

# **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **BULLETIN OF JUNE 20, 2010**

### **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

### **MONDAY/JUNE 21**

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

### **TUESDAY/JUNE 22**

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

### **WEDNESDAY/JUNE 23**

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

### **THURSDAY/JUNE 24**

#### **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Georgian Service & Study

### **SATURDAY/JUNE 26**

#### **Tikhvin Icon of Theotokos**

9:30a.m. Akathist to Tikhvin icon; Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### **SUNDAY/JUNE 27**

#### **5th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)**

#### **Uncovering of Relics of Optina Fathers**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; Coffee  
Hour and Question/Answer Period  
12-2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

### **MONDAY/JUNE 28**

7:00p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### **TUESDAY/JUNE 29**

#### **Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and  
Procession; Festal Meal



### **ON PRAYER**

**By St. John of Kronstadt**

Prayer may become either a house built on sand, or a house built on a rock. Those build on sand who pray without faith, absently, coldly; such prayer is scattered of itself and brings no profit to him who prays. Those build on a rock who, during the whole time of their prayer, have their eyes fixed upon God, and pray to Him as to a living person, conversing face to face.

People say that if you do not feel inclined to pray it is better not to pray; but this is crafty carnal sophistry. If you pray only when you are inclined to, you will cease praying altogether; this is what the flesh desires. *The Kingdom of Heaven is taken by force.* You will not be able to work out your salvation without forcing yourself.

Learn to pray; force yourself to prayer. In the beginning it will be difficult; but afterwards the more you force yourself to pray, the more easily you will do so. But in the beginning it is always necessary to force oneself.

How can we teach ourselves to speak the truth from our heart during prayer? We must bring every word of the prayer down to our heart, lay it to heart, feel its truth in our heart, be convinced of our need of that which we ask, or of the need of heartfelt gratitude for God's great and innumerable benefits to us.

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

June 20, 1954 Peter Kulina  
June 20, 1997 Susan Smith  
June 21, 1960 Chariton Cimpko  
June 21, 1975 Jerome Wilhousky  
June 22, 1926 Anna Padla  
June 22, 1968 Andrew Klimovich  
June 22, 1977 Joseph Holovach  
June 22, 1979 Alexander Naruta  
June 22, 1999 Helen Patson  
June 23, 1929 Helen Brutsky  
June 25, 1975 John Felice  
June 26, 1966 Mary Max  
June 26, 1984 Jacob Grenther  
June 26, 1997 Pauline Zorella  
June 26, 1999 Alex Putyrsk



### **Offerings for the week of June 20**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; in memory of John (Jack).

**Wine** – for the health of new-born, Nikolai; in memory of Mary (20th 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 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 the Holy Gifts.

### **On the Calendar**

- *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.

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Day, June 29 Festal Meal**

After the Divine Liturgy and Procession, a Festal Meal is planned. This is the only non-lenten day in the entire month of June. If you wish to bring some food item for the Meal, please contact Lisa Keller (908-580-1791) or [roblisa91@msn.com](mailto:roblisa91@msn.com)

### **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](http://www.orthodoxyinamerica.com). If you plan to receive Holy Communion, be sure to notify the priest prior to your visit.

### **Diocesan Website: [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org)**

This site has been reconstructed and up-dated with matters pertaining to our diocese.

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. Augustine/June 15: Austin Kachek  
St. John the Baptist/June 24: K]John Zahodnick;  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Parish Picnic Sign-Up Sheet**

For the Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 25th, may be found on the vestibule stand. For more information, please contact Maria Torrisi at (732-545-5642) or [mdtorrisi@gmail.com](mailto:mdtorrisi@gmail.com)

### **June Month: Last of Assessment Envelopes**

The Assessment Envelope is provided only in the first six months of the year. You are asked to fulfill your assessment (if possible by June 30th), using the assessment envelope provided. To be credited for the assessment, please use the assessment envelope or mark your check “assessment” Those who have difficulties in payment, may be excused, please speak with Father James privately.

