

SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY/JULY 11

7th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 6)

St. Olga, Equal-to-the-Apostles

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

11:45a.m. Movie: *Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 20-28*

TUESDAY/JULY 13

7:30p.m. Movie: *Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 20-28*

WEDNESDAY/JULY 14

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to
St. Prince Vladimir (July 15)

SATURDAY/JULY 17

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions
5:30p.m. Compline; Confessions

SUNDAY/JULY 18

8th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)

Fathers of the First Six Councils

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy;
Blessing of Autos; Coffee Hour

Counsels For Life

By Fr. Epiphanius Theodoropoulos

All the events of our life we must see under the prism of eternity. Then, we can discern their real dimensions.

Wealth, glory, beauty are vanity, because they remain here. Charity, patience, guilelessness, and in general, the virtues are not vanity because they accompany us to the next life as well.

The devil pushes us to sin, but the last "yes" we say.

From people, we should accept whatever they give us. To someone you offer an ocean of love. And he responds in the following manner: he takes a dropper and tells you: Open your fist! One...two...and he gives you two drops of love! What can we do? This is acceptable, too!

Natural sciences in essence describe and certify. They don't explain.

We always have a boss: Either God, or the devil and our passions.

Sin is that which prevents us from believing. Not logic. For this reason, if you tell an unbeliever to live for six months according to the ethics of the Gospel, and he does it, he will become a believer without even realizing it.

I fear much that those who consciously ignore the practice of fasting, without health reasons, are not really interested in the salvation of their souls.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Elias Chromoho	July 05, 1925
Antonia Salamander	July 12, 1978
Chariton Perogeff	July 12, 1979
John Kachorsky	July 13, 1975
Wojciech Bogusiewsky	July 15, 1951
Pelagia Holovach	July 16, 1968
Stephen Kulina	July 16, 1982
Elias Kozich	July 17, 1928
Elias Bartushak	July 17, 1958
Barbara Tutolo	July 17, 2005

Offerings for the week of July 11

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; for a safe travel; for the health of Robert (birthday); in memory of Alex.

Wine – in memory of Demetrius (40th day).

Annual Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 25

A sign-up sheet may be found on the vestibule stand. Flyers (green colored) with full information about the event are also on the vestibule stand. If you need a ride to the picnic, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet or to Maria Torrisi. Deadline is Sunday, July 18th.

Contact person is Maria Torrisi (732-545-5642) or mdtorrisi@gmail.com

Namesday Greetings!

St. Olga/July 11: Donna Shafer

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

St. Margaret/July 17: Margaret Ploof, Marianna Vajda

Many Blessed Years!

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.

Baptism of Heather Maria (Kanchavili) Finnegan

Saturday, July 24th at 11:00a.m.

Memorial Service

For (+) Mary Holovach, Thursday, July 22nd at 6:30p.m.

Photos of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Celebration

May be found on our parish website.

July Month

Movie: *Acts of the Apostles, Chapters 20-28* on Sunday July 11th 11:45a.m. and Tuesday, July 13th, at 7:30p.m.

Blessing of Autos: Sunday, July 18th, after the Divine Liturgy. Autos will be blessed in the parking lot; and along South 6th Avenue; as well as Washington Avenue.

Outreach Meeting: Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00p.m.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00p.m.

The Church Bells

Will not be rung for a few weeks, as work is being done of the fixtures for the large bell. This work necessitates the two other bells being inoperable.

Remember in Prayer

Tatiana Onuschak of Somerset.

The Patronal Feast of St. Elizabeth Church in Rocky Hill

Is Sunday, July 18th with the Divine Liturgy at 9:30a.m., followed by a festal meal. Vigil on Saturday, July 17th at 6:00p.m. You are invited.

The Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board in the Lower Hall – right side as entering – has posted news items, events being held in other parishes and other information. The Sunday Bulletin does not include most of these postings, so check it out at Coffee Hour.

Advance Planning

The Parish website has scheduled the services, events, educational classes, and various meetings for the rest of 2010. Please make reference to it as you plan your own personal calendar.

LIVING IN THE BODY

Going to church for worship is one element in living as a Christian. *Being church* means making an active contribution to the Church's life, being a vital organ in a living body.

The first step in being church is being connected to others in our parish by:

- **Cultivating community** in the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Get to know one another in a more than casual way.
- **Treating others as brothers and sisters in the family** of God in Christ. Give others the time and attention we would give to our blood relatives.
- "Above all, **clothing yourselves with love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).



