

# **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2010**



**SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 26**

**18th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)**

**St. John the Theologian**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour with hamburgers & hot dogs;  
Question & Answer Period  
12:00-2:00p.m. Open Church Doors

**WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 29**

6:30p.m. Compline

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

*Part 2: The God-Man*

*"The Highest Value & Last Criterion in  
Orthodoxy"*

**THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 30**

7:00p.m. Vespers

8:00p.m. Georgian Service

**FRIDAY/OCTOBER 1**

**Protection of the Theotokos**

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

**SATURDAY/OCTOBER 2**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/OCTOBER 3**

**19th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)**

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

Book-For-The-Month

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

**Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (23)**

And the Son of God created innumerable heavenly intelligences from archangels to angels, incorporeal spirits close to God. He created them in the image of God, powerful and very beautiful. And he gave them free will. But the sole God did not abuse free will! One of the greatest angels, Satan – or Lucifer – did use for evil the free will given to him, and he removed himself an endless distance from the presence of God with his legions of adherents and cast himself into Hades, to the outermost darkness.

However, the Word of God, in agreement with the eternal Council (i.e. the Father and Holy Spirit), created the man, Adam, and the woman Eve out of his body, and place them in Paradise. But Satan deceived them through the agency of the serpent, and they sinned against God. God did not wish to pardon Satan the sin, for he sinned in close proximity to God. But God did will to pardon Adam, for man was deceived by Satan. God willed to pardon Adam but not without repentance on his part and appropriate sacrifice. And the Son of God, the Lamb of God, went to His immolation for the sake of Adam's temptation and for those born of him. All out of love. And for justice, you say? Yes, to satisfy justice, but justice is included in love.

- Archimandrite Callistratus of Milesevo  
(Serbia)

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

Sept. 28, 1953 Thomas Lisowski  
Sept. 29, 1929 Demetrius Berdar  
Sept. 30, 1954 Wasyl Kluchnik  
Sept. 30, 1966 Anna Gnointsky  
Sept. 30, 1983 Anna Motoviloff  
Sept. ?, 1930 Stephen Chemeris  
Oct. 02, 1990 Stella Labay



### **Coffee Hour Hosting Teams**

Sept. 26 – Kathryn, Austin and Torrisi  
Oct. 03 - Combs, Mantzafos, Sokol, Parsells  
Oct. 07 - Hunchar, Erkman, Turri

### **Offerings for the week of September 26**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emila; for the health of Jeffery Alexander (birthday); for the health of Marie (birthday); in memory of Anna Motoviloff  
Flowers – in memory of Peter Lorenick

### **Adult Education Classes**

**Wed. Sept 22 & 29, Oct. 6 & 13**

**In the Conference Room 7-8:30p.m.**

This four week class will focus on a study of a work by St. Justin (Popovich) of Serbia (+1979) entitled “*The Highest Value and Last Criterion in Orthodoxy.*” This essay of St. Justin examines four things: Man, the God-Man, the Church and Religious Humanism.

### **Namesday Greetings**

Theotokos/Oct. 1: Mary Rosocha, Marie Turri, Pamela Stone;  
St. Justina/Oct. 2: Justine Dao;  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Forth-Coming Calendar**

- Oct. 2/Saturday: Orthodox Education Day at St. Vladimir’s Seminary
- Oct. 2/Saturday: Florovsky Memorial Lecture in Princeton by Bishop Michael, 5:00p.m. (See posted flyer for details).
- Oct. 8/Friday: IOCC Banquet at St. Stephen’s Church in So. Plainfield. (See posted flyer for details).

### **Visitation of Bishop Michael**

To our parish will take place on Nov. 20th and 21st Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please reserve both these periods of time. This will be an opportunity for all of the faithful to meet our new bishop.

### **To Arrange a Particular Service with the Priest**

Please make the necessary contact well in advance. Last minute requests may not be honored either due to previous engagements by the rector, the schedule of services, or the need for spiritual preparation for the requested service. It is best to schedule Memorial Services a few weeks ahead; Baptisms at least a month ahead; and Marriages at least two months ahead. Be mindful that the Particular Services requested need to be in conformity with the church calendar. Not all services may be done on any day or in any season. The exact day and time ought to be secured with the Church before any plans are made in regard to foods, invitations and hall rentals for the given occasion.

