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BULLETIN OF MAY 30, 2010

SUNDAY/MAY 30

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS (Tone 8)

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

Coffee Hour with Q. & A. Period

12:00 to 2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

MONDAY/MAY 31

Memorial Day

Annual Pilgrimage to the Monastery of St. Tikhon

And

Beginning of 29 Day Ss. Peter & Paul Lent

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 2

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class:

"The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament Prophets"

THURSDAY/JUNE 3

7:00p.m. Georgian Service & Adult Study

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 6

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

(Tone 1)

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

Coffee Hour

12:00 to 2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

MONDAY/JUNE 7

7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting

TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS

All you Apostles and Martyrs, you prophets — hierarchs with the holy men and women of all times — valiantly have you fought, persevering in the faith. For this the Lord is sure to hear your prayer. Remind Him of His loving-kindness, and beg Him to save our souls.



ON THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

By St. Justin Popovich

The Lives of the saints are nothing else but the life of the Lord Christ, repeated in every saint to a greater or lesser degree in this or that form. More precisely it is the life of the Lord Christ continued through the saints, the life of the incarnate God the Logos, the God-Man Jesus Christ Who became man. This was so that as man He could give and transmit to us His divine life; so that as God by His life He could sanctify and make immortal and eternal our human life on earth. "For both He who sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all one" (Hebrews 2:11).

What are the Lives of the Saints? They are nothing else but a certain kind of continuation of the "Acts of the Apostles." In them is found the same Gospel, the same life, the same truth, the same righteousness, the same love, the same faith, the same eternity, the same "power from on high," the same God and Lord. For "the Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Michael Dziga	May 31, 1963
Alex Horbel	June 01, 1961
John Senko	June 02, 1929
Wasył Bondarenko	June 02, 1951
Michael Tacak	June 03, 1952
Anna Susko	June 03, 1985
Eva Hnatuk	June 05, 1953

Offerings for the week of May 30

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; health of Matthew (birthday); health of John and Christine (anniversary); health of Elizabeth Stanton (birthday).

Flowers - in memory of Rose Lorenick; for the health of Basil and Barbara Kulick (50th wedding anniversary).

Door-Keeper Ministry – June Month

Door-Keepers are sought for the Sundays of June between 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. Sign-up sheet may be found on the vestibule stand.

Many Blessed Years!

To Basil and Barbara Kulick on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent or the Apostles Fast: May 31st to June 29th

This is one of the “four Lenten seasons of the year.” Unlike the other 3 lents, the duration of this fast is dictated by the Feast of Pascha. The earlier the Pascha, the longer the lent. The lent always begins on Monday after the Sunday of All Saints and ends on the feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul. The length of the fast this year of 2010 is 29 days (for those on the old calendar the fast is 42 days – since the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul is July 12).

As always, a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil products. Your parish wall calendar indicates days when the fast is mitigated and allows for fish, wine or oil.

Those of the faithful that are regular communicants and receive the Holy Gifts every Sunday are reminded to approach Holy Confession in this month of June so as to continue to

receive Holy Communion after the time of the Fast (June 29).

Bake-Sale Profit

From last Sunday was \$200. Thanks for your baking and purchasing.

Appreciation

Is extended to Diaconissa Patricia for donating and preparing the flowers distributed last Sunday at Vespers.

On the Calendar

- **Blessing of Graduates/June 13** At the end of the Divine Liturgy a prayer and blessing will be bestowed on those graduating this Spring. Please submit names and schools to Fr. James no later than June 9.
- **Adult Study Classes/ June 2, 9, 16** Wednesdays, 7-8:30p.m.
- **June Movie/ June 13 & 15** “The Acts of the Apostles: Chapters 10-19”
- **Ss. Peter & Paul Day/June 29** The Patronal Feast Day of our Parish.
- **Bus Pilgrimage from our Parish/July 10, Saturday.** To the Monastery of St.Tikhon. More information to follow. Reserve the date.
- **Annual Parish Picnic/July 25, Sunday.** At the usual location in New Brunswick.

