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BULLETIN OF JANUARY 23, 2011

SUNDAY/JANUARY 23

35th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)

"Sanctity of Life Sunday"

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour with Question & Answer Period

SATURDAY/JANUARY 29

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/JANUARY 30

36th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs:

**Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian
and John Chrysostom**

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

TUESDAY/FEBRUARY 1

7:00p.m. Vigil and blessing of candles

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 2

MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and
blessing of candles

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to

**St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles,
Enlightener of Japan**

THURSDAY/FEBRUARY 3

7:00p.m. Visitation of the Miraculous Kursk-Root
Icon at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus
With Bishop Michael presiding

FRIDAY/FEBRUARY 4

7:00p.m. Visitation of the Miraculous Kursk-Root
Icon at Holy Annunciation Church in Brick with
Bishop Michael presiding

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 5

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession



Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (41)

Some have taken the sin of Eve lightly. They say: What is so terrible about a woman having taken some forbidden fruit? They speak in this way in justification, not only of our ancestor, but also of themselves who were enticed to sin. The father of lies has called God a liar, and the woman believed him – is that not terrible? For he said to the woman: you will not die, as God has told you, but you will become gods as He is also, as soon as you eat from the forbidden tree. If he has said: you will become “gods” as I am, that would have been closer to the reality. And the woman believed that God had told lies and that the devil spoke the truth. This whole process of separation from the truth of God and adherence to the father of lies, that is of the emptying of the love of God and acquisition of carnal lusts; that whole process, I repeat, was originated in the soul of Eve before she grabbed the forbidden fruit. The identical process occurs today among men and women who fall into sin. The soul prepares but the body carries it out.

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Feb. 20 40th Day for Margaret Lohsen
Jan. 09, 1995 Michael Hobora
Jan. 23, 1936 Paul Dzioba
Jan. 24, 1960 John Lapa
Jan. 24, 1963 Fr. Stephen Podlusky
Jan. 24, 1976 Jacob Mogilevsky
Jan. 24, 1985 Anna Putyrskye
Jan. 25, 1976 Simon Leich
Jan. 26, 1965 Fr. Constantine Suchotovsky
Jan. 26, 1982 Joseph Wilhousky
Jan. 27, 1937 Helen Popko
Jan. 27, 1972 Mary Sandago
Jan. 27, 1987 Alexander Kulina
Jan. 28, 1995 Olga Small
Jan. 29, 1974 Paul Monko
Jan. 29, 1988 John Macinko

March For Life – January 24th, Monday

Bishop Michael will join Metropolitan Jonah and other Orthodox Christians in this day of prayer and witnessing in Washington, DC. Come along.

Offerings for the week of January 23

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Pavel and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Amanda Sarah (birthday); in memory of Joan; for a safe journey.

Wine: in honor of St. Maria Gatchina.

Winter Weather Conditions

May necessitate a change in the schedule, please check the parish website for up-dates. Any necessary changes will be posted at least 1 hour before the scheduled event.

The Parish Website: www.sppoc.org

Has posted – “schedule of services” – the parish calendar of services, events, adult studies, church school, meetings, deanery and diocesan events thru June of 2011. Check it out and plan your own calendar accordingly.

The Blessing of Homes

With the newly-blessed Waters of Theophany (January 5th) will begin Jan. 7th thru Feb. 12th. Please speak with Fr. James to arrange a date and time for your home blessing.

Annual Parish Meeting

February 13th, Sunday at 11:45a.m. All reports for the Annual Meeting must be submitted no later than February 1st.

Coffee Hour Hosting

Jan. 23 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells, Sokol
Jan. 30 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri
Feb. 06 - Sarchisan, Dunaenko Hando.

Icon Print Collection

Icon Prints from calendars and Christmas Cards may be deposited in the Special Collection Box in the vestibule. Please do not deposit whole calendars and cards but **cut out the prints** for deposit.

Sympathy

Is expressed to Barbara Erkman and her family on the recent repose of her mother, Margaret Lohsen (+Jan. 12). May her memory be eternal!

Congratulations

To Peter Parsells and Heather Graver on their engagement Dec. 22, 2010. The wedding is being planned for May 2012.

Pilgrimage to the Land of Georgia

Is being planed for July 19-Aug.2. This will be for a small number of interested parishioners of our parish. Please speak with Ekaterina Margiani for more information. A determination must be made by the end of February if you wish to go on the trip.

