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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)

End of the Apostles Fast

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

Procession; Festal Meal

WEDNESDAY/JULY 1

7:00p.m. Vespers & Anointing with Oil from

Tomb of St. John

THURSDAY/JULY 2

St. John Maximovitch

Archbishop of San Francisco

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

SATURDAY/JULY 4

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

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

Fasting Days

Wednesday, July 1

Friday, July 3



THE FEAST DAY OF THE PARISH

The Patronal feast day of a parish is always a day of great festivity and joy. The Church gathers – the saints of heaven and we the saintly on earth – in one accord to worship the Holy Trinity and celebrate the holy person, persons or sacred event after whom the parish is named.

It is our blessing to have as our heavenly patrons, the all-glorious and all-laudable Apostles Peter and Paul. We sing in hymnody to them as “the foremost in the ranks of the apostles and teachers of the universe.”

On their feat day of June 29th, as well as on all Sunday Divine Liturgies, we sing their tropar, honoring them, and mindful of their holy lives and teachings. The New Testament provides us with inspiration about their lives and missionary work.

Let us not take our patrons for granted. Our patrons, Ss. Peter & Paul understand their responsibility to supplicate our Saviour on our behalf; to inspire us under their charge for godly works; to guard our parish from all enemies visible and invisible; to guide us as a community of believers in the bond of love and unity into the Kingdom of God.

O Holy Apostles Peter & Paul, pray unto God for us!

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

July 16 40 th Day	Fannie Huzinec
June 28, 1935	Joachim Seminuk
June 28, 1953	Trophim Lachtuk
June 28, 1968	Alex Lasik
June 28, 1973	Nichoals Dzurich
June 28, 2003	Peter Zeban
June 30, 1955	Steven Sidorkovitz
June 30, 1967	Christine Senko
June 30, 1994	Sophie Karwatt
June ? 1948	Paul Federoff
July 01, 1929	Semeon Romanofsky
July 01, 1999	John Kulina Sr.
July 02, 1931	Theodore Yurgel
July 02, 1973	Mae Wilhousky
July 03, 1923	Anna Kliaga
July 03, 1973	Susan Ostapovich

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.

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.

Offerings for the Week of June 28

Olive Oil - in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

Wine - for salvation, protection, healing of soul and body on birthday of Mariana; in memory of Joan.

Flowers – for the health of Sokol family.

Namesday Greetings

Ss. Peter & Paul/June 29: Protodeacon Paul, Peter Gorbatuk, Robert Peter Keller, Paul Kulina, Peter Bakaletz;

St. John Maximovitch/July 2: Richard John Webber;

Many Blessed Years!

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.

Remember In Prayer

Mary Holovach, Theodora Combs.

Parish Bulletin Board

Has posted materials and information that do not make it into the Sunday Bulletin. Take a glance at the Sunday Coffee Hour.

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. The duration of the film is one hour. This is the first of a series of films to be offered to parishioners and visitors.

Many Blessed Years!

To the newly-baptized Sebastian Mihil of Hillsborough and his parents, Max and Carla Caponegro.

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The famous Russia missionary against praising tolerance

Moscow, June 23, Interfax - Professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Archdeacon Andrey Kurayev warns against praising the principle of tolerance.

"We'd better stop praising tolerance and discuss if Christians and Muslims are compatible in the present-day world," he said in his interview to the *Den za Dnyom* Estonian weekly.

Developing the theme of two world religions coexistence, Fr. Andrey expressed the opinion that they are compatible in case they are "secular enough."

"It's not a problem for Christianity as Christ said, "Render unto God the things that are God's and unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's." Islam doesn't separate religion and state, there always be Muslim theologians to say this generally accepted for Europe principle contradicts the Quran. Their tactics is clear: while they make a minority, they speak of secularism and equality, but as soon as Muslims make more than a half population, they will demand total control," the theologian believes.

Some Russian commanders start their day with communal army prayer

Moscow, June 11, Interfax – The Armed Forces of Russia know the cases when work of chaplains brought commanders to repentance.

"I know the cases when priests worked miracles in the army. Commanders repented, came to God, the day started from communal army prayer!" the *Noviye Izvestia* paper quotes an Internet forum visitor as saying on Thursday.

Head of Russia's Soldiers Mothers Committee Tatiana Znachkova noted, "very many soldiers have recently come to be believers."