Remember In Prayer

Jerry Yadlowsky, John Chabra, Donna Shafer and Inga Gamsakhurdashvili.

Vacation Planning & Sunday Divine Liturgy

A listing of all Orthodox Churches in the USA may be found on the site Orthodoxy in America www.orthodoxyinamerica.com. If you plan to receive Holy Communion, be sure to notify the priest prior to your visit.

**MESSAGE OF THE EPISCOPAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
CANONICAL ORTHODOX HIERARCHS OF NORTH
AND CENTRAL AMERICA MAY 26-28, 2010**

May 28, 2010



MAY 26-28, 2010 · NEW YORK, NY

MESSAGE

We glorify the name of the Triune God for gathering us at this first Episcopal Assembly of this region in New York City on May 26-28, 2010 in response to the decisions of the Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference held at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambésy, Switzerland, from June 6-12, 2009, at the invitation of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Gathered together in the joy of the Feast of Pentecost, we humbly recognize our calling, in our unworthiness, to serve as instruments and disciples of the Paraclete, who "holds together the whole institution of the Church" (Hymn of Vespers of Pentecost).

We honor and express gratitude to the Primates and Representatives of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches who assembled at the Ecumenical Patriarchate from October 10-12, 2008 to affirm their "unswerving position and obligation to safeguard the unity of the Orthodox Church" (Chambésy Rules of Operation, Article 5.1a) and emphasized their will and "desire for the swift healing of every canonical anomaly that has arisen from historical circumstances and pastoral requirements" (Message of the Primates 13.1-2)

We call to mind those who envisioned this unity in this region and strove to transcend the canonical irregularities resulting



for many reasons, including geographically overlapping jurisdictions. For, just as the Lord in the Divine Eucharist is “broken and distributed, but not divided” (Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom), so also His Body comprises many members, while constituting His One Church.

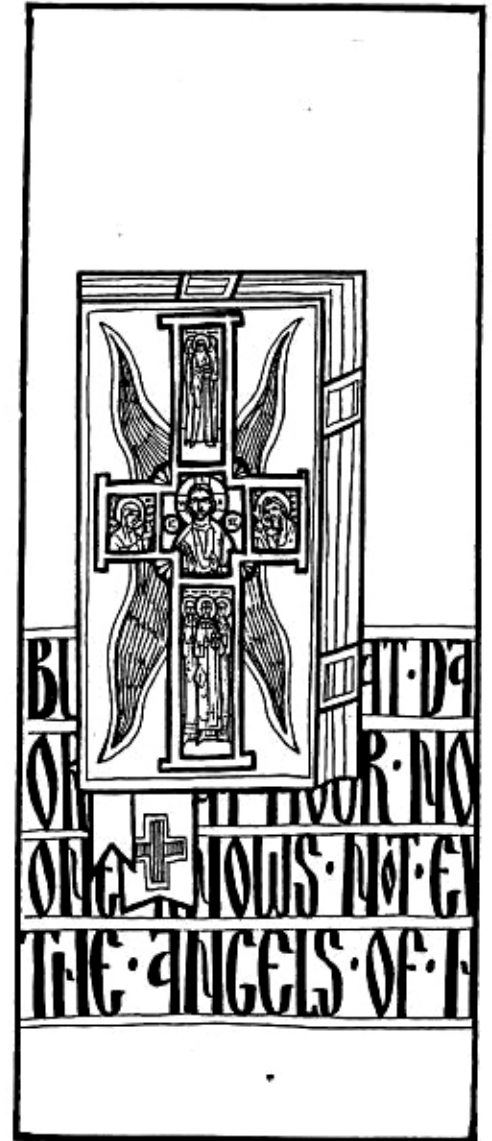
We are grateful for the gift of the doctrinal and liturgical unity that we already share, and we are inspired by our leaders, the Heads of all the Orthodox Churches throughout the world, who proposed that which we painfully yearn for in this region, i.e., the “swift healing of every canonical anomaly” (Message of the Primates 13.2). We are also grateful that they established a fundamental process toward a canonical direction and resolution.

