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BULLETIN OF JUNE 21, 2009



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

> TUESDAY/JUNE 23 7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30p.m. Compline 7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class: Part III "Christ the Sender of the Holy Spirit"

THURSDAY/JUNE 25 7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to Tikhvin Icon (June 26); Confession

> SATURDAY/JUNE 27 Elders of Optina

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

SUNDAY/JUNE 28 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 2)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Church Open 5:30p.m. Vigil

MONDAY/JUNE 29 FEAST OF SS. PETER & PAUL (Parish Patronal Day)

9:10A.M. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and Procession; Festal Meal



Feast of the Saints of America

On the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the feast of All the Saints of America. This feast includes all the Known and Unknown Saints of our land. The Known Saints are:

St. Juvenaly, Mon-Martyr of Alaska (+1796)
St. Herman. Monk of Alaska (+1837)
St. Peter the Aleut Teen Martyr (c.+1815)
St. Innocent, Bishop of Alaska (+1879)
St. Jacob, Native Alaskan Priest (+1864)
St. Alexis, Priest of Wilkes-Barre (+1907)
St. Raphael, Arab Bishop of Brooklyn (+1915)
St. John, Priest of Chicago (+1917)
St. Tikhon, Archbishop in America (+1925)
St. Alexander, Priest of New York (c.1930)
St. Nicholas, Serbian Bishop (+1956)
St. John, Archbishop of San Francisco (+1966)

Holy Apostles Fast (June 15 – June 28)

This is one of "the Four Lents" of the year. The length of the fast is variable, depending on the date of Pascha. This year the fast is 14 days. We fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. The parish wall calendar indicates days on which the fast is modified. The Lent ends after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, June 29.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

July	16 40th Day	Fannie Huzinec
June	21, 1960	Chariton Cimpko
June	21, 1975	Jerome Wilhousky
June	22, 1926	Anna Padla
June	22, 1968	Andrew Klimovich
June	22, 1977	Joseph Holovach
June	22, 1979	Alexander Naruta
June	22, 1999	Helen Patson
June	23, 1929	Helen Brutsky
	25, 1975	John Felice
June	26, 1966	Mary Max
June	26, 1984	Jacob Grenther
June	26, 1997	Pauline Zorella
June	26, 1999	Alex Putyrske
		Metropolitan Theophilus

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 Andrew & Mary Gavlick Peter & Helen Hnatuk

Other offerings have been received without any names indicated.

Annual Parish Picnic – For Parishioners and their Families and Friends of Parish

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.

Namesday Greetings

St. John the Baptist/June 24: John Zahodnick 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.

Flowers - in memory of John Jr.

June 2009 National Geographic

Has an excellent Article on Christian Arabs.

Civil Holiday of Fathers' Day – June 21 Congratulations to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and Fathers'-in-law on this day!

The Movies Are Coming to our Conference Room for Viewing!

Sundays - July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13 at 12:00p.m. Tuesdays - July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15 at 7:30p.m. Titles and more information forth-coming.

The Parish Bulletin Board

Has posted information that does not make it it it the regular Sunday Bulletin.

On Vacation

Vacations are wonderful! They give us an opportunity to relax with family and friends. For a period of time we can "get away" from the usual routine of things.

Yet we ought to be mindful that we do not "vacate" ourselves from living spiritually. Daily prayer, some spiritual reading, the keeping of the fasting days are part of who we are and what we do.

Some Points:

- If travelling far, have a prayer and blessing for travel. This is done on Sundays after the veneration of the Cross.
- Be sure to attend a Church on Sundays. The website: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org will give you a list of all the churches in the USA.
- Bring along a book for spiritual reading.
- Be sure to make your church offerings to cover the time you will be away.
- Start and end all your travels with the Sign of the Cross and a prayer.

MISSIONARY LETTER #8 OF ST. NICHOLAS OF ZICHA "To A Priest About the World Crisis"

The question of God's Judgment or World's Crisis

Now the old word is replaced with the new – the understandable with the incomprehensible. When there was a drought, people would say, "God's judgment!" When there was a flood, "God's judgment!" When there was a war or a plague, "God's judgment!" When there was hail, earthquakes, pests, flues and other troubles, again and every time – God's judgment! And that means – crisis through droughts, crisis through floods, through wars, plagues etc..

Today's financial-economic trouble is also considered by the people to be God's judgment, but they don't say judgment, but crisis. So that trials are multiplied through confusion! For when we used an understandable word, judgment, we also understood the cause of the trouble. We knew the Judge who allowed the trials; and the goal of the trial was also known. However, as soon as we used the word crisis, a word incomprehensible to all and every one, nobody knows how to explain anything – why, where form, to what end?

Do you ask me about the cause of today's crisis or today's judgment of God? The cause is the same forever and ever – the apostasy of the people. The people have caused this crisis by the sin of apostasy, and God has allowed it in order to awaken the people, that they might come to their senses, become more spiritual and return to Him.

Through modern sins come modern crisis. God really did use modern means to put some sense into modern people – He struck the banks, the stock markets, finances and currencies. He has overturned the tables of the exchangers of the world, just as He did a long time ago in the Temple in Jerusalem. He has created an unprecedented panic among the merchants and money exchangers. He lifts, casts down, stirs, confuses, and frightens. All to make the wise little heads of European and American wise men wake up; come to their senses and become more spiritual. So that being anchored in the harbors of material security, they might remember their souls, confess their transgressions, and bow down to the Almighty God – the Living God. How long will the crisis last? So as long as the people's spirit remains unchanged. Until those haughty people who caused this crisis capitulate before the Almighty. Until the people and the nations remember to translate the incomprehensible word crisis into their own languages so that they may say "God's judgment," instead of crisis and everything will be clear.



KIDS AND GOD

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" A little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I don't know what to say," the girl replied.
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.
The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"