We nurture the relationships in the parish or the eparchy when we:

- ✘ **Share our lives** – Authentic fellowship calls for more than coffee-hour courtesies. Grow to the stage when you can share your troubles as well.
- ✘ **Learn together** - Take part in adult formation, retreats, or workshops to encourage others as well as to improve our own spiritual life.
- ✘ **Work together** - Join in parish projects or committees to support the work of others as well as to make our own contribution. "So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith" (Galatians 6:10).
- ✘ **Encourage each other** – by supporting their efforts, praying for their concerns and building them up in the eyes of others. "Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10).
- ✘ **Bear one another's burdens** – Be accepting of the weaker community members. There is no "perfect" church: every parish is made up of "saints" who are sinners, each with their own weaknesses and infirmities. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).
- ✘ **Admonish one another** – Do not shrink from confronting "family members" who are hurting others by promoting conflicts, pettiness, or legalism. "My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted" (Galatians 6:1).
- ✘ **Protect the unity of the church** – by avoiding gossip or cliques, and speaking ill of others.
- ✘ **Restore broken relationships** – when they occur by admitting our faults. No project or program is worth harming the family's inner life. "If anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3:13).

THE TEACHINGS OF ST. COSMAS AITOLIS (+1794), "ON THE SIGN OF THE CROSS"

The Sign of the Cross

LISTEN, MY BRETHREN, how the sign of the Cross is made and what it means. First, just as the Holy Trinity is glorified in heaven by the angels, so should you join your three fingers of your right hand. And being unable to ascend into heaven to worship, raise your hand to your head (because the head means heaven) and say: "Just as the angels glorify the Holy Trinity in heaven, so do I, as a servant, glorify and worship the Holy Trinity. And as the fingers are three and separate, and are together, so is the Holy Trinity three persons but one God." Lowering your hand to your stomach, say: "I worship you and adore you, my Lord, because you condescended and took on flesh in the womb of the Theotokos for my sins." Place [your hand] on your right shoulder and say: "I beg you, my God, to forgive me and to put me on your right with the just." Placing [your hand] again on your left shoulder, say: "I beg you, my Lord, don't put me on the left with the sinners." Then bending down to the ground [say]: "I glorify you, my God; I worship and adore you, for just as you were put into the grave, may I also be." And when you stand up straight, you reveal the resurrection and say: "I glorify and worship you, my Lord, for you rose from the dead to grant us eternal life." This is what the Cross means.

The Jesus Prayer and the Sign of the Cross

NOW I TELL YOU TO do this. Let all of you take a prayer rope. Let it have thirty knots, and pray. Say: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son and Logos of the living God, through the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all your saints, have mercy upon me, a sinner and an unworthy servant." What does one see in the "Lord Jesus Christ," my brethren? The Holy Trinity, our God, the incarnate dispensation of our Christ and all of the saints. With the Cross and the "Lord Jesus Christ" they went to paradise. And whoever says this prayer and makes the sign of the Cross, whether man or woman, he blesses the sky, the earth, and the sea. With the sign of the Cross and with the prayer "Lord Jesus Christ" all illnesses are cured. With the Cross and the prayer "Lord Jesus Christ" the Apostles raised the dead and cured every illness. With the Cross and the prayer "Lord Jesus Christ" a person is blessed and goes to paradise to rejoice and be glad as angels.

So you see, my brethren, how much the honorable and holy Cross helps a person. Whoever makes the sign of the Cross never suffers a loss but is protected from every kind of poisonous thing and from every demonic temptation. And a person has the Cross marked on him. Let him unite the three fingers of his right hand and place them first on his forehead, then on his navel, then on his right breast, then on the left breast, and bow low and then rise.

The Meaning of the Cross

The holy Cross, my brethren, is the wellspring of the whole earth. The holy Cross blesses the entire world, all that is divine and holy in the churches. The Cross blesses the Divine Liturgy and every service. The Cross blesses the saints. The Cross blesses and strengthens baptism. The Cross blesses couples. The Cross chases away demons who flee like lightning. The Cross is a bright weapon, and whoever makes the sign of the Cross is illuminated and is blessed. It is like a double-edged sword to which the demons don't draw near to urge people to commit sin.

Wherever a person sets out to travel, he should first make the sign of the Cross and say the prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ." Whether you go to the fair or to the field, or to the vineyard, or when you eat bread or fruit, or drink wine or water, when you go to sleep, worship God. Make the sign of the Cross over your body and then lie down to sleep. You will then sleep and will rise in the morning strong and happy. So, my brethren, you have understood and now know.

