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ΠΡΟΦΟΡΑ

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 24

22nd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 5)

Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow"

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

Coffee Hour

Question & Answer Period

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 27

7:00p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 28

St. Job of Pochaev

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

6:30p.m. Memorial Service (+) Helen Chabra

7:00p.m. Georgian Service

FRIDAY/OCTOBER 29

6:30p.m. Memorial Service (+) Joan Filippini

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 30

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 31

23rd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 6)

Russian New-Martyr & American

Missionary, St. John Kochurov

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

Coffee Hour

Short Meeting to Plan for visit of Bishop Michael
on Nov. 20/21

Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (28)

In love, the Father and the Son and also the Holy Spirit participate in full measure. By the Holy Spirit was enabled the birth of the Son from the Virgin Mary without a man. The Holy Spirit revealed Himself, being seen as a dove at the baptism of Christ. Full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan. By the Holy Spirit, Jesus cast out evil demons from men. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles at Pentecost. "God appeared in the flesh, justified by the Spirit" "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14). The one unpardonable blasphemy is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (cf. Matthew 12:31). The spirit of life, power, wisdom, truth, prayer, peace, joy, comfort dwells in those who believe in Christ as in His temple. It continues the work of Christ, uniting the faithful into one dedicated body which is the Church, "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). And above all "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5).

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Accordingly when it is said: "God is love," by this is said that the entire Holy Trinity is Love. The Father is Love and the Son is Love and the Holy Spirit is Love. The source and the original countenance of love between the angels and men, the source who was giving of Himself without ceasing and receiving without enrichment.

- Archimandrite Callistratus of Milesevo
(Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 24, 1924 Isidore Ubimovich
Oct. 24, 1949 Damien Dzyban
Oct. 24, 2002 Dolores Barnosky
Oct. 25, 1961 Nicholas Harasamiuk
Oct. 25, 1966 John Lopatka
Oct. 26, 1956 Steven Max
Oct. 26, 1985 Michael Motoviloff
Oct. 27, 1960 Nikolai Roschuk
Oct. 28, 1916 Paul Klag
Oct. 28, 1932 Nicholas Kulina
Oct. 29, 2007 Stephanida Seminuk
Oct. 30, 1965 Stanley Hamernick
Oct. 30, 1972 Helen Chabra
Oct. 30, 1993 Joan Filippini



Coffee Hour Hosting Teams

Oct. 24 - Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei
Oct. 31 - Kita, Nevitt, Keller
Nov. 07 - Inga, Eka, Marina

Offerings for the week of October 24

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen; in memory of Michael Motoviloff; in memory of Joan; for the health of Michael (birthday); for the health of Leigh and Libby (birthday).

Flowers – for the health of Justine and family.

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.

Memorial Services

For (+) Michael Sokol, Nov. 2nd, Tues. 6:30p.m.

Thank You!

To Daniel Torrisi, Austin Kachek, Peter Bakaletz, Robert Kita and Nick Parsells for pick-up and installation of new chairs in Lower Hall.
To Basil Kulick family for donation of outdoors Fall flowers.

Recuperating at Home

Julia Galida.

The NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly

Will be held Nov. 9th at the Cathedral in New York City. Father James and Theodora Combs will represent our parish

Annual Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries – Sunday, Nov. 7th

On the first Sunday in November – the feast of the Holy Unmercenary Healers – prayers are offered at the Divine Liturgy for all those serving in the medical field and the related healing disciplines.

Newly-Illumined Matthew Eradze

The Lord preserve the newly Baptized Matthew in Holy Orthodoxy! Many Blessed Years!

Relics of St. Prince Vladimir

Will be present at St. Vladimir's Seminary on Nov. 13th and 14th. This is the only USA location where the relics will visit.

Diocesan Website: www.nynjoca.org

Our Diocese of New York and New Jersey provides information and news items that pertain to our diocese. It is well worth visiting to see what is happening in our deaneries, parishes and institutions.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 2nd

“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s. and unto God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

Visitation of the Myrrh-Bearing Iveron Icon at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in South River – Monday, November 1st

The Holy Icon is expected to arrive about 5:30-6:00p.m. and an Akathist to the Theotokos and anointing with myrrh from the icon will take place at 7:00p.m., presided over by Bishop Michael.

Movie: “Constantine and the Cross”

This classic 1960 epic film about St. Constantine will be shown Sunday, Nov. 14th at 11:45a.m. and Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 7:00p.m.



MYRRHSTREAMING HAWAII IVERON ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD TO BE IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA
From OCA.org

NEW YORK, NY [OCA] – The wonderworking and myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will be available for veneration in the New York City area at the end of October.

