

# **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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## **BULLETIN OF JULY 18, 2010**

### **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

### **MONDAY/JULY 19**

**St. Seraphim of Sarov**

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Seraphim  
7:00p.m. Vespers

### **TUESDAY/JULY 20**

**Prophet Elias**

9:10 Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting

### **THURSDAY/JULY 22**

6:30p.m. Memorial Service for Mary Holovach  
7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### **FRIDAY/JULY 23**

**Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow"**

9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon

### **SATURDAY/JULY 24**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
11:00a.m. Baptism of Heather Marie  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

### **SUNDAY/JULY 25**

**9th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)**

**St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour & Question/Answer Period  
2:00p.m. Annual Parish Picnic



## **The Two-Fold Significance of a Clock**

**By St. Nicholas of Zicha**

Every device of which man boasts as an invention of his mind is revealed by Divine Providence and every invented device has its two-fold significance one physical and the other spiritual. Even the clock is a wonderful device but it was not invented merely to tell us the time of day and night, but also to remind us of death. This is its spiritual significance. When the small hand completes its rounds of seconds and minutes then the large hand arrives at the ordered hour and the clock strikes. So will the clock of our life strike when the days, months and years of our life are numbered. That is why St. Tikhon of Zadonsk counsels every Christian to reflect:

1. How the time of our life continually passes;
2. How it is impossible to bring back time that is past;
3. How the past and future times are not in our control but only that time in which we are now living;
4. How the end of our life is unknown;
5. How we must be prepared for death every day, every hour and every minute;
6. How because of that we must always be in a state of continual repentance;
7. How we must be repentant in every hour and spiritually disposed as we would wish to be at the hour of our death.

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

Tatiana Onuschak	40 <sup>th</sup> Day August 17
Vladimir Fedarka	July 18, 1960
Louise Chabra	July 19, 1989
Anna Lebedz	July 19, 2004
Maria Simonovich	July 20, 1925
Luke Maximovich	July 21, 1922
Theodosius Horbel	July 21, 1925
Ann Holovach	July 22, 1922
Helen Stashkevetch	July 22, 1989
John Suseck	July 23, 1988
David Riegler	July 23, 1988
Joseph Hamernick	July 24, 1950
Steven Sabat	July 24, 1965
Roman Bodenchuk	July 24, 1996
Elizabeth Tyevech	July 24, 2004

### **Offerings for the week of July 18**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan; for the health of Robert & Stacey Kita (wedding anniversary); in memory of Gheorghe, Floarea, Alexandru, Sasinca, Alexandru, Maria-Valeria and Mihail.

### **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](mailto:mdtorrisi@gmail.com)

### **Namesday Greetings!**

St. Mary Magdalen/July 22: Magdalena Trofimiuk;  
St. Christina/July 24: Christina Stefanescu;  
Simona Asaro;  
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](http://www.orthodoxyinamerica.com). If you plan to receive Holy Communion, be sure to notify the priest prior to your visit.

### **Recent Photos Posted on Parish Website**

Ss. Peter & Paul Feast Day (June 29) and the visit of Archbishop Anton of Georgia to our parish (July 8)

### **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.

### **Newly-Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Tatiana Onuschak of Somerset (+9 July 2010).

### **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.

### **Calendar Planning – Mark these dates**

Dormition Lent – Aug. 1st thru 14th

Transfiguration Feast - Aug. 6

Dormition Feast – Aug. 15

Beheading of the Baptist - Aug. 29 (Fast Day)

Prayers for New Academic Year – Aug. 29

Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery - Sept. 18

Visit of Bishop Michael – Nov. 21

### **On July 20, 1741 – Feast of Prophet Elias**

The first Orthodox Divine Liturgy in the entire Western Hemisphere was celebrated on the Russian ship *St. Peter* in the Gulf of Alaska, 58,14 northern latitude and 141 western longitude. The ship was under the command of Vitus Bering and the priests celebrating were Hieromonk Illarion Trusov and Priest Iganty Kozirevski.

### **Those That Are Home-Bound**

Are reminded to make arrangements with Father James for him to visit with the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion in the time of the forth-coming Dormition Lent (Aug. 1-14).

