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BULLETIN OCTOBER 25, 2009

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 25

**20th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)
St. Tabitha**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Question & Answer Period



MONDAY/OCTOBER 26

9th Day Memorial for (+) Mary Holovach

TUESDAY/OCTOBER 27

6:30p.m. Memorial for (+) Michael Sokol
7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 28

St. Job of Pochaev

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
6:30p.m. Compline
7:08:30p.m. Adult Study Class: *Secularism in the Church*

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 29

6:30p.m. Memorial for (+) Joan Filippini

FRIDAY/OCTOBER 30

7:00p.m. Memorial for (+) Helen Chabra

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 31

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

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 1

**21st Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)
Synaxis of Holy Unmercenary Healers**
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with
Prayers for Those in the Medical Field and
Related Healing Disciplines
Coffee Hour

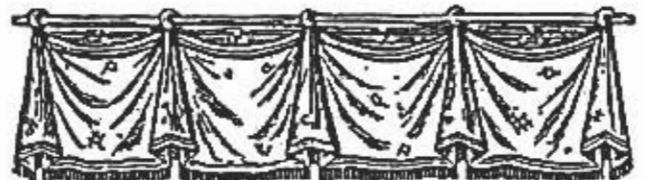
Fasting Days

Wednesday, October 28
Friday, October 30

***The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus
-An Instruction by St. Gregory Dialogist
(+604)***

Now that you perceive the repose of Lazarus and the punishment of the rich man, dearly beloved, behave shrewdly. Seek intercessors for your sins. Look at the poor to be advocates on the day of judgment. At present you have many Lazaruses. They live at your gate, and are in need of what daily falls from your table when you have been satisfied. The words of the reading must instruct us in fulfilling the holy precepts. Every day we find a Lazarus if we seek him. The poor persist in being present. Those who beg of us may later come as intercessors for us.

Consider whether we ought to deny what they ask, when it is our defenders who are asking! Do not squander the time of mercy, do not neglect the assistance you have received.



Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 26,	40th	Day for Mary Holovach
Oct. 25,	1961	Nicholas Harasamiuk
Oct. 25,	1966	John Lopatka
Oct. 25,	1956	Steven Max
Oct. 26,	1985	Michael Motoviloff
Oct. 27,	1960	Nikolai Roschuk
Oct. 28,	1916	Paul Kлага
Oct. 28,	1932	Nicholas Kulina
Oct. 29,	2007	Stephanida Seminuk
Oct. 30,	1965	Stanley Hamernick
Oct. 30,	1972	Helen Chabra
Oct. 30,	1993	Joan Filippini
Oct. 31,	1959	Michael Barna
Oct. 31,	1967	Michael Salamander
Oct. 31,	1972	Vassily Romannov
Oct. 31,	1976	Fr. Andrew Slepecky

Memorial Services

For (+) Mary Holovach 9th Day, Oct. 26th at 7:00p.m.

For (+) Michael Sokol, Oct. 27th, at 6:30p.m.

For (+) Joan Filippini, Oct. 29th, at 6:30p.m.

For (+) Helen Chabra, Oct. 30th, at 7:00p.m.

Remember in Prayer

Mary Rosocha, Theodora Combs and Charles Kachek (please let Fr. James know of other in our parish family especially needful of extra prayers.)

Good Orthodox News Website

Orthodoxy Beyond Limits (OBL). This site provides news about Orthodoxy throughout the world. www.theorthodoxchurch.info

Cheese Cake Orders

Have arrived and may be picked up during the Coffee Hour.

November 1st – Bake Sale

Bakers and volunteers are sought, please contact Daniel Torrisi (732-545-2044).

Community Nativity Greeting

This December our parish will send a community Nativity Greeting to our entire mailing list of members and friends. We hope this will become a tradition, and also assist our members by helping them reach out to friends and family in the church community with one mailing. If you would like to participate, please use the attached envelope for your contribution of \$10. Print your names(s) on the slip as you would like them listed on the Nativity message. Thanks! The deadline is Dec. 1. All contributions will to the St. Philaret Charitable Society.



MARY HOLOVACH
AGE: 88 MANVILLE

Mary (Kuzmiak) Holovach, 88, of Manville entered into eternal life on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 at home. Born in Manville to her late parents Michael and Anastasia (Hopey) Kuzmiak, she was a lifelong resident of Manville. In 1980, Mary retired from Johns Manville Corporation where she had been employed for twenty-seven years working in quality control and as an inspector. She was also a member of the Quarter Century Club. Mary was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Manville having served on the Parish Council as a recording secretary and treasurer and also a former member of the choir. She had also been a member of the Manville Senior Citizen's Club and a life member of the Manville PTA. For eighteen years, Mary would assist the first graders in learning to read at Weston School located in Manville.

Besides her parents, Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband Joseph Holovach in 1977 and by her adored grandson David in 1988. Mary leaves behind her loving children: son and daughter-in-law, Dennis

J. and Helen Doerr Holovach of Tully, NY; two daughters and son-in-law, Daria and Douglas Riegler of Toms River and Zena Holovach of Indian Mountain Lake, PA. Mary will be deeply missed by her five cherished grandchildren, Rachael and her husband Zacarias, Nadine, Karl, Tania and Daniel.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, Manville, New Jersey 08835. Relatives and friends are invited to attend visitation at the funeral home on Monday, October 19, 2009 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm with the Panikhida service beginning at 8:00p.m.. On Tuesday, October 20, 2009 a visitation will take place at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835 from 6:00p.m. until 7:00p.m at which time the Funeral Service will take place. On Wednesday, October 21, 2009 the Divine Liturgy will begin 9:30a.m. at church with relatives and friends arriving at 9:00a.m.. Mary will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Cemetery in Hillsborough.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Mary's name to: Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville NJ 08835. To send condolences to the family or sign an online guestbook, please visit www.FucilloandWarrenFuneralHome.com.

ORATION AT THE FUNERAL OF
MARY HOLOVACH ON OCT. 20, 2009

By Archpriest James Parsells

Today we celebrate the funeral service of Mary Holovach. A remarkable person, a life-long member of our parish. Our heartfelt sympathy is expressed to Daria, Dennis and, Zena and all their family members. Your feeling of loss is felt by all of us here at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Mary had two families, one at 504 Washington and the other here at 605 Washington. Many of us knew Mary as "Tata Mary." We loved Mary and Mary loved us. We all related to Mary in some fashion, as a good friend, auntie, sister, mother, and grandmother.

Someone said the other day, that they just don't make them like Mary anymore. Mary was a product of a different time, being raised according to values that are rarely adhered to today, and in a religious life-style found in very few today. Our Mary was – and this is no secret and needs no embellishment – good, gracious, hospitable, caring, friendly to all, generous with her treasury. She made wise use of her talents, was a regular church-goer, well-mannered, and she loved her family, church and country. Many of her generation many had the same attributes and honorable character. Mary was in good company with her generation and with all of us who were a little younger. We are mindful of the values exemplified by those of "this old school."

If Mary seems somehow to have been an extraordinary person – and she was – we need to understand how she lived and the key is not in the up-bringing and values of her generation – honorable though they were – but in her spiritual life. Mary is one to whom the hymn applies, "from your youth you have loved Christ, O blessed one."

It was 605 Washington Ave that made 504 Washington Ave. a Christian home. The source of light, joy, growth, and enduring

meaning that Mary experienced as a child and later adult at the house she was born in and died in was the Church up the block. Mary gave to her children what she herself received, the newness of life in Jesus Christ. It was a tremendous blessing for Mary to live physically near the church and more importantly in the church. How familiar and anticipated were the church bells. Decade and after decade, hearing their summons to worship, and countless times responding by coming to the divine services. In her last days, these very bells now being head on her death-bed, gave her consolation.

