

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **BULLETIN OF AUGUST 23, 2009**



#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 23**

**11th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)**

**Leave-Taking of the Dormition**

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

#### **FRIDAY/AUGUST 28**

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

#### **SATURDAY/AUGUST 29**

**Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

**(Strict Fast Day – no meat, dairy or fish)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 30**

**12th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)**

**St. Alexander Nevsky**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with  
Prayers for the New Academic Year for Teachers  
and Students; Coffee Hour

#### **MONDAY/AUGUST 31**

Extra-Ordinary Diocesan Assembly for Election  
of a Hierarch for Diocese of New York and New  
Jersey in Clifton, NJ

#### **Counsels of Father Epiphanius of Athens (+1989)**

##### **Psychiatric Illness, Demonic Influence and Holiness**

**Question:** Many Christians maintain that psychiatric illnesses are due to demonic influence and, with this view point they reject the use of psychiatric medicines. What do you say?

**Answer:** A certain small percentage of psychiatric patients are really possessed. The majority, however, are not possessed nor are the manifestations of their psychiatric illnesses due to demonic influence.

**Question:** How can we tell that there is possession, when it is such?

**Answer:** The Church diagnosis possession from the position of the sufferer as regards the sacred Sacraments: divine Communion, Confession, etc. or as regards the Gospel, the precious Cross, the sacred relics or the holy icons and, in general, the sacred things. At the shrine of St. Gerasimus of Cephalonia they use to place the Gospel or some icon on the back of a possessed person lying face down – that is, without him seeing it – in order to exclude the possibility of suggestion – and then the possessed person would tremble, a thing which would not occur when they would place other types of books or objects on him.

**Question:** Do epileptics have a demon?

**Answer:** Not at all! In many of these, the brain simply is ailing and this has as a result the manifestations of seizures, deafness, etc. – manifestations similar to the ones of those possessed, as they appear in the Gospels.

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

Aug. 23, 1926	John Mlinets
Aug. 23, 1938	Semeon Dutko
Aug. 24, 1954	John Wasevich
Aug. 24, 1958	John Galida
Aug. 24, 1990	Michael Sudia
Aug. 25, 1977	Tekla Barna
Aug. 26, 1962	Anna Perusance
Aug. 26, 1965	John Harchin
Aug. 26, 2001	John Wassel
Aug. 27, 1934	John Poklitar
Aug. 27, 1970	Luke Vozny
Aug. 28, 1958	Daniel Zydiak

### ***Namesday Greetings***

St. Natalie/Aug. 26: Natalie Gripp, Natalie Ratzkovich; Natalie Garcia; Many Blessed Years!

### ***Incense Fragrance Used***

Sun., Aug. 23rd Rose; Sunday, Aug. 30 Heather

### ***The Parish Is Seeking Church School Teachers***

The Christian Education of our parish children is of great importance. Presently, we are seeking teachers for classes. It would be good to have at least 3 teachers with other parents acting as aides. You will be trained and guided in this ministry. Please speak with Fr. James or Stacey Kita as soon as possible for more information or to make a commitment.

### ***Parish Facebook***

*Friends of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church.*  
A place to post and share. You are invited to be a friend. Simply go to [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com). and sign up or sign in with friend request.

### ***Sponsor Sought for 2010 Wall Calendars***

Would you wish to sponsor (or co-sponsor with someone else) the Calendar for next year? The cost is \$300. Please speak with Father James.

### ***Offerings for the week of Aug. 23***

Wine - in memory of Galina; for the health of Julia and Ksana.

Olive Oil - in memory of Michael and Justine; in memory of Joan; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for a safe journey.

### ***The Discipline of Confession and Holy Communion***

Those who regularly receive Holy Communion every Sunday must go to Confession in the month of August if they have not been to Confession any time after Pascha (April 19th). This includes children as well.

Those who are home bound are asked to make arrangements for Fr. James to bring the Sacraments to their homes in the month of August.

### ***Parish Website***

The On-Line Parish Directory has been up-dated to include email addresses. For access obtain from Fr. James user and passwords. To have your email included or for any other necessary changes in the Directory, please let Father know.

### ***Cell Phones***

Please make sure they are off before you enter church. Thanks.

### ***The Free Table***

In the lower hall near the Conference Room, is a table where you may find books, cds, and other items you may freely take. Check it out.

### ***Remember in Prayer***

Mary Holovach (home) Mary Rosocha (home); Michael Redmond (Overlook Hospital) Theodora Combs (vacation).

### ***Representing our Parish***

At the Extraordinary Diocesan Assembly on Aug. 31st to elect a candidate for diocesan bishop, will be Fr. James and Henry Hando. For more information about the election process and candidates please go to the diocesan website: [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org)

### ***Appreciation is Expressed***

To Jill Peterson and Henry Hando for coordinating the Pot Luck Luncheon last Sunday. The food and fellowship was wonderful, thanks to all for their food dishes.

LETTER 61

TO A GROCER MELENTIJE J. WHO ASKS  
WHAT DOES "MEMORY ETERNAL" MEAN

**I**t torments you that you do not know the meaning of these words which you have often heard, and which you yourself have said so many times over the dead. And you do well for asking. The better one knows our good, old Orthodox Faith, the more he loves it.

Memory eternal, or, may your memory be eternal, means, may you be remembered forever. Once I heard someone say in a eulogy, "May your memory be eternal on earth!" I was surprised with such incorrect understanding of our faith. Can anything be forever on earth where everything passes as quickly as a wedding party? We indeed wish a most vain treasure for the one passed away if we wish for him to be forever remembered in this world which is itself approaching its end. But, let us say that someone's name really is remembered on earth to the end of time - what use is that to him, if his remembrance in Heaven is forgotten?