### **Open Church Door Ministry**

Doorkeepers are sought for Sundays, Oct. 3, 10 and 17 from 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. A Sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.

### **A Time-Line of the Christian Church**

This is a new banner posted on the wall of the Lower Hall. Easy to read and in large print, you will be able to see at a glance when “churches” broke off from the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

### **Congratulations!**

To Protodeacon Paul and Diaconissa Patricia, who are celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this September month.

### **Parish Website**

Has posted pictures of “Blessing of Things Mobile” and “Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon’s Monastery”

# Something about the Guardian Angel

Father George Calciu

When God created the celestial hosts – seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, archangels and angels, He established that the angels must be in an uninterrupted relationship with mankind. Among those angels, the guardian angels are the most kind and loving, because they begin their mission in the world with taking care of children. They are sweet like children; they are gentle like children; and they are vulnerable and shy, just like children.

As the **Akathist to the Guardian Angels** states, *they keep unceasing watch over one's life*. Their activity with children grows and they never cease to love them, despite the bad behavior of those children who become adults and no longer listen to the voice of their guardian angel. The Angels never abandon the children during their life on earth; they never stop teaching their children nor stop praying to God for their salvation to the end of their earthly life.



I will tell you a short story about a guardian angel and the child given into his care. I read it in ***The Brothers Karamazov*** by Dostoyevski.

A girl was entrusted to her guardian angel. When the girl became an adult, she began to love money and riches and was such a miser that she never gave anything to the poor who begged at her gate.

After a miserable life full of sins and wickedness, the girl, now an old woman, died. She was sent into hell, and because of her sins, her punishment was to remain in a pit of tar. Her guardian angel was very sad. He went up and down along the edge of the tar pit trying to remember if the old lady had done anything good in her life. Finally, the good angel remembered the woman had once given an onion to a beggar. He went up into heaven and fell down in front of the throne of God.

He said: *Lord, this woman did a good deed in her life. She gave an onion to a needy person.*

*Alright, answered God, here is the onion. Take it, go to the pool and tell the woman to grab hold of the onion and pull her out of the tar. Be very careful, the onion is fragile.*

The happy angel took the onion, went to the tar pit and called the soul of the bad woman. *Look soul, said the angel, this is the onion you gave to a beggar. Grab it, and I will carefully pull you out of the pond.*

The woman took hold of the onion, and the angel started to pull her out very slowly. The other souls, seeing that the angel was pulling the woman out, grabbed hold of the hem of her robe, hoping they would also be pulled out of the tar. When the woman felt the other souls grabbing her hem, she started to curse kick them with her legs, screaming: *Let me alone, sinners, I am the one who gave the onion, not you. Go into the deep tar, you accursed ones!*

At that moment, the onion broke and the woman fell back into the pool of tar. And the angel began to cry in pain.

I have related this story to you to show that our guardian angel never abandons us. He is faithful to his mission; he loves the soul entrusted to him; he prays to God and whispers good counsels into our ear; he is the good conscience which teaches us the way to salvation. He exults with joy when we follow his advice and cries when we turn a deaf ear to his voice.

Each person, good or bad, has a guardian angel. When a baby is born, God sends a guardian angel to teach him and to defend him against all dangers, against temptation, against bad influences. When you are ready to commit a sin, an interior voice whispers in your heart: *Don't do this!* When a danger threatens you, the same angelic voice prevents you: *Don't go there!* or: *Avoid this person, or this group, or this intention!* If you preserve at least a small part of your child-like purity, a small part of your innocence, you will always hear the voice of your angel guiding you through the vicissitudes of this life to a better place in Christian society, to a better community of people. You will feel the protection of God, and your soul will be free from fear, uncertainty and doubt, and you will have the courage to face injustice, to love your neighbor and even your enemy. You will walk in the light of God.

Sometimes you can see your guardian angel. On your right side of your head you can see a light, a special light which is not like the sun's light or the light of a lamp. It is a sweet light, something spiritual, coming from above and bringing you spiritual joy. You must understand by this that your angel is there and tries to communicate with you. Say a prayer, purify your heart and mind, and remember you have a friend who will never abandon you, even during those times when you are sinning.