It was the divine services and liturgical cycles that dictated for Mary her life-style. Everything done in the home, reflected the character of what was happening in the church. Mary was blessed to have drunk abundantly of the life-giving waters of her Faith. Her Faith experience was never nominal but continually growing. Mary was nourished by the Holy Mysteries, by the 12 great feasts and the 4 fasts, by the saints, by scripture reading, by endless learning, and by the practice of virtue and good works. Mary read and sang at the services. She baked the Litya Breads, worked on sewing vestments and liturgical coverings, acted as a greeter to visitors. If you were a new face in the church, Mary would make sure you were welcome. New parishioners were made to feel like long-time friends. New-born babies would be gifted with knit sweaters and boys with a crocheted censer. In short, Mary extended herself to fellow parishioners and visitors to children and adults.

Mary was always at the church services. She knew the lives of the saints and it was possible to converse with her and know which saints were her special friends and what were her favorite prayers. The Prayer of St. Ephrem was her favorite and she recited this throughout the year. Regardless of the time and type of service, Mary chose to come to worship. The image of Mary being in a wheelchair, in the pouring rain, with a portable oxygen tank, coming to yet another church service, witnesses to the epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (8:38-39) that we read in our churches on the feast days of the holy martyrs: "I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to

come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God". There were times when Mary had to be strictly told by the priest not to come to church, because of possible harmful to her health from inclement weather. One thinks of Anna the Prophetess (Luke 2:36-38) "a widow, almost 84 years old, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day."

Mary was like her patron saint, St. Mary Magdalen, who while it was still dark, set out to the tomb, who wanted to be with the one she loved, our Lord Jesus – that Mary whose desire it was to minister to her Lord in life and in death, - that same Mary who brought the sweet spice of godliness, as the worthy ointment.

Those who knew our Mary know of her love for the Holy Myrrh-bearing Women - those honorable ladies who sought to serve the Master. Just like Martha, the sister of Lazarus, our Mary was "active", serving the church by baking, cooking for parishioners, cleaning the temple, parish administration, translating 30 years of metrical records into English, visiting the sick and elderly, securing rides for them to church. What parish in New Jersey did she not visit? What priest did she not know? Her life was one of active service to God and man, without reservation, presumption or pretention, oblivious to any darkening of intentions, that might have been prompted by the evil one. Mary never retired from her life in Christ, even in waning health and in dying. In the final months of her life on earth, filled with physical weakness and suffering, Mary would say, "Father, there must be something you need sewn, bring it to me, please."

Our Mary was also just like Mary, the sister of Martha. Like her, our Mary had chosen the better part, not being burdened with what passes away, but attentive to the immortal Word of God. Our Mary grew in the stature of Christ. She desired and learned new things about our Faith all the time. She never thought that she knew enough. She was humble and wise in learning. Witnessing in her lifetime the transformation and growth of our parish and of our entire Church in North America,

from scattered immigrant communities into a local indigenous Orthodox Church in America, Mary stayed the course of our Faith, discerning what was good and useful for the our parish, the whole Church and for salvation. Mary served 13 different parish rectors in her lifetime. She served them with honor, respect and devotion. Mary was unique because she was well established in genuine Orthodox piety, belief and worship and not influenced by the spiritual nominalism and secularism of our time.

These words about Mary are not to praise her, for crowns of glory are granted only in the age to come by our Saviour, who alone grants them. They are our thanks to God, for having blessed us with Mary. Her life has truly enriched the lives of those who knew her. We together with all the pastors and faithful of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish who have passed into life eternal offer thanks to God for our Mary.

She lived her life according to “the rule of faith”. For believers this is an ordinary thing to do, because this is what Gods asks of us. She preserved the integrity of her white baptismal garment and adorned it with a righteous life. This is her legacy to us. In season and out of season; in youth and old age; in health and sickness; in blessing and tragedy; in all things Mary was with the Lord and the Lord was with her. God was truly her Father and the Church her Mother.

That Mary lived among us bears witnesses to the truth that not only are there still such people as Mary in the world, but that there always will be, because what she became in her life is God’s work of salvation.

Glory to God for the gift of Mary in our lives. Glory to God that we are provided with a radiant example of Christian living. Glory to God for all things!

Forgive us and remember us Tata Mary as we forgive and will remember you. Memory Eternal!