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SUNDAY/JUNE 13

3rd Sunday of Pentecost (Tone 2)

New-Martyrs of the Turkish Yoke

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy &
Recognition of Spring Graduates;
Church School & Teen Class
Coffee Hour

11:45a.m. Movie: *Acts of the Apostles, Chapters
10-20*

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

TUESDAY/JUNE 15

7:30p.m. Movie:

Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 10-20

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 16

6:30p.m. Compline

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon, "Joy of All That
Sorrow"; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 20

4th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee
Hour; Church School Last Day

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

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will
say rejoice! (Phil. 4:4)***

When St. Paul says to be people of joy, do you think that this is something optional? Did you think: I can have joy if I want to and if I do not feel like it, I can be miserable? No, rejoice is a commandment! As a Christian, you are not allowed to be miserable! You must be a joyful Christian, a cheerful Christian. If you are not a cheerful Christian then you still do not know what it means to be a Christian. You do not understand that God has granted you and me a privilege. I am privileged because God has adopted me. I am His child by grace and he gives me His blessedness.

Now, if I have all of the above and the great hope of the Kingdom of God, tell me, how can I be gloomy or sad? What does St. Paul say? Does he not say *rejoicing in the hope*? Simply because we have the *hope* of God's Kingdom we should be jumping with joy! He says, *rejoicing in the faith and the hope (Rom. 5:2, 8:28, 2:13)*.

Joy is a virtue as well. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (*Gal. 5:22*). Did you ever imagine that joy is a commandment?

-Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 14, 1978 Anna Williams
June 15, 1959 Leon Martinchuk
June 15, 1973 Maksym Yadlowsky
June 16, 1953 Olga Pawlik
June 17, 1977 David Kloss
June 18, 2002 Irene Marmarinos

Offerings for the week of June 13

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; for the health of Liliano and family (birthday).

Wine – for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (birthday).

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.

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 Pascha is, 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).

St. Tikhon's Monastery Bus Trip

Scheduled for July 10th, will be rescheduled for the Fall.

On the Calendar

- *Ss. Peter & Paul Day/June 29* The Patronal Feast Day of our Parish.
- *Blessing of Autos/July 18* After the Sunday, Divine Liturgy – if rain – the following Sunday.
- *Annual Parish Picnic/July 25, Sunday.* At the usual location in New Brunswick.

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.

June Movie Presentations – Sunday 13th and Tuesday, 15th

The film this month is on *The Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 10-20*. In these chapters we will see the mission of the Apostles in bringing the Gospel to Antioch, Thessalonica, Ephesus and other locations. By word and work we will experience the Hand of God working in His Church.

Congratulations to Spring 2010 Graduates

The known graduates are the following:
Richard Webber – Marine Corps Officer Candidate School;
Jacob Henry Hando – St. Tikhon's Seminary Deaconate Program;
Heather Graver – University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.
Congratulations to you!

Nativity Announcement

On June 6th, Matushka Emily Parsells gave birth to a son – Nicholas, 4 pounds/18 inches. His patron is St. Nicholas of Zicha (May 5th). Our congratulations to Fr. John Parsells and family.

Diocesan Website: www.nynjoca.org

This site has been reconstructed and up-dated with matters pertaining to our diocese. The latest item is an interview with Bishop Michael about the recent Episcopal Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in New York. Well worth a cyber visit.

What are Symbols?

There are many things that we cannot see or touch, which are very real and important to us. Our love for someone, our happiness or joy, our sorrow or pain.



We cannot see God

We cannot see God but we can feel that He cares for us, loves us. We see how wonderful is the world we live in, how mysteriously things grow and develop, how sometimes we are saved in danger, or helped when we are in bad trouble.

In order to be closer to God we pray to Him, speak to Him in our own words or in words of the saintly people who were close to God.



A symbol is a sign of something

To show our love for God we use symbols. A symbol is a sign by which we know a thing, that which suggests something. Incense is a symbol of our prayer: it is fragrant, sweet smelling, it rises in the air heavenwards like we want our prayer to do.

