

# **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **BULLETIN OF JULY 12, 2009**

### **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)”*

### **TUESDAY/JULY 14**

7:30p.m. Film Presentation: *“The Life of St. John Maximovitch”*

### **WEDNESDAY/JULY 15**

#### **Prince Vladimir, Equal-to-the-Apostles**

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Vladimir  
6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:00p.m. Lemonade & Conversation at rectory

### **SATURDAY/JULY 18**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
5:30p.m. Vespers & Compline; Confession

### **SUNDAY/JULY 19**

#### **6th Sunday After Pentecost**

**(Tone 5)**

#### **St. Seraphim of Sarov**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy;  
Blessing of Automobiles; Coffee Hour  
2:00p.m. Parish Picnic

### **MONDAY/JULY 20**

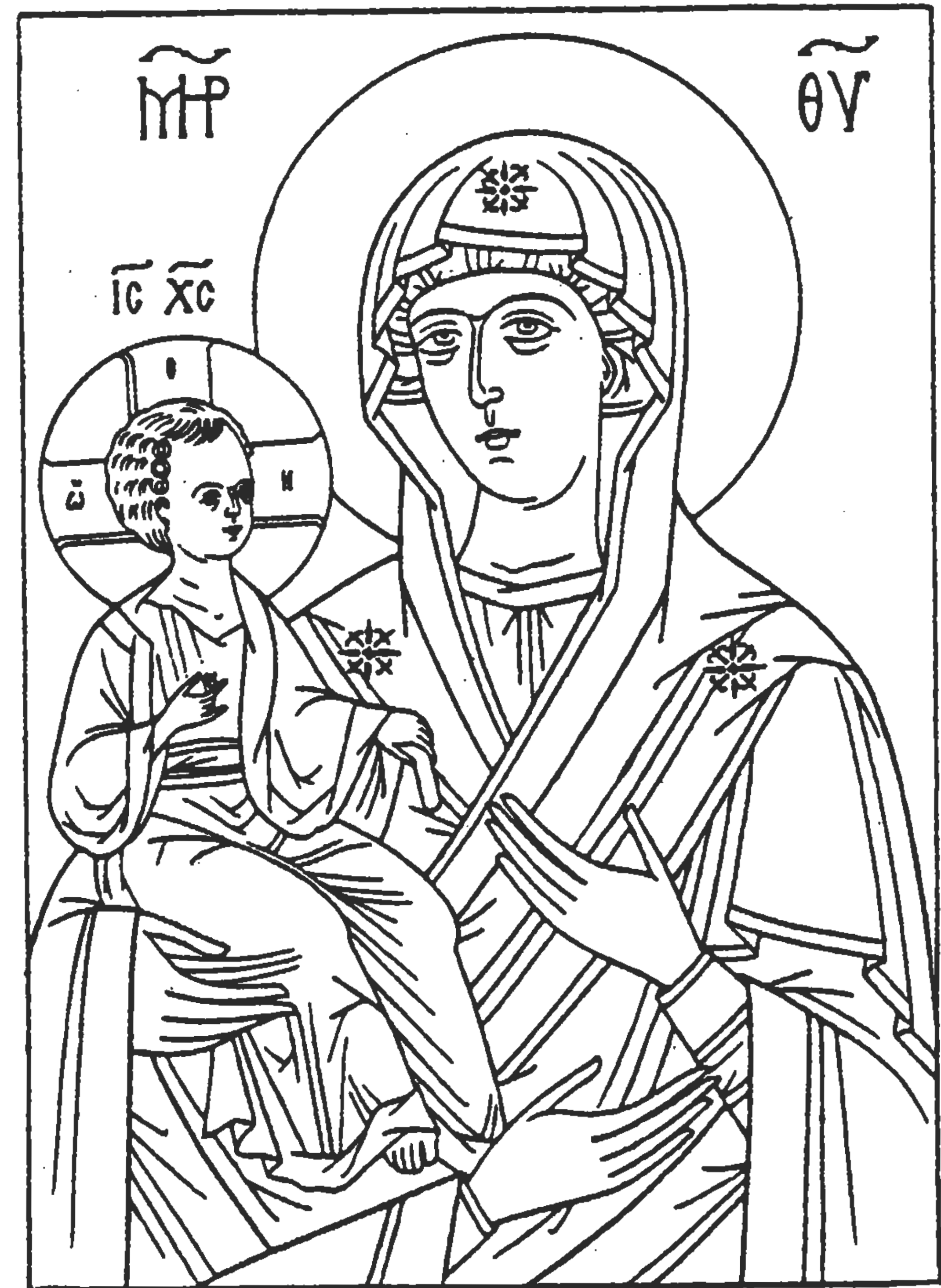
#### **Prophet Elias**

9:30a.m. Akathist to Prophet Elias

#### **Fasting Days**

Wednesday, July 15

Friday, July 17



Your holy and all-honorable icon, O Theotokos Virgin, is given to us as a pledge of salvation; for you did prophesy of old to the divine Evangelist Luke, your Grace-filled power abides with it even unto this day, strengthening faith within us by its most glorious miracles, curing the sick unmercenaryly; and leading our souls on the path of salvation; that we might cry out to the King of heaven and earth, Who glorifies your name unto the ages of ages: Alleluia!

Wishing to make not only Mount Athos but all other Orthodox countries partakers of the Grace of the great miracles which pour forth from your icon “Of the Three Hands,” O Most-pure Sovereign Lady, you have distributed it throughout all cities, villages, churches and monasteries, and have glorified it by wondrous miracles. Wherefore all your faithful children honor your holy icon “Of the Three Hands: with love and cry out earnestly to Christ, Who together with you is depicted thereon: Alleluia!

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

July 16	40 <sup>th</sup> Day	Fannie Huzinec
July 12,	1978	Antonia Salamander
July 12,	1979	Chariton Perogeff
July 13,	1975	John Kachorsky
July 15,	1951	Wojciech Bogusiewsky
July 16,	1968	Pelagia Holovach
July 16,	1982	Stephen Kulina
July 17,	1928	Elias Kozich
July 17,	1958	Elias Bartushak
July 17,	2005	Barbara Tutolo
July 18,	1960	Vladimir Fedarka
July 19,	1989	Louise Chabra