We are thankful to almighty God for the growth of Orthodoxy, for the preservation of our traditions, and for the influence of our communities in this region. This is indeed a miracle and a mystery.

During our gathering, and in accordance with the rules of operation of Episcopal Assemblies promulgated by the Fourth Pan-Orthodox Pre-Conciliar Conference, we established:

1. A registry of canonical bishops (Article 6.1)
2. A committee to determine the canonical status of local communities in the region that have no reference to the Most Holy Autocephalous Churches (Article 6.2)
3. A registry of canonical clergy (Article 6.3)
4. Committees to undertake the work of the Assembly, among others including liturgical, pastoral, financial, educational, ecumenical, and legal issues (Articles 11 and 12)
5. A committee to plan for the organization of the Orthodox of the region on a canonical basis (Article 5.1).

In addition to the above, we agreed that a directory would be created and maintained by the Assembly of all canonical congregations in our region.



We as Episcopal Assembly understand ourselves as being the successors of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), assuming its agencies, dialogues, and other ministries.

Moreover, at the formal request of the Hierarchs who have jurisdiction in Canada, the Assembly will submit to the Ecumenical Patriarch, in accordance with the rules of operation (Article 13), a request to partition the present region of North and Central America into two distinct regions of the United States and Canada. Additionally, at the request of the Hierarchs who have jurisdiction in Mexico and Central America, the Assembly will likewise request to merge Mexico and Central America with the Assembly of South America.

As Orthodox Hierarchs in this blessed region, we express our resolve to adhere to and adopt the regulations proposed by the Pan-Orthodox Conferences and approved by the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, and to do everything in our power by the grace of God to advance actions that facilitate canonical order in our region.

We confess our fidelity to the Apostolic Orthodox faith and pledge to promote "common action to address the pastoral needs of Orthodox living in our region" (Chambésy, Decision 2c). We call upon our clergy and faithful to join us in these efforts "to safeguard and contribute to the unity of the Orthodox Church of the region in its theological, ecclesiological, canonical, spiritual, philanthropic, educational and missionary obligations" (Article 5.1) as we eagerly anticipate the Holy and Great Council.

The Assembly concluded with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City. During the Liturgy prayers were offered for the repose of the eleven victims of the current ecological disaster in the Gulf Coast, for the consolation of their families, for all those adversely affected by this catastrophe, as well as for all people living under conditions of war, persecution, violence, and oppression.



Of the sixty-six Hierarchs in the region, the following 55 were present at this Assembly:

Archbishop Demetrios, Chairman
Metropolitan Philip, Vice Chairman
Archbishop Justinian, Vice Chairman
Bishop Basil, Secretary
Archbishop Antony, Treasurer
Metropolitan Iakovos
Metropolitan Constantine
Metropolitan Athenagoras
Metropolitan Methodios
Metropolitan Isaiah
Metropolitan Nicholas
Metropolitan Alexis
Metropolitan Nikitas
Metropolitan Nicholas
Metropolitan Gerasimos
Metropolitan Evangelos
Metropolitan Paisios
Archbishop Yurij
Bishop Christopher
Bishop Vikentios
Bishop Savas
Bishop Andonios
Bishop Ilia
Bishop Ilarion
Bishop Andriy
Bishop Demetrios
Bishop Daniel

Bishop Antoun
Bishop Joseph
Bishop Thomas
Bishop Mark
Bishop Alexander
Metropolitan Hilarion
Bishop Iov
Bishop Gabriel
Bishop Peter
Bishop Theodosius
Bishop George
Bishop Ieronim
Metropolitan Christopher
Bishop Maxim
Archbishop Nicolae
Bishop Ioan Casian
Metropolitan Joseph
Metropolitan Jonah
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archbishop Seraphim
Bishop Nikon
Bishop Tikhon
Bishop Benjamin
Bishop Melchisedek
Bishop Irineu
Bishop Irinee
Bishop Michael