## SAYINGS OF MOTHER GAVRILIA (+1992)

61. The agony of dying is the effort made by the soul to free herself and run towards the Lord.
62. Correspondence is the only way that combines solitude and company.
63. Miracle is the normal course of events according to God's Will. What we call a Miracle is only what is natural to God.
65. If we meet with an adversity, let us not ask who is to blame. Because the blame is only ours. We shall find the reason if we ask for it in our Prayer: perhaps we have not loved enough, or we have disobeyed another Commandment, or we have mishandled the situation, or we have moved faster than we should, or we have relied on the wrong person.
66. When we lose something, let us say: 'In this manner, Lord, deliver me also from any evil thought I may have for my neighbour'.
67. Anxiety is for those who have no Faith.
68. Love is only on the Cross.
69. Human relationships become difficult when the "I" stands above the "You".
70. God loves your enemies as much as He loves you.
71. Do you want to Pray? Prepare yourself to meet the Lord in secret.
72. By God's Permission some people become instruments of the Power of Darkness for our own testing and progress.
73. You must not get upset, because a restless heart drives away all Help.
74. If one can live in the world and yet not mix with it – just as the oil and water do not mix in the oil-lamp – then he can live in God. He is in this world but not of this world.
75. We are all vessels, sometimes of Light and sometimes of Darkness.
76. Keep your mouth shut in the hour of crisis, when a problem is acute. Do not say anything, because you may regret it a thousand times. Instead, tell it to the Angels so that they may place it at the Lord's Feet, and pray the Lord for an Angel of Peace to calm your soul.
77. Sometimes people ask for your advice or instruction, so that they may put the "blame" on you afterwards if things go wrong. Quite probably though, whatever you say will be ignored, in which case it will all be a waste of trouble.
78. When the 'I' breaks and becomes 'You' and the 'You' also breaks so that they may both become 'He', then we all become 'His'.
79. If you ever feel fear in your heart, close your eyes and say the Jesus Prayer: 'Lord Jesus Christ have mercy upon me'...
80. Only when we are still, do we give the Angels an opportunity to do something.
81. Do what you must do, and God will do what He must do.
82. When you feel a fluttering in your heart, a deep yearning for something, this will come true after a lapse of time determined by God.
83. We ourselves cannot get rid of any of our faults. He takes them away from us, one by one.
84. We should ask God everyday to break our will and make it His, so that we may become as He wants us to be.
85. We must not 'surrender' to His Will. This is what soldiers do. We, who are His Children, must offer Him our own will



along with all our being – in whatever pitiful state we may be – and tell him: “Lord, take all my faults and imperfections and set them right.”

86. The Grace of God comes when we raise our hand. It is Faith that draws God’s Grace to us. God is ‘pouring down’ His Grace, but where is the hand reaching out to receive it? Instead, we are wearing hats or carrying umbrellas...

87. If a foreigner speaks evil of Greece and the Orthodox Faith, do not identify the man with his words. Still, never speak to him about such significant events like the discovery of Holy Relics and other miraculous things that happen here.

88. You must not talk about persons who are absent.

89. We live in Vanity, and believe that this is life. How pitiable we are!

90. O Lord! Forgive us if we sometimes walk in pride, like little cockerels that think they are great.

91. Poor human beings! We consider the perishable as Immortal and the Immortal as non-existent.

92. Poor onion! It also offers what it can.

93. How beautiful is the ‘Mystery’, the ‘Sacrament’ of Tomorrow!

94. A person takes his lesson only once. If he does not learn the first time, it means that there is something wrong in his subconscious which prevents him from doing so.

95. The Lord said: Whoever wants something, believing, he will receive – As long as the request is in accordance with God’s Commandments, that is to say, with Love.

96. Do not deny others the crumbs falling off your table from the Bread of Life which is given to you whole by the Lord. So many hunger and thirst for Love, like Lazarus who fed on the crumbs falling off the table of the rich man.

97. We have no right not to reflect the Light of the Lord. Nothing should be left in the shade, ‘under the meal-tub’.

98. Everything has two sides, like a two-edged knife. What creates today, destroys tomorrow. ‘Let him understand, he who may understand’.

99. Some of the sailors on a ship may quarrel and fight each other, but the ship sails on and reaches its destination. The same is true of the Church, because Christ Himself is at the helm.

100. If you knew that you are not Here, you would be There.

101. Love alone is enough to make a miracle happen. Neither Prayer nor the Komboskini (Prayer rope) have such power.

102. Experience has taught me that no one can help anyone, no matter how strong his wish and love may be. Help comes only in the Hour of God, from the One.

105. We are useful only when we do not exist for ourselves. And vice versa.

106. We must not take decisions on behalf of others. We should leave this to the Angels for they always find the best solution.

108. Like Simon of Cyrene, we must be always ready to rush to the help of our fellow-man.