July 19,	2004	Anna Lebedz

### **Lemonade & Conversation Evenings**

Wednesdays, July 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](http://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.

### **40th Day Memorial**

For Fannie Huzinec, July 16th, Thurs. 6:30p.m.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

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

### **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 12**

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

Wine - for the health of Julia and Thea (namesday).

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. Julia/July 16: Julia Galida, Julia Cresina

St. Margaret (Marina)/July 17: Margaret Ploof, Marianna Vajda;

Many Blessed Years!

### **Patronal Feast – St. Elizabeth in Rocky Hill – July 17 & 18**

July 17, Fri., 6:00p.m. Vigil

July 18, Sat. 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Congratulations to Archpriest David Straut and his parishioners on their Patronal Feast Day.

### **Diocese of New York and New Jersey**

Has been re-established as an independent diocese from Washington, as of July 1st by the Holy Synod of Bishops. Metropolitan Jonah is now Archbishop of the Diocese of Washington and *Locum Tenens* (temporary administrator) of the vacant Diocese of New York and New Jersey. A Special New York & New Jersey Diocesan Assembly will be held in Clifton, NJ on Aug. 31st to nominate a candidate to the Holy Synod for bishop of our diocese. The Holy Synod will meet the week of Sept. 21st to consider and confirm the nomination of the Assembly.

### **Dormition Lent – Aug. 1st thru 14th**

One of the “Four Lents” of the year. Plan your calendar in consideration of the Lent.

# CAN YOU GET ILL FROM TAKING THE COMMUNION CUP? A Physician's opinion

...to the Healing of soul and body...  
By Emanuel Kolyvas, M.D.,  
The Sign [of the Theotokos], Montreal

Contrary to popular opinion, wine, and other beverages of antiquity produced through fermentation, were probably more important in providing disease-free drinking fluids than in their tendency to intoxicate. Ancient Greeks drank their water mixed with wine, and also used wine to cleanse wounds and soak dressings. More recently, military physicians of the last century observed that during epidemics of cholera, wine drinkers were relatively spared by the disease, and troops were advised to mix wine into the water.