Good Church Order

- 1) To be on time for the Divine Liturgy and to break any bad habit of being perpetually late.
- 2) Once the Divine Liturgy has begun, to remain in the church until the end – making any leaving of the church only because of real necessity, not bad habit.
- 3) For Non-Sacramental Services – like Vespers or Matins, one may come and go as personal circumstances require.

Roe v. Wade anniversary

By Russell Shaw

According to the polls, most Americans don't much care for abortion. That being so, the mystery of why legalized abortion remains the law of the land 38 years after Roe v. Wade needs probing.

Based on the experience of these nearly four decades, two facts stand out.

One is that a significant number of Americans have been and still are convinced that the Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973 was not just a technical mistake in constitutional interpretation but a grave injustice that will continue to poison national life unless and until it's corrected.

The other is that a significant number who more or less agree that abortion isn't a good thing, at least in most cases, nevertheless don't care enough about it to take the necessary remedial action: putting committed pro-life politicians in the White House and Congress as a required step toward correcting the injustice of Roe.

But, an ardent prolifer may object, didn't voters last November choose a large number of new pro-life U.S. senators and representatives? Indeed they did—two years after they threw large numbers of pro-life members out of Congress.

The polling data show that a majority of Americans don't support the virtually unlimited access to abortion that now exists. Yet people who are opposed to abortion, at least tepidly, regularly vote for pro-choice candidates. The result is this pro-life/pro-choice seesaw. Up and down—it's been that way for 38 years. So let us return to our question: How come?

It appears to me that the only possible explanation for this voting behavior is that, no matter what many people say they believe about abortion, when push comes to shove the issue doesn't carry all that much weight with quite a few. For them, clearly, it is not the great moral issue of our times that convinced pro-lifers—and not a few pro-choicers as well—consider it to be.

And the fact that it isn't can only be understood as a reflection of the value such people assign to human life before birth. Not that it's unimportant exactly, but that in the end it's less important than something else.

Currently, it appears, quite a few things fall into the "something else" category. Last November, for example, the state of the economy was the overriding issue for a majority of voters. It is easy to understand why that was so and, practically speaking, hard to argue with it.

But some people rationalize their tepid support—or non-support—of the right to life of the unborn by appealing to more philosophical grounds. A cluster of issues and concerns then gets subsumed under the heading "the right to choose." The bottom line is that freedom of choice is absolutized in preference to human life.

It's unlikely that many of the people who do this really think the matter through. In verbalizing priority for the right to choose, they're simply exhibiting some intellectual furniture that automatically comes with the position they hold on abortion and other issues. But, even so, for a mass of Americans who don't particularly care for abortion, the "right to choose" serves as a convenient, and—they imagine—principled, reason for not doing much about it. Meanwhile the proponents of choice in academia and the media who call the shots for these less sophisticated souls relish the values of the individualistic libertarianism sustaining this entire can of worms.

All of which merely underlines the magnitude of the task of education and persuasion facing the pro-life community after 38 years.

Georgia, Tbilisi, Jan. 19 / Trend N.
Kirtskhalia /



The Orthodox world celebrates Epiphany today. Christening is a major Christian holiday celebrated by the Orthodox Church in the old style on Jan. 6 and in the new style on Jan. 19.

According to scripture, nearly 20 centuries ago, John the Baptist christened Jesus Christ in the Jordan River in Israel.

Catholicos Patriarch of All-Georgia Ilia II will hold a solemn service at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. Today, he will christen more than 500 children. The patriarch has about 7,000 godchildren.

The patriarch made the initiative of christening children on Jan. 19, 2007. He christens every third and subsequent child in families. Last week, Ilia II declared his godchildren as the guardians of the throne of the patriarch.

Virgin Mary Icon Crying Blood?



January 18, 2011
KTVA CBS 11

A Russian Orthodox icon reportedly shed tears of blood during Slaaviq, a weeklong Christmas celebration, in an Alaska village on the Yukon River.

Carol Stephanoff, a resident of Russian Mission, Alaska, captured the photo of a Virgin Mary icon reportedly crying bloody tears in the home of another resident, Michael Askoak.

The homeowner said he noticed the paper icon first began to stream tears of blood years ago and kept the icon in hiding.

More recently, Askoak said he noticed the red marks started to get longer and longer, creating a buzz in the small village.

He said there is no blood coming from behind the paper and that Russian Orthodox priests are examining the icon.