Remember and be glad that a messenger of heaven visits you and sing to him: *"I proclaim aloud your constant care for me, a sinner, O my angel guardian; for amid the tribulations and temptations which trouble the peace of my soul in this most tumultuous world, you show yourself to be a speedy comforter for me"* (Kontakion).

Your guardian angel will assist you in your last days. He will take your soul, defending it against the attacks of the demons who will claim your soul because of the sins you committed during your life. Your angel will then proclaim that as long as you are not sentenced, you still belong to God. He will take you in a three-day journey to visit all the places on earth you have inhabited – whether briefly or for a long time – and he will remind you of all the good or bad deeds you committed.

He will tell you: *Here you prayed, here you helped a sick person, there you refused to help somebody,*" and you will thus have in your mind all the bad and the good deeds of your life.

Guided by the angel, you'll visit the realm of happiness occupied by good souls and the unhappy realm of the bad ones – so as to understand that God is just, but that He is also good and merciful. You will discover on this journey if you have given away "an onion" to a beggar, and thus your guardian angel will plead for you in front of the Supreme Judge.

And if the judgment be against you because of your too many sins, do not forget that your guardian angel will not abandon you, even if you are in "the pool of tar"; and, he will sustain a hope for your salvation until the last Judgment when the mercy of God may shower upon you and you may be called into the Kingdom of our Father, through the prayers of the guardian angel. Amen.



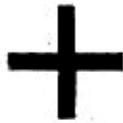
## Types of Crosses



**TAU (or "T"):** This is so-called because it resembles the Greek letter of that name. This was the typical Cross used for Roman crucifixions.



**ST. ANDREWS:** According to Church tradition, this is the type of Cross on which St. Andrew the First-called Apostle was put to death.



**GREEK:** This Cross has arms of equal length and was probably developed by the Greeks as having a more perfect form.



**PATRIARCHAL:** This Cross has two horizontal arms with the upper one shorter than the lower. The top arm represents the inscription placed by Pilate on the Cross (Matt. 27:37).



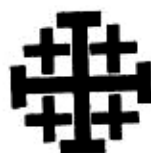
**THREE-BARRED:** This Cross existed very early in Byzantium, but was adopted by the Russian Orthodox Church and especially popularized in the Slavic countries. The upper arm represents the inscription over Christ's head, and the lower slanting arm represents His footrest. Many of these Crosses are also found with the lower arm straight, rather than slanted.



**LATIN:** This is the most common style of Cross in the Western Churches, and is so-called since it was originally popularized by the Roman Catholic (Latin) Church.



**GRADED (or CALVARY):** This is the Latin Cross with a base of three steps, representing (from the top) faith, hope, and love (1 Cor. 13:13).



**JERUSALEM (or CRUSADER):** four small crosses between the arms, five wounds of Christ. It also stands work, the small crosses indicating the the earth.



**CROSS BOTONNEE (or BUDDED):** This Cross received its name because the points appear to be capped with what appears to be a tree bud. The three-fold points (*Trefoil*) stand for the Holy Trinity.



**CELTIC:** This is also called the Iona or Irish Cross, since it dates back to very early times in Great Britain and Ireland. It is said to have been taken from Ireland to the island of Iona by St. Columba in the 6th Century. The circle, symbol of eternity, suggests the eternity of Redemption.



**EGYPTIAN (or COPTIC):** This Cross with a loop at the top appeared in Egyptian hieroglyphics meaning *life*. It has been adopted by the Coptic Christians since Christ is the *Tree of Life* (John 14:6).



**ANCHOR:** This symbol combines an anchor with a Cross, symbolizing hope (Heb. 6:19), and was used by the early Christians in the catacombs.



**CROSS AND ORB:** This is a Cross resting on a globe, symbolizing the triumph of the Gospels throughout the earth.



**CROSS AND CROWN:** This is a Cross in a crown, symbolizing the reward of the faithful after death (Rev. 2:10).



**CROSS FITCHEE:** This is any Cross whose lower arm is sharpened. This is said to have been used by the Crusaders who carried Crosses with a pointed lower end so they could be thrust into the ground easily at the time of devotions.



**CROSS OF LORRAINE:** This has two horizontal arms, a short one near the top and a longer one near the base.