Wine has been shown to be an effective antiseptic even when the alcohol is removed. In fact, 10% alcohol is a poor antiseptic, and alcohol only becomes optimally effective at concentrations of 70%. The antiseptic substances in wine are inactive in fresh grapes because these molecules are bound to complex sugars. During fermentation these antiseptic substances are split off from the sugars and in this way become active. These molecules are polyphenols, a class of substances used in hospitals to disinfect surfaces and instruments. The polyphenol of wine has been shown to be some thirty-three times more powerful than the phenol used by Lister when he pioneered antiseptic surgery.

Same year wines can be diluted up to ten times before beginning to show a decrease in their antiseptic effect. The better wines gradually improve with age over the first ten years and can be diluted twenty times without a decrease of the antiseptic effect. This effect then remains more or less constant over the next twenty years and becomes equivalent to a new wine after another twenty-five years. (Modern antiseptics and antibiotics for disinfecting wounds have surpassed wine effectiveness because the active ingredients in wine are rapidly bound and inactivated by proteins in body tissues.)

In preparing communion, the hot water that is added to the wine will increase greatly the antiseptic effect of the polyphenols. Disinfection occurs more rapidly and more effectively at 45 degrees centigrade than at room temperature (22-25 degrees). Another contribution to the antiseptic effect comes from the silver, copper, zinc that make up the chalice itself, ensuring that microbes are unable to survive on its surface.

Throughout the centuries, no disease has ever been transmitted by the taking of Holy Communion. Diseases, such as Hepatitis B, known to be transmitted by shared eating utensils, have never been acquired from the communion spoon. HIV is known not to be transmitted through shared eating utensils, and considering the antiseptic qualities of the Holy Communion received by the faithful, there is no likelihood of acquiring HIV infection through the Common Cup.



## **Meeting between US President Barack Obama and Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia KIRILL**

On July 7, 2009, in the Grand Kremlin Palace, His Holiness, Patriarch KIRILL of Moscow and All Russia met with visiting US President Barack Obama.

In greeting the Most Holy Patriarch KIRILL, the President of the United States of America stated his pleasure in meeting with the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, inasmuch as religious institutions, and in particular, the Russian Orthodox Church, have great importance in the Russian society.

In turn, His Holiness, Patriarch KIRILL stated that he also highly regards the possibility of a meeting with the President of the United States. According to the words of His Holiness, not only political contacts between their two leaders are important for the development of relations between two countries, but also sincere relationships between the peoples of the nations.

His Holiness stated that "there is great potential for removing anti-American feelings in Russia and anti-Russian sentiments in America, and that is to include the feelings of the heart. The Russian Orthodox Church brought Orthodoxy to the American continent, and now there are good relations between our Orthodox American brothers. Even in the most difficult years of the Cold War we tried to maintain these good relations."

The Patriarch continued, "It is very important that the Peoples of America and Russia preserve the system of Christian ethics. We are the most religious of nations and it is very important for us to have constant dialogue between the Christians of our countries and that our two nations must be friends.

In his response, Mr. B. Obama noted the labors of Patriarch KIRILL in strengthening Christian Unity and stated his willingness to cooperate with the Russian Orthodox Church.

