky
June 19, 1929	Anna Vozny
June 19, 1939	Maria Kosovan
June 19, 1939	Michael Kosovan

### **Those Wishing for instructions on Holy Confession & Holy Communion**

Are asked to speak with Fr. James. A small class, meeting for 2 or 3 times will be held. This class is designed especially for those who wish to learn why and how to make a Confession and perhaps have never done so. The time of the class will be determined by the availability of the attendees.

### **Cemetery Care Offerings – Additional Listing**

In memory of Anthony & Anna Cherniak  
Harry & Leona Gustich  
Michael and Ann Sudia  
Audrey Haitch  
Galina Orlovskaya  
Ann Warin

Other offerings have been received without any names indicated.

### **Memory Eternal!**

To Fannie Huzinec, a former parishioner who resided in Arizona. (+June 7, 2009). Her burial took place in our parish cemetery.

### **A Recognition of Graduates**

Congratulations to our young people: Amanda Kita (College of NJ), Catherine Gorbatuk (Kean University), Andrew Long (Somerville High).

### **Adult Study Classes – June 10, 17 & 24**

These classes are held in the Conference Room from 7-8:30p.m. The topic is "Christ the Sender of the Spirit". Who is the Holy Spirit and What is the work of the Holy Spirit.

### **Annual Parish Picnic**

Is scheduled for Sunday, July 19th with a rain date of July 26th. Mark your calendars. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.

### **Parish Feast Day – Monday, June 29**

Ss. Peter & Paul Day. After the Divine Liturgy and procession, a festal meal will be served. Please bring a covered dish. A list is on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

### **Reminder about Preparation for the Receiving of the Eucharist**

The discipline includes the following:

- A recent Confession (at least in the period of the previous Lent);
- Attendance at the previous evening divine service (Vespers/Matins/Compline/Vigil);
- The reading of Pre-Communion Prayers privately either the evening before or the day of Holy Communion;
- A total fast from midnight from all food, drink and smoking (medicines may be taken),
- Being on time for the Divine Liturgy.

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. Jonah of Moscow/June 13: Metropolitan Jonah  
St. Augustine/June 15: Austin Kachek  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Offerings for the week of June 14**

Olive Oil - in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; for the health of Liliana and family.

Wine - for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (birthday); for the health of Mariam & Georgeta.

### **Appreciation is Expressed**

To Protodeacon Paul Sokol, Peter Bakaletz and the adults with youth that participated in the Church Clean-Up this past week.

### **June 2009 National Geographic**

Has an excellent Article on Christian Arabs.

## 'Israeli Christians: Oil-streaked icon 'miracle



A Greek Orthodox nun looks at a painting of St. George, at a church in Ramle, central Israel, Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Christians have been flocking to this heavily Muslim suburb of Tel Aviv for two days to see what local Christians are calling a miracle, streaks of what looks like oil mysteriously dripping down an icon of St. George, at a Greek Orthodox church named for the 3rd century saint. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

By JOSEPH MARKS

**RAMLA, Israel (AP) —** Christians have been flocking to this dusty Israeli town to see what locals are calling a miracle: streaks of what looks like oil mysteriously dripping down an icon of St. George at a Greek Orthodox church named for the legendary third-century dragon slayer.

Worshippers said Tuesday that the more than two dozen streaks might represent God's tears or the Christian rite of baptism. The church priest, Father Nifon, first saw the streaks while preparing for Sunday morning services, they said.

He kissed all the icons, and when he reached that one, he took down the picture and he "cleaned it," said Aida Abu el-Edam, an English teacher and longtime church member. "After 20 or 25 minutes, he looked again and he saw the oil again and said, "This is a "miracle

El-Edam, 47, said she was convinced the streaks were a miracle in part because of a strange smell emanating from the icon. She said it reminded her of her visit as a teenager to the site of a miracle in Ermysh, Lebanon. There, she said, the odor came from a recently deceased woman whose Christian faith was legendary.

It's a special, holy smell," she said. "It's not ordinary, like olive oil. It's something"  
".strange that comes from God

The Greek Orthodox patriarch inspected the painting Sunday, el-Edam said, and the  
.church has sent a sample of the oil to a laboratory

Father Nifon said the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate had asked him not to speak publicly  
or to answer questions about the streaks, so that believers could draw their own  
.conclusions

About 50 Christians crowded around the icon Tuesday, some from near Ramla and  
others from other parts of Israel. They were joined by curious Jews and Muslims, some  
snapping cell phone pictures. Ramla, a mixed Jewish-Arab town of 65,000, is in central  
.Israel between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv

The icon hangs near the front of the church, hidden from most pews by a small gold  
chandelier. A nun dressed in black was rubbing the bottom of the icon with cotton balls,  
which she handed to the faithful who sometimes smelled them before clutching them to  
.their chests