With the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, the icon was present earlier at the annual Memorial Day pilgrimage at Saint Tikhon's Monastery, South Canaan, PA. The icon, which is enshrined in a home chapel in Honolulu, has been credited with numerous healings during the past three years.



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As one of only two churches in the entire *New York & New Jersey Diocese*, our parish will be honored and blessed with a visit of the **Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God** on **Monday, November 1**. This icon was officially recognized as miraculous and genuine in June 2008. Since then, it has traveled to many churches and monasteries of Holy Orthodoxy. It continues to stream myrrh till this day. The icon will arrive between 5:30-6 p.m., accompanied by His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, and Reader Nectarios from Hawaii, the caretaker of the holy image for the *Russian Orthodox Church*. At 7 p.m., an Akathist will be served; a reception will then follow in the parish hall. You are encouraged to come and venerate this icon and receive anointing from its holy myrrh for consolation and healing. Such wonderworking icons are a reminder of God's active desire to reach out to us and tangibly bless us with His divine love and presence.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!



**THE PARISH COMMUNITY: OUR LIFE IN CHRIST
FROM "THE ORTHODOX PARISH IN NORTH AMERICA"
by VRev. Thomas Hopko**

Mind: Education and Enlightenment

Essential also to an Orthodox parish, if it is Christ's holy Church, is total mobilization of efforts to love God with all of one's mind through enlightenment and education.

Jesus' first title in the Scriptures is Rabbi, which means teacher or master (Greek: didaskalos, Latin; magister). As messianic pastor and priest, Christ is also "the prophet" who brings ultimate and lasting judgment upon those who hear and reject him. (John 1:21, 6:14; Acts 3:22-26) The Lord's first followers are called disciples or students. And the first thing that is said about those who believed in God's Gospel of Christ crucified and glorified is that they "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." (Acts 2:42)

An Orthodox Christian parish, therefore, is essentially a teaching and learning community for all its members. It is a school of disciples whose master is Christ as He speaks within the community of believers, especially through the pastors and those with the charism and training for teaching and preaching.

An Orthodox parish without well-prepared evangelical and exegetical sermons at its liturgical services, and well-prepared doctrinal and catechetical sessions as part of its educational ministry, whatever else it might do, including having lots of liturgical services and loads of social events, can hardly be an Orthodox Christian Church. This is especially true now in North America when Christianity generally, not to speak of Orthodoxy, is not a respected, accepted and supported part of public life and education, but is rather warred against, scorned and ridiculed by powerful forces in society.

Orthodox Church in America represented at celebrations in the Republic of Georgia

Posted 10/15

MTSKHETA, GEORGIA [OCA/ST. CATHERINE REPRESENTATION CHURCH] -- On October 14, 2010, with the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah and at the invitation of the Georgian Orthodox Church, His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey, and Archimandrite Zacchaeus, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate, participated in the celebration of the 1000th Anniversary of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Life-Giving Tree here.

Also accompanying Bishop Michael was Archpriest Alexander Tandilashvili, a cleric of the Georgian Orthodox Church who serves in the OCA's Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

The celebration began with the festal Divine Liturgy, at which His Holiness and Beatitude, Ilia II, Archbishop of Mtskheta and Tbilisi, Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia, presided. Concelebrating were His Beatitude, Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Christopher, Archbishop of Prague and Primate of the Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia; the representatives of each of the 15 Local Autocephalous Orthodox Churches; and numerous hierarchs and clergy of the Patriarchate of Georgia.

Following the Divine Liturgy, congratulatory remarks were offered to Patriarch-Catholicos Ilia by the Primes of the Churches of Albania and the Czech Lands and Slovakia. His Eminence, Metropolitan John of Pergamon, read official greetings from His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. Later that day, Patriarch-Catholicos Ilia received Bishop Michael and Archimandrite Zacchaeus for a private meeting, during which the greetings of Metropolitan Jonah and the Holy Synod of Bishops, clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America were conveyed.

For additional information and a photo gallery please visit the web site of the OCA Representation Church of Saint Catherine at <http://st-catherine.ru/index.php?lang=eng&sitepartid=9&cid=2016&level=0>.

On Reading the Holy Fathers

Conversation and association with neighbours has a great influence on man. Conversation and contacts with a learned person impart much knowledge; with a poet - many lofty thoughts and feelings; with a traveller - much information about the countries, morals, and manners of people. It is obvious: conversation and acquaintance with the saints imparts saintliness. *With the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful; with an upright man Thou wilt show Thyself upright; with the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure* (Ps. 17:26,27).