From the earliest days Christians used this symbolism. When the Wise Men found the Infant Jesus they brought Him gifts - gold and frankincense and myrrh. Gold symbolized that He was royal, frankincense that He was divine, and myrrh that He would suffer. The birth of John the Baptist was announced by an angel to his father, the priest Zacharias, as he was burning incense in the Temple.

Symbols in everyday life

A symbol stands for something, it means something, it represents something. We use all kinds of symbols every day. Names are symbols. Your name stands for you, it represents you. Numbers are symbols, too. They stand for things. Every kind of story is a symbol. Whether it is a fairy tale, a myth, a legend or a parable, every story stands for something and teaches something.

Maybe you can see symbols around you. If you look at a coin you will see symbols on it. On your way to school you may have seen a flag flying - another kind of symbol. You may have passed traffic signals. They are symbols, each one standing for something. We use colors - red and yellow and green - as symbols to direct the traffic.

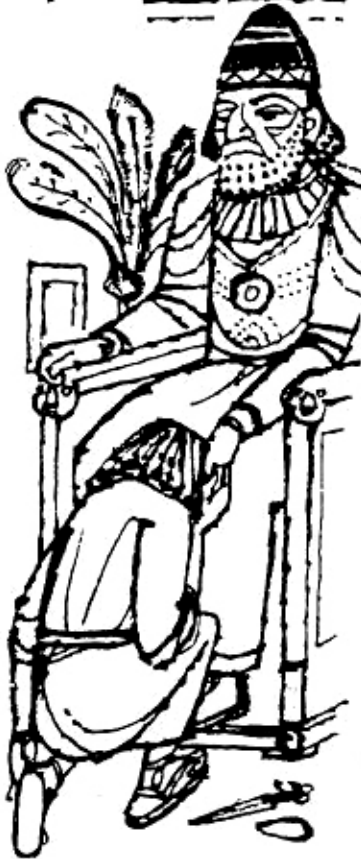
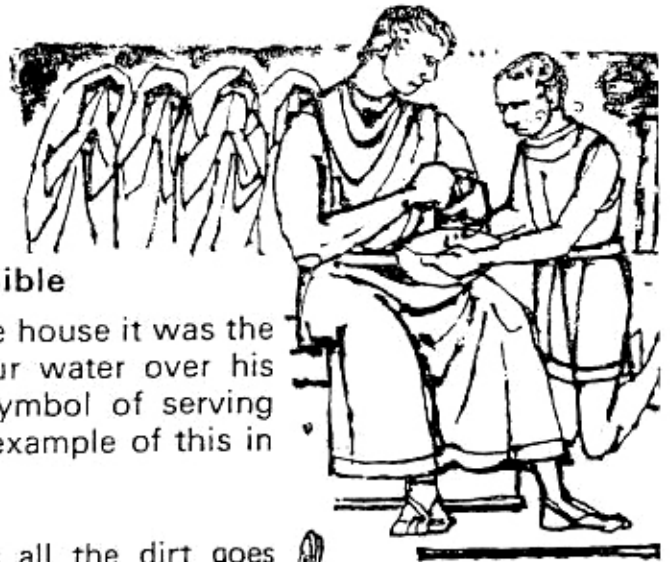
Every day, too, we act symbols. We do things with our bodies which are symbols. Each action stands for something and means something.





Hand Symbols in the Bible

When a guest came to the house it was the duty of a servant to pour water over his hands. This became a symbol of serving another person. Find an example of this in 2 Kings 3. verse 11.



When we wash our hands all the dirt goes away and we are clean. Washing the hands became a symbol of innocence. It meant—"I am not guilty." Read what Pilate did in Matthew 27. verse 24.

To kiss the hand of someone was a way of showing very deep respect for him. We still use the saying "to kiss hands." Can you remember when this is done and to whom? Look back to page 4 and see what you found out, if you need to.

When a Jew took an oath or made a solemn promise he "lifted up his hand" (read this in Genesis 14. verses 22-24). Find out what a man does today in a law court when he takes the oath.

To "give one's hand to another" was a symbol of making a binding friendship. Kings used this symbol, too, when they made an alliance with each other. Read an example of this in 2 Kings 10. verse 15.

The right hand was the symbol of strength—can you think why? You can read about this in Psalm 17. verse 7, and 20. verse 6, and 44. verse 3.