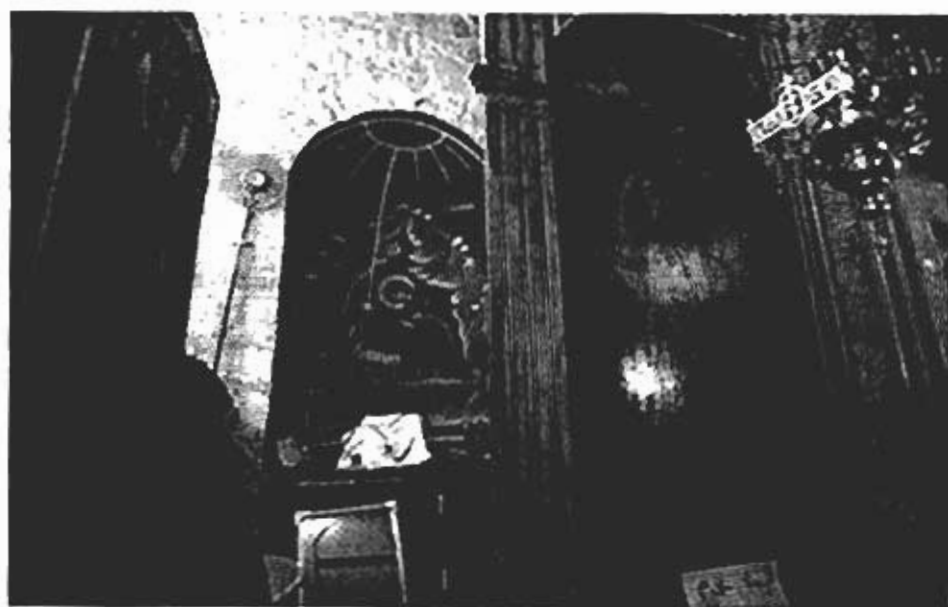
People these days, they've forgot God and this is a sign to tell them, 'I'm still here,'"  
said Edith Fanous, 31, who works for a local trucking company and said she has been  
.attending St. George's since she was a little girl

Fanous said she was singing in the church choir when the oil streaks appeared Sunday.  
She guessed as many as 1,000 visitors had been to the church since then. She dismissed  
.the idea that the streaks could just be paint running on a hot day

This icon is 114 years old," she said. "It passed through so much weather, hot and cold."  
And now that we have air conditioning in the church it's started to melt? I don't think  
".so

Kosty Tannous, 33, an Israeli customs worker, said he thought the streaks may have  
.appeared now because God sees trouble in Israeli society

There's war and discrimination," he said. "I see a lot of discrimination against Arabs"  
here in Israel, and maybe this is a good lesson for everybody to love each other and live  
".with each other with equal rights



## **THE FAITH OF THE SAINTS, by St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)**

### **THE SOCIAL VIRTUES TO BE PRACTICED**

**Almsgiving.** "When thou doest alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do, that they may have glory of men. Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. And thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

**Giving without hesitation.** "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matt. 5:42). Give all in the name of Christ and for the brotherhood's sake.

**Loving your enemies.** "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). There is no other way to cooperate with Christ, or to establish peace and brotherhood.

**Doing good to men.** How? Just as we wish that men would do to us. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12). After the two great commandments of Christ, this is the greatest.

**Forgiving your brother.** "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying: I repent, thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4). Try to experience the joy of forgiving.

**Humbleness.** Christ was born in a stable. Why should we then strive after the highest honors and the first places? "Go down and sit in the lowest seat." "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:10-11).

**Show pity to sinners.** That is the way to help and reform them. Ridiculing and condemning them is of no avail. Christ considered them sick. He visited them (Zaccheus), ate with them (Matthew), spoke kindly to them (women sinners), and thereby restored their spiritual health and human dignity.



**Reconciliation.** Before going to church, and also before being drawn before a court of law, a Christian should try to reconcile himself with his adversary (Matt. 5:23-25). However, "If thy brother shall trespass against thee," take action gradually, as was clearly prescribed by the Lord (Matt. 18:15-17).

**Confessing Christ** courageously before men. "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 10:32). "Whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory" (Luke 9:26).

**Caution over false christs.** The unbelievers and foes of Christ will try in the last days to proclaim themselves or some other false and violent persons as "christ" instead of the one true Christ the Lord. Foreseeing this Jesus warned: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name saying I am Christ, and shall deceive you" (Matt. 24:4-5).

**Responding to duties.** "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's" (Matt. 22:21). It means, to render to the worldly authorities the worldly tributes and to God the spiritual tributes. As the image of Caesar is on the money, so the image of God is in man's soul.

**Reasonableness.** "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required" (Lk. 12:48), be it health or wealth, knowledge or honor. If you are given less, less shall be required of you. God's justice is precise and absolute. It is unreasonable to hold a grudge against such a law.

**Readiness to serve.** Service has been ennobled since and through Christ. Thus willing servants of men in the name of God are the new nobility. "Even the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 20:28). "If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet...I have given you an example" (John 13:14).

**Readiness to sacrifice,** not merely material things but life too, for Christ's sake, which is the same as to say for our eternal salvation's sake: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). We may have many friends, but the greatest of all is Christ.

**Hopefulness, or Christian optimism.** In all afflictions, calamities, persecutions, and even tortures and death, a Christian is hopeful. For he remembers Christ's words: "Great is your reward in heaven." "Fear not them who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul." "I have overcome the world." "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth."