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SUNDAY/JULY 5

4th Sunday After Pentecost

(Tone 3)

St. Sergius of Radonezh

St. Elizabeth of Moscow

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

Coffee Hour

TUESDAY/JULY 7

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

Kazan Icon of the Theotokos

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

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8p.m. Lemonade & Conversation in rectory

SATURDAY/JULY 11

St. Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Olga; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JULY 12

5th Sunday After Pentecost

(Tone 4)

"Three Hand" Icon of the Theotokos

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

Coffee Hour

12:00p.m. Film Presentation: *"The Life of St.*

John Maximovitch (+1966)

Fasting Days

Wednesday, July 8

Friday, July 10



The "Kazan" Mother of God Icon appeared in 1579 in the city of Kazan. This was 27 years after Tsar John Vasilievich Grozny ("Ivan the Terrible") conquered the Kazan Tatar Khanate. The Most Holy Theotokos revealed Her Wonder-working Icon in order to more firmly establish the Christian Faith among the new converts, and to favorably dispose those who had not yet been converted to Christ. The Holy Theotokos frequently appeared in a dream to a pious young girl, Matrona, directing her to request the Archbishop of Kazan, Jeremiah, to remove the Theotokos Icon from the earth. The exact location of the buried Icon was also revealed in the dreams. On 8 July the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos was miraculously uncovered by Matrona, and the Archbishop carried it in procession to the nearest temple, St. Nicholas Church. From this temple the Icon was removed and placed in the Cathedral of the Holy Annunciation.

The Holy Mother of God showed Her miraculous powers by healing many who were ill.

The commemoration of the Kazan Icon takes place on 8 July. A second day in honor of "Our Lady of Kazan" Icon is on 22 October in memory of saving Moscow and All Russia from the invasion of the Poles in 1612.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

July 16 40 th Day	Fannie Huzinec
July 05, 1925	Athanasius Demchuk
July 05, 1970	Alexis Fedchin
July 07, 1984	Anna Cohen
July 09, 1971	Kuzma Savich
July 10, 1951	Vassily Fetchina
July 11, 1928	Elias Chromoho



Lemonade & Conversation Evenings

Wednesdays, July 8, 15 & 22 at the rectory from 7-8:00p.m. This is an opportunity for informal talk about "anything" and a cold refreshing drink. You are invited.

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 and 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.

Blessing of Autos

Sunday, July 18th after Divine Liturgy.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, July 23rd at 7:00p.m.



Film on the Life of St. John of San Francisco (+1966)

Will be shown in the Conference Room on Sunday, July 12th at 12:00p.m. and again on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30p.m.

This film of 60 minutes is a presentation of the life of a modern saint. St. John reposed in 1966 as the Russian Orthodox Archbishop in San Francisco. Some 26 years later, when his coffin was opened, his body was found to be incorrupt. Follow the life of St. John from his childhood in Kharkov, Ukraine to Serbia, China, Europe and finally to California. The film has interviews with many persons who knew St. John personally. In his life time St. John was already considered a man of great holiness. Miracles were performed by him in his life and continue to this day.

Bring a friend with you to the film! It's Free!

Appreciation!

Is expressed to all who brought so many and tasty foods for our Ss. Peter & Paul Day Meal!

Annual Parish Picnic - For Parishioners and Their Families and Friends of Parish

Is scheduled for Sunday, July 18th at 2:00p.m. (with a rain date of July 26th). See the green flyer in the church vestibule for more information and directions. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand. Do you need a ride?

Offerings for the week of July 5

Olive Oil - in memory of Michael and Justina; for the health of Larissa Mattei (birthday); in memory of Joan; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

Wine - in memory of Justina (1 year anniversary of repose); for the health and salvation of Maria (birthday); for the salvation and health of Elizabeth (namesday).

Half-Year Offering Record

Is being distributed. Please examine your offering record. It is vital in this time of economic instability, that each of us be stable, regular and sincere in making our financial offerings to the church.

Pope: Scientific analysis done on St. Paul's bones

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By NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press
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ROME -- The first-ever scientific test on what are believed to be the remains of the Apostle Paul "seems to confirm" that they do indeed belong to the Roman Catholic saint, Pope Benedict XVI said Sunday.

It was the second major discovery concerning St. Paul announced by the Vatican in as many days.

On Saturday, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano announced the June 19 discovery of a fresco inside another tomb depicting St. Paul, which Vatican officials said represented the oldest known icon of the apostle.

Benedict said archaeologists recently unearthed and opened the white marble sarcophagus located under the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome, which for some 2,000 years has been believed by the faithful to be the tomb of St. Paul.

Benedict said scientists had conducted carbon dating tests on bone fragments found inside the sarcophagus and confirmed that they date from the first or second century.

"This seems to confirm the unanimous and uncontested tradition that they are the mortal remains of the Apostle Paul," Benedict said, announcing the findings at a service in the basilica to mark the end of the Vatican's Paoline year, in honor of the apostle.

Paul and Peter are the two main figures known for spreading the Christian faith after the death of Christ.

According to tradition, St. Paul, also known as the apostle of the Gentiles, was beheaded in Rome in the 1st century during the persecution of early Christians by Roman emperors. Popular belief holds that bone fragments from his head are in another Rome basilica, St. John Lateran, with his other remains inside the sarcophagus.

The pope said that when archaeologists opened the sarcophagus, they discovered alongside the bone fragments some grains of incense, a "precious" piece of purple linen with gold sequins and a blue fabric with linen filaments.

On Saturday, the Vatican newspaper announced that a round fresco edged in gold featuring the emaciated face of St. Paul had been discovered in excavations of the tombs of St. Tecla in Rome. It was believed to have been dated from the end of the fourth century, making it the oldest known icon of St. Paul, meaning it was an image designed for prayer, not just art, L'Osservatore Romano said.

Monsignor Gianfranco Ravasi, presidente of the Vatican's culture department, said the discovery was an "extraordinary event" that was an "eloquent testimony" to the Christianity of the first centuries, L'Osservatore said.

Vatican archaeologists in 2002 began excavating the 8-foot(2.4-meter)-long tomb of St. Paul, which dates from at least A.D. 390 and was buried under the basilica's main altar. The decision to unearth it was made after pilgrims who came to Rome during the Roman Catholic Church's 2000 Jubilee year expressed disappointment at finding that the saint's tomb - buried under layers of plaster and further hidden by an iron grate - could not be visited or touched.

The top of the coffin has small openings - subsequently covered with mortar - because in ancient times Christians would insert offerings or try to touch the remains.

The basilica stands at the site of two 4th-century churches - including one destroyed by a fire in 1823 that had left the tomb visible, first above ground and later in a crypt. After the fire, the crypt was filled with earth and covered by a new altar. A slab of cracked marble with the words "Paul apostle martyr" in Latin was also found embedded in the floor above the tomb.

Monday is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, a major feast day for the Roman Catholic Church, during which the pope will bestow a woolen pallium, or scarf, on all the new archbishops he has recently named. The pallium is a band of white wool decorated with black crosses that is a sign of pastoral authority and a symbol of the archbishops' bond with the pope.

At the end of Sunday's service in the warm basilica, the 82-year-old Benedict lost his balance slightly as he slipped on a step on the altar, and was steadied by one of his assistants who was by his side.



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Russian Church welcomes end of casinos and other gambling establishments in Russia

Moscow, June 30, Interfax – The Moscow Patriarchate welcomes closing of gambling establishments all over the country and urges society mutually help victims of gambling addiction.

"We're very glad that we won a victory over outburst of gambling business in the country, we won thus victory together – authorities, society, scientists, pedagogues, journalists, clergy, law-enforcement agencies," Head of the Synodal Church and Society Department Archpriest Vsevolod Chaplin has told *Interfax-Religion* on Tuesday.

According to Fr. Vsevolod, "state leaders and various governmental agencies clearly demonstrated their will and it coincided with the will of overwhelming majority of people."

"People are tired of gambling games imposed on them, they are tired of numerous human tragedies caused by passion for these games," the priest said pointing out that "bright ads of gambling halls and casinos promised easy money, but concealed disgusting reality."

"We know it from the media and I know it from my priestly experience that many people spent their last cent for gambling games. This passion led many people to life tragedy, some even committed suicides when found themselves in debt," Fr. Vsevolod said.

He believes "gambling games imposed on every street corner deprived people of freedom, made them listen to deceitful promises."

"Today it has finally become clear that it came to an end and it shows again that we are rather powerful society capable to cope with those who made money on others naivety and numerous human tragedies," the interviewee of the agency said.

He reminded that many representatives of Orthodox clergy and active laymen "all these years spoke about harm inflicted by gambling and about people who being naïve or having weak will were powerless before gambling games imposed on them and about relatives and friends of gamblers who turned to the Church."

"Many of these people are unhappy, they need mutual help of priests and doctors and mainly members of their families. We need to open them the true sense of life, help them feel love and care from people around them, not to let one dependence be substituted by the other, to strengthen their will, to make them understand there're much more interesting and worthy things in life than wasting time on gambling games, drinking alcohol, abusing drugs or sinking in the world of virtual entertainments," the priest said.