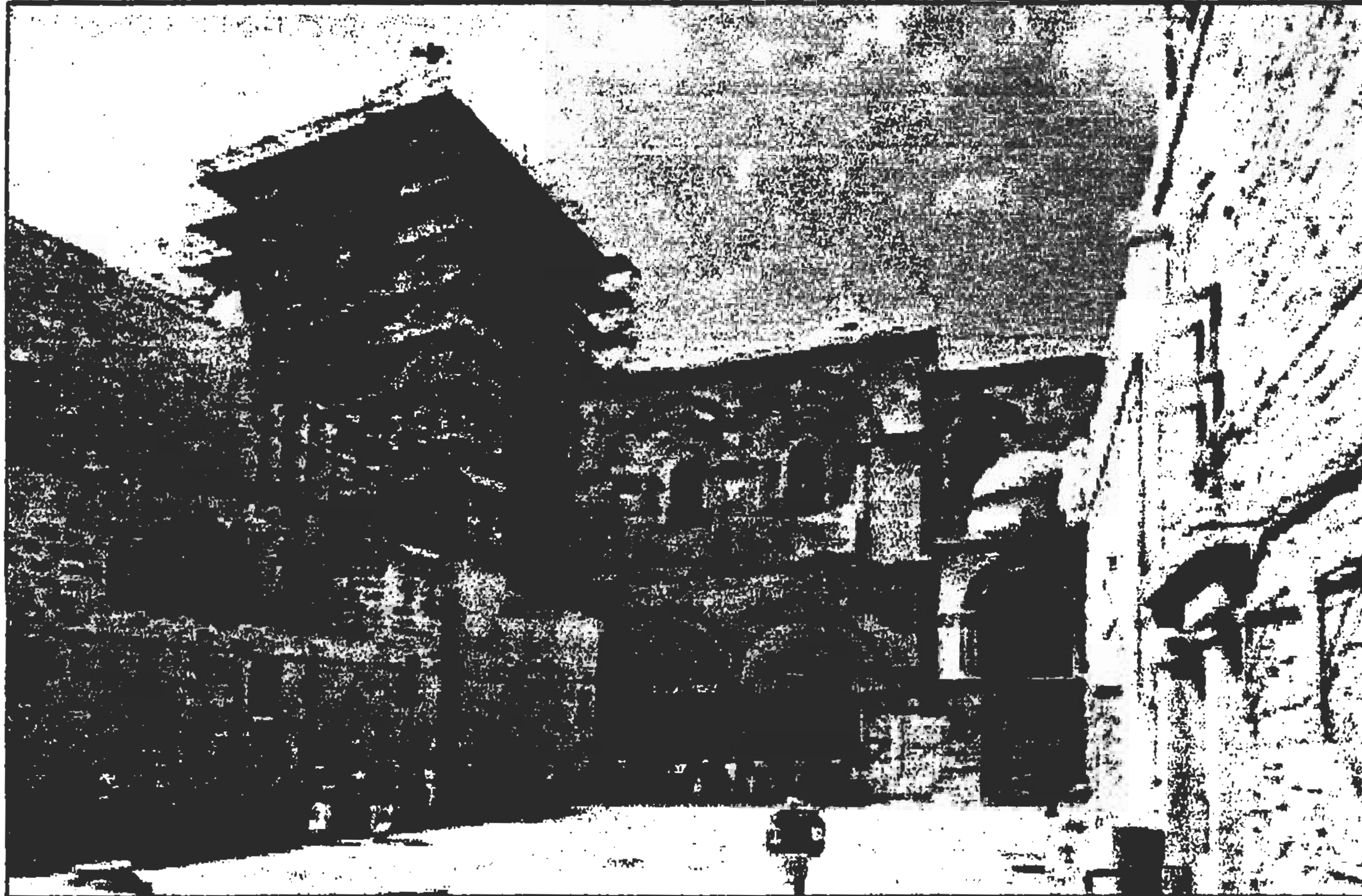
In prayerful memory of the meeting, the Most Holy Patriarch KIRILL presented the US President with an icon of the Most Holy Virgin Theotokos.



# Israeli authorities threaten demolition of 500 church buildings in Jerusalem

☰ Sunday June 28, 2009 02:40    📄 by Saed Bannoura - IMEMC News

The Greek Orthodox and Catholic churches in Jerusalem released a statement Saturday that the Israeli authorities have threatened to force the demolition of 500 buildings owned by the churches in the Old City of Jerusalem.



*Church buildings under renovation in Jerusalem (photo by Herbert Bishko)*

Israeli forces have recently stepped up demolitions in the Old City of Jerusalem, in accordance with the Municipality's published E1 plan for the city, in which officials articulate a detailed plan to push out the Palestinian Christian and Muslim populations, while simultaneously increasing construction of Jewish-only homes and housing developments.

The church buildings in question are mainly homes owned by the church and leased to Palestinian Christian priests, nuns and families. Israeli authorities claim that renovations were done on these buildings without permits, but failed to acknowledge the lack of a permitting process for the Church to obtain the necessary permits.

In addition, many of the supposed 'renovations' listed on the demolition orders are questionable, such as one that lists a 50-square meter apartment as an 'addition' to the home of Bassam Ayyash, but in fact Ayyash's entire home is the 50-square meter apartment. Ayyash has been trying to get Israeli officials to investigate this alleged violation, but they have thus far refused.