From now on, during this brief life on earth, which Scripture did not even call life, but wandering, become acquainted with the saints. You want to belong to their company in heaven; you want to be a partaker of their blessedness? From now on come into contact with them. When you leave the temple of the body, they will bring you unto themselves as their acquaintance, as their friend (Luke 16:9).

There is no closer familiarity, no closer bond, than the bond of oneness of thoughts, oneness of feeling, oneness of goal (I Cor. 1:10).

Wherever there is oneness in opinion, unfailingly there is oneness of soul as well, and unfailingly there is one goal and identical success in attainment of the goal.

Make the thoughts and spirit of the Holy Fathers your own by reading their writings. The Holy Fathers attained the goal: salvation. And you will attain this goal in the natural course of events. As one united in thought and soul with the Holy Fathers you will be saved.

Heaven received the Holy Fathers into its blessed bosom. By this it gave witness that it was well-pleased by their thoughts, feelings, and deeds. The Holy Fathers set forth their thoughts, their heart, their mode of action, in their writings. Therefore, what a faithful guide to heaven, as witnessed to by heaven itself, are the writings of the Fathers.

The writings of the Holy Fathers were all set down by the inspiration or under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a wonderful harmony in them, a

wonderful anointment! He who is guided by them, without any doubt, is guided by the Holy Spirit.

All the waters of the earth flow into the ocean, and, perhaps, the ocean serves as a source for all the earth's waters. The writings of the Fathers are all united in the Gospel; they are all directed towards teaching us the



exact fulfilment of the commandments of our Lord Jesus Christ; the source and end of them all is the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Fathers teach how to approach the Gospel, how to read it, how to understand it properly, what contributes to and what hinders comprehending it. Therefore, at the beginning concern yourself more with reading the Holy Fathers. When they have taught you how to read the Gospel, then, in preference, read the Gospel.

Do not imagine that reading of the Gospel alone is sufficient for you, without reading the Fathers. This is a proud and dangerous thought. It is better to let the Holy Fathers lead you to the Gospel as their beloved child, receiving your preliminary upbringing and education through their writings.

A great many, all rejecting the Holy Fathers in foolishness and conceit and starting the Gospel spontaneously, with blind daring, with impure mind and

heart, fell into disastrous errors. The Gospel rejected them; it admits only the humble.

Reading of the Fathers' writings is the parent and king of all virtues. From reading of the Fathers' writings we learn the true understanding of Holy Scriptures, the true faith, living according to the Gospel commandments, the deep reverence, which we must have for the Gospel commandments - in short, salvation and Christian perfection.

Reading the writings of the Fathers, with the decrease of Spirit-bearing teachers, becomes the principal guide for those wishing to be saved and even to attain to Christian perfection.

The books of the Holy Fathers, as one of them expressed it, are like a mirror; looking into them attentively and frequently, the soul can see all its deficiencies.

Again, these books are like a rich collection of means of healing; in them the soul can seek out a saving cure for each of its diseases.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus said, "One look at sacred books rouses one to a pious life."

Reading of the Holy Fathers must be careful, attentive, and constant; our invisible enemy, hating the voice of surety (Proverbs 11:15), is especially hateful when this voice comes from the Holy Fathers. This voice exposes the schemes of our enemy, his slyness; it reveals his webs, his mode of action. Therefore the enemy arms himself against reading of the Fathers with various proud and blasphemous thoughts; he seeks to plunge the struggler for salvation into vain cares, so as to

divert him from salutary reading; he attacks him with despair, boredom, and forgetfulness. From this warfare against the reading of the Holy Fathers, we ought to conclude how salutary a weapon it is for us, being so hated by the enemy. The enemy strives mightily to throw it out of our hands.

Let each one choose reading of the Fathers for himself in accordance with his way of life. Let the recluse read the Fathers who wrote on hesychasm; the monk living in a community - Fathers writing the directions for monastic communities; the Christian living amid the world - the Holy Fathers who pronounce their teachings in general for all Christendom. Let each one, whatever his calling, draw abundant admonition (advice) from the writings of the Fathers.

Without fail reading must be in accord with your way of life. Otherwise, you will fill yourself with thoughts, which, even though holy, cannot be carried out in actual action, inciting fruitless activity only in your imagination and wishes; acts of piety, which are in accord with your way of life, will slip from your hands. It is not enough that you will become a fruitless day-dreamer; your thoughts, being in constant contradiction to your round of activity, will unfailingly give birth to unceasing confusion in your heart, uncertainty in your behaviour, which are burdensome and harmful for yourself and for your neighbour. With improper reading of the Holy Scriptures and Holy Fathers, you can easily wander from the way of salvation into impassable thickets and deep pits, which, indeed, has happened to many.