It is correct to think that we wish for the late one for his name to be ever remembered in eternity, in the eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the meaning of the words, "May your memory be eternal."



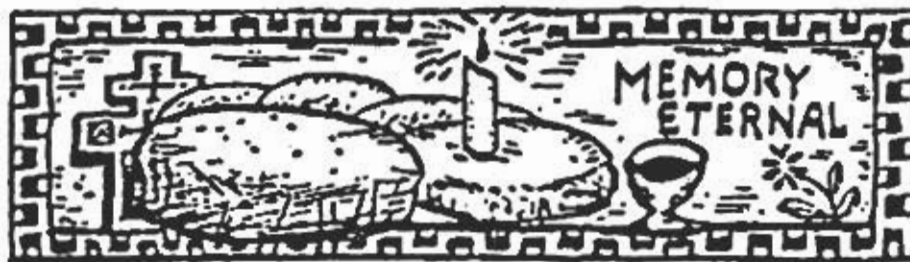
Once, Christ's disciples boasted to their Teacher, saying, *Lord, even the demons obey us in Thy name!* And the Lord answered them not to rejoice over that, but to, *rejoice because your names are written in Heaven*, that is that they are remembered and commemorated in the Kingdom of eternal light and life.

In the Holy Scripture it is often said that the names of the righteous will be written in the Book of Life, while the names of the sinners will be erased and forgotten. From the story of the rich man and Lazarus, we see that the Lord says Lazarus' name with His pure lips, while He does not utter the name of the unrighteous rich man. Lazarus has, therefore, entered into the Kingdom of Heaven, he has received eternal life and eternal memory, while the unrighteous rich man has lost the Kingdom and life - and his name.

In divine science, a name is sometimes identified with a man. In one place in the Revelation it is said, *and the earthquake killed seven thousand names of men* (11: 13). For the earthquake, we should understand great temptations to which seven thousand people succumbed, falling away from Christ and losing their souls. It means, they did not only die bodily, that is less important, but also their souls and names. Their names were annulled in eternity and erased from the Book of Life.

Whoever desires immortal remembrance in eternity, desires an evangelical thing. But he who desires eternal remembrance on earth, desires a vain thing. Know that many people who inaudibly and unnoticed passed this life, gained an eternal name in that world, beyond death and change. Think about this, brother Melentije, and God will reveal a lot more to you. And when you hear of my death, say in your prayer, "May his memory be eternal!"

Peace and health from the Lord to you.



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## **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE ELECTION OF THE RULING BISHOP**

Approved by the Lesser Synod of Bishops, March 10, 1972

Revised by the Lesser Synod of Bishops, April 21, 1972

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- I. The Diocesan Assembly shall begin with a Divine Liturgy and a special service of Invocation to the Holy Spirit.
- II. Immediately after the Divine Liturgy, the Assembly shall meet in plenary session and elect its officers as prescribed in Article 7 of the Statutes. The Assembly shall then elect Tellers entrusted to count the votes.
- III. The Committee on Credentials, approved in advance by the Diocesan Council, shall then report the exact number of voting delegates.
- IV. The Chairman shall call on the Nominating Committee to present the names of the candidates. Names may be added from the floor, but there shall be no speeches in support or criticism of any candidates. If any nominee is non-eligible in virtue of the Holy Canons or the Statutes, the Locum tenens shall announce it and his ruling shall be duly recorded in the minutes.
- V. Once the nominations are closed, the list of names of candidates shall be placed before the Assembly.
- VI. The ballot shall be a secret one and certified bulletins shall be distributed to all voting delegates.
- VII. On the first ballot one name shall be written. The ballots containing more than one name or names other than officially listed candidates shall be declared void.
- VIII. The results of the ballot, with figures, shall be announced by the Locum tenens.
- IX. If at the first ballot a candidate receives 2/3 of the accredited votes, he shall be declared by the Locum tenens as the elected nominee to the See and his name shall be submitted to the Synod of Bishops for approval and canonical election.
- X. If no candidate receives 2/3 of the accredited votes, a second ballot shall take place and two names shall be written on each ballot. The ballots with fewer or more than two names, or names other than those of officially listed candidates, shall be declared void.
- XI. The Locum tenens shall then announce the results. The names of the two candidates with the largest pluralities shall be submitted to the Synod for canonical election.

- XII. However, if no candidate receives more than 40% of the accredited votes, the Locum tenens shall declare the ballot as non-conclusive and the Assembly as having failed to nominate a candidate for the office of Ruling Bishop (Article 6, 10B). In this case, the Assembly may, by duly accepted motion, request the Synod of Bishops to transfer one of the Ruling Bishops to the See. The Synod of Bishops, however, may refuse to transfer a Bishop, in which case it will direct the Diocesan Assembly to reconvene for the purpose of electing a candidate. If the Diocesan Assembly again fails in its task, it may waive its right of election and request the Holy Synod to appoint its own candidate.
- XIII. The nominating committee may also, at the beginning of the Assembly, announce its failure to nominate a candidate and move that the Assembly waive its right to elect the Bishop. In this case, the procedure described in the preceding paragraph is set in motion.
- XIV. Since the Assembly only nominates a candidate and the latter is to be approved by the Holy Synod, the elected candidate shall not be declared Bishop-elect. The Locum tenens and the Diocesan Council shall inform the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America and request him to convoke the Synod for the canonical election and approval of the nominee. If the nominee is not approved by the Holy Synod, the Synod shall direct the Diocesan Assembly to reconvene and elect another candidate.
- XV. Until the Consecration and Installation of the new Bishop, the Locum tenens shall remain in office.
- XVI. The date and place of the Consecration and Installation shall be announced to all parishes so that the entire Body of the Faithful may take part in this event.
- XVII. The assembly shall adjourn with a Thanksgiving Service.