In another example mentioned in the church statement, renter Sami Wakileh tried to go through the process to obtain a permit for a small renovation on his home. He was told by the Israeli judge, "It is a waste of your time. Do not dream of receiving any permit..."

He tried to obtain the permit and failed, but, given the historic antiquity of his church-owned home, he had to do renovations in order to keep the home from falling down. He ended up spending over \$100,000 on renovations. Now, due to the Israeli demolition orders, the whole house will end up demolished by an Israeli bulldozer.

Dozens, if not hundreds, of church-owned buildings were seized by Israeli forces during the 1948 takeover of Palestine for the creation of the state of Israel, and again during the 1967 War of aggression by Israel. These buildings were taken over by the Jewish National Fund, which owns more than 90% of the land inside what is now Israel, and rented to Jews who immigrated to Israel.

Now, Israeli forces have again declared their intent for a large-scale demolition of church-owned buildings in Jerusalem.

One church official blamed the Israeli authorities for making it increasingly difficult for the churches to obtain building permits. Both the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and the Catholic Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, church administrative bodies for the two main Christian branches, have received the demolition orders totalling 500 buildings.

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Commentary on social and moral issues of the day

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## The Coming of Islam

Abp. Lazar

**A**s some of you know, a group of us were recently in Damascus and attended a conference at the Islamic Institute. David Goa, Fr Philip Erickson, a small group of other people and I were there. While I had to leave early, before the last series at the conference, in order to participate in a number of conferences in Romania, the Islamisation of Europe was discussed during conferences in Romania.

Since returning home, I have continued researching the matter in order to make it the subject for some of my presentations in the autumn at a number of universities and Orthodox parishes down East in America.

There are three salient facts that are abundantly clear, and that we should be aware of. Hopefully they might change some of our attitudes about what we are doing in the Orthodox Church, and especially in the OCA.

1. Within 20 years, Europe will be a collection of Islamic states.
2. Within 10-15 years, active Moslems are likely to outnumber active Christians in Canada.
3. Islam is preparing for a serious-minded and well financed missionary activity in the West.

The demographics are radically on the side of Islam. They do not have to convert even one person in order to be able to dominate Europe. People in Western cultures are reproducing at a rate below 1.5; Moslems living in the West are reproducing at a rate of 4-6, even 8. Christians have abortions, Moslems do not. Christians have small families: on average, 1 or 2 children; Moslems have large families, on average 6 to 8 children. Moslems maintain their traditions, most Christians do not. Commitment and attendance at Mosques outstrips that of Christian commitment and attendance in Church.

Meanwhile, Orthodox Christians exhaust a great deal of energy in petty infighting; many hierarchs, particularly in Eastern Europe, have almost no personal contact with their flocks. Many hierarchs and clergy are arrogant and condescending toward the faithful. No one in the Islamic world is talking about abolishing or shortening Ramadan, but many in the Orthodox world are talking about abolishing some fasting periods, shortening others. Moslems maintain the appearance of their faith, while many Orthodox clergy are embarrassed or ashamed to be seen in public looking like Orthodox clergy. Moslems maintain the tradition of stopping to pray at the given times several times a day, while Orthodox Christians are seeking to reduce the already scant time we spend in the Divine Services. One could go on with such comparisons, but the point has to do with commitment, discipline and self-control.

Faith can only be challenge by faith; commitment can only be faced with commitment. We, as Orthodox Christians cannot offer anything that will counter a committed Islamic missionary effort while we are occupied with petty self-interest, with "defending MY turf" against other Orthodox clergy. On the international level, the efforts of some to re-create a shadowy form of the Byzantine Empire is quite destructive. The divided state of the Orthodox Church today, world-wide, and the internecine power struggles undermine and weaken the Orthodox Christian witness. Self-interested fear of each other on the local level can only make the problems we face more systemic and pervasive. Moreover, they are a betrayal of the Gospel and of the faith.

I simply ask that all make themselves more aware of this challenge and that we struggle, primarily with our own selves, to overcome our own pettiness and find a greater unity of spirit and purpose. Instead of having a delusion of "competition," we should be sharing the resources that each has to offer, and strengthening the commitment of our selves and the faithful. Everyone has some ability to offer, and we need to be willing to share our "self" with all for the sake of the Gospel and in order to face, with a unity of love for Christ, the challenges that are so rapidly arising before us.

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