## ORTHODOX DRIVING

In these days when "road rage" seems to be such a problem, it might do us some good to think about our own attitudes when we drive. As in all other aspects of life, we are not responsible for the behavior of others, but we are responsible for ours, and driving in traffic is not too unlike every other human interchange. Nevertheless, driving, somehow, seems to be able to release in us certain behaviors we otherwise do not manifest, and the most notable of these is, of course, anger.

Since we tend to be alone in driving, we can have some opportunities to look at ourselves and ask ourselves why we react in one way or another, and whether it does or does not conform to behavior expected of a Christian, especially an Orthodox Christian, in the light of the Gospel and our experience of the Savior. And if we are reacting angrily at such times, we might not be surprised to find that it usually is because we are angry about something else; or that, as is so often the case, we have not forgiven someone somehow, and we are consciously or unconsciously holding a grudge. Perhaps, in the solitude of the automobile, we have opportunities to see our symptoms, and prayerfully come to a better self-understanding, opening the door to our own ability to forgive, and to be healed in heart.



## 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR DRIVERS

- I. Always begin a trip with prayer, making the Sign of the Cross and entrusting yourself to the Lord.
- II. Never drink and drive.
- III. Never try to shorten the time of a trip. If you started out late, you will arrive late. Do not speed.
- IV. Apologize to a driver whom you have interfered with, even when you did not intend to. After all, when we are walking, and bump someone, we apologize without thinking. So why should there be a different ethic behind the wheel?
- V. Always yield way to someone who is in a great hurry, or is driving aggressively. If you do not yield, he will still pass you, but the situation will be more dangerous.
- VI. Give a wave of thanks to a driver who makes way for you.
- VII. Drive in such a way that you won't fear seeing a police car. Remember that God is watching, even if the police are not.
- VIII. Stay as far away as possible from cars that have dents or show signs of accidents. But be careful not to judge, or you may share in their misfortune.
- IX. Never speed up when another driver tries to pass you, or to get into your lane. Do not treat your neighbor in a way you do not want to be treated.
- X. After every trip, thank God for its safe completion. Be thankful after any trip, and not just a successful one. After all, almost always it could have been worse!

# The Philanthropy of the Church of Greece

**The Presence of So Many Peoples Sacrifice Is a Ray of Hope, and a Source of Joy**

**by Monk Moses the Athonite**

There are still noble benefactors, philanthropic sponsors, modest givers of charity, and eager volunteers. Individualism, enrichment and fun times have not ruled everyone. We must refer to the positive in our society, so as to not be disappointed. Let us be optimistic and still have hope.

The Church of Greece, despite the criticism which it endures from various people, maintains numerous charities and is well organized for charitable services in parishes and cities. Daily it provides the needy throughout Greece with over 35,000 food dishes, among whom are the immigrants who have not received the necessary state care. The current property ownership of the church is to provide for its rich charity work.

The church now operates and maintains:

- 20 nurseries and kindergartens
- 84 homes for the elderly
- 13 hospitals for the chronically ill
- 30 different institutions
- 8 institutions for people with disabilities
- 54 camping areas
- 33 youth institutions
- 10 hospital clinics
- 6 hostels
- 36 orphanages/boarding schools
- 195 soup kitchens
- 44 schools of iconography
- 136 schools teaching Byzantine and European music
- 47 different schools
- 35 blood banks
- 1 home for the blind
- 13 school dormitories
- 7 mental health institutions



In 2009 the church gave an allowance for every third child in Thrace of 120,000 euros. Overall, the Church of Greece last year made sales for various charities the significant amount of 100,000,000 euros.

All this money was given by the faithful, the church-goers, philanthropists, famous and anonymous, rich and poor. Some from their surplus and some from the little they have. Everyone should be commended, especially the latter.

Christ blesses the widow in the Gospel for giving two worthless mites, because she gave it from her heart and from the little that she had. Christ loves the secret giver, as He makes clear in the Holy Gospel. Secrecy is essential to charity. Also, in no way should one offend, expose or shame in a superior manner the kindness of less fortunate givers.

In the scarcity of sincere love in our times, fortunately there are preserved people who spoil their leisure, their laziness, their carelessness, to offer a sweet smile to children and the elderly in several difficult positions.

The presence of so many peoples sacrifice is a ray of hope, and a source of joy and optimism.