Head of the Yekaterinburg Diocese department for relations with armed forces and law enforcement agencies Colonel Ilya Novozhilov says there is a priest in every military secretariat of the Sverdlovsk Region who talks to conscripts.

Priests visit military exercises, conduct services in ambulatory churches, talk to soldiers and officers, and baptize warriors if necessary.

Russian tennis-player will donate to church major part of her prize won in French Open

Moscow, June 17, Interfax – Russian winner of the French Open tennis tournament Svetlana Kuznetsova is going to donate a part of her monetary prize (over a million euro) to the Church.

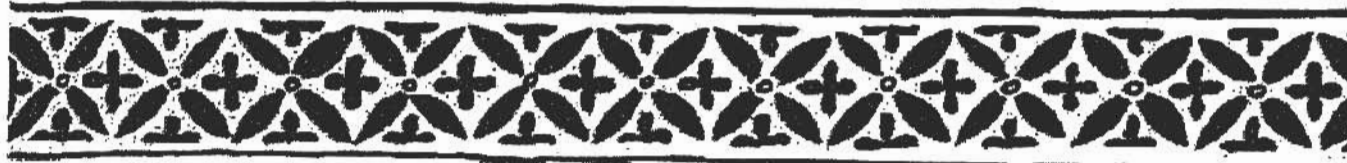
"I want to give a better part of the money to a church. It's in Sergiyev Posad. The rector of this church is my spiritual father," the tennis-player said in her interview to the *Sovetsky Sport* paper.

She confessed she tries to visit the church as often as possible and to "think about something very private, something eternal."

"But my schedule's very tight. When I can't manage to break away, the priest comes to me himself," Kuznetsova said.

She visits the Church even when she is abroad.

"In Italy, when we played for the Fed Cup I went to St. Nicholas Church. I worshipped the relics and made a wish. They say it will come true, for sure," the sportswoman said and added "faith helps me in everything, faith helps me to get over myself."



Why Same-Sex 'Marriage' and Religious Liberty Can't Coexist

Could same-sex "marriage" spell the end of religious liberty as we know it? Here is the chilling answer.

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As more states-like Iowa-approve same-sex "marriage," conservatives are claiming that freedom of religion is in peril. Same-sex "marriage" supporters accuse them of engaging in hysterical gay-bating. Who's telling the truth?

Let me share some stories with you from an excellent news broadcast produced by National Public Radio. Then you decide.

Two women decided to hold their civil union ceremony at a New Jersey pavilion owned by the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. This Methodist group told the women they could not "marry" in any building used for religious purposes. The Rev. Scott Hoffman said a theological principle-that marriage can only exist between one man and one woman-was at stake.

The women filed a discrimination complaint with the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights. The Methodists said the First Amendment protected their right to practice their faith without being punished by the government. But punish the Methodists is exactly what New Jersey did. It revoked their tax exemption-a move that cost them \$20,000.

Then there's the case of the Christian physicians who refused to provide in vitro fertilization treatment to a woman in a lesbian relationship. The doctors referred her to their partners, who were willing to provide the treatment. But that wasn't good enough. The woman sued. The California Supreme Court agreed with the woman, saying that the doctors' religious beliefs didn't give them the right to refuse the controversial treatment.

In Massachusetts, Catholic Charities was told they had to accept homosexual couples in their adoption service, or get out of the adoption business. They chose correctly-get out of the business.

In Mississippi, a mental health counselor was sued for refusing to provide therapy to a woman looking to improve her lesbian relationship. The counselor's employers fired her-a move that was backed up by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In New York, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University refused to allow same-sex couples to live in married student housing, in keeping with the school's orthodox Jewish teachings. But in 2001, the New York State Supreme Court forced them to do so anyway-even though New York has no same-sex "marriage" law.

In Albuquerque, a same-sex couple asked a Christian wedding photographer to film their commitment ceremony-and sued the photographer when she declined. An online adoption service was forced to stop doing business in California when a same-sex couple sued the service for refusing, on religious grounds, to assist them.

Convinced? Clearly, homosexual "marriage" and religious liberty cannot co-exist-because gay activists will not allow them to. As marriage expert Maggie Gallagher puts it, same-sex "marriage" advocates claim that religious faith "itself is a form of bigotry."

Tune in tomorrow, for I want you to learn how you can help protect both our religious rights and marriage itself. I know this may sound alarmist, but it's true. If we don't work to stop this juggernaut, we may soon find ourselves hunted down at work, at school, and even at church-as others have been-by those determined to force us to accept as a moral good what God calls evil.