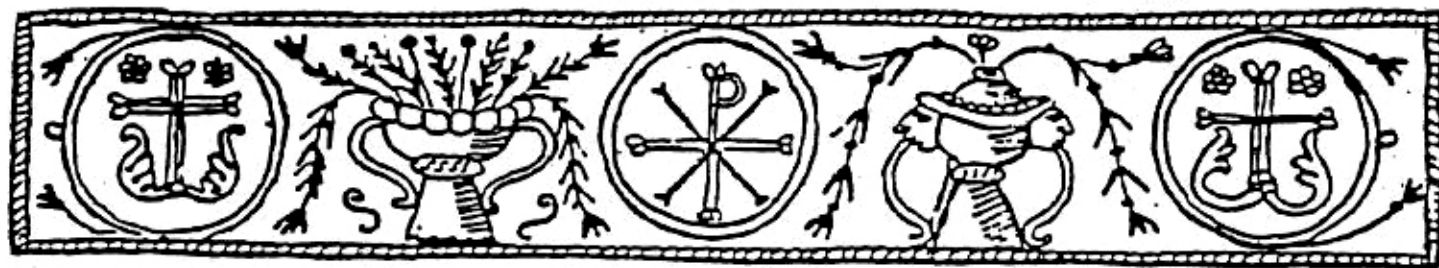


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BULLETIN OF JUNE 12, 2011



SUNDAY/JUNE 12

**PENTECOST: THE DESCENT OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

9:10a.m. Hours

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Vespers with
the Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hour

12-2p.m. Church Open Doors

4:00p.m. Memorial at Parish Cemetery

MONDAY/JUNE 13

Day of the Holy Spirit

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church in
Manville

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to Holy Trinity

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

6:30p.m. Compline

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

"Dreams: An Orthodox Understanding"

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Holy Spirit; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS (Tone 8)

8:00a.m. Church Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with
Recognition of Graduates;

Coffee Hour & Final Church School

11:45a.m. Movie: *"Glory to God Alone: The Life
of Johann Sebastian Bach"*

12-2p.m Church Open Doors

Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (62)

"I am come to send fire on the earth" (Luke 12:49) said the Lord. That is the heavenly fire of love, from which is no smoke, nor anything carnal or material, nor lustful nor unholy. This kind of love elated all the apostles, as also many saints. Their hearts were emptied of carnal and transient lusts, and they lifted themselves up solely to Him, to the one Beloved, not seeking anything worldly and having given up everything of the world for His sake.

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Such sainted love could be carried only in a person but not in any principle or law or nature. Look, even earthly love – such as one can give the name of love – is tied to some person, and not to a principle, or law, or some inarticulate creation. In vain have earthly wisdoms struggled, both before and after Christ, to persuade the people of an impersonal God. It was like water poured into a sieve. Yet even the people who believed in a personal God, or gods, in no way whatever in their pantheons have had one God with such and so much love who revealed Himself to the world in actuality through the person of Jesus Christ, the God-Man.

Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 12, 1979 Nadezhda Lebedz
June 14, 1978 Anna Williams
June 15, 1959 Leon Martinchuk
June 15, 1973 Maksym Yadlowsky
June 16, 1953 Olga Pawlik
June 17, 1977 David Kloss
June 18, 2002 Irene Marmarinos

Offerings for the week of June 12

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health and protection of Andrew Long (birthday); for the health of Nicholas and Kalyn (birthday); for the health of Atopere and in memory of Joan.

Wine – for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (birthday); for a safe journey.

Coffee Hour Hosting

June 12 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko, Hando
June 19 - Hunchar, Erkman, Turri
June 26 - Kita, Nevitt, Keller

Annual Parish Cemetery Envelope – Memorials received to date – 4th Up-Date

In memory of Anna Tacak and Charles Bradley; in memory of John and Deacon Gregory Lapchuk; in memory of Marie, Susan and Stphen; in memory of Wallace Ploof and Mary Romanck; in memory of Mogilevsky family; in memory of Nicolai Dimitriew and Huzienc family; in memory of Galina Orlovskaya; in memory of Barbara Tutolo.

OCA & Diocesan Assessment Envelope

June is the last month in which an envelope is provided. Please fulfill this obligation by July 1st.

The Visitation of Bishop Michael

Last weekend's visit of Bishop Michael went very well. It was wonderful to see a good attendance at the Vigil and Divine Liturgy. Sincere thanks to everyone for making the visitation memorable and for all the efforts and work involved.

Photos of Bishop Michael's Visitation

Some 151 photos may be viewed on our parish website: www.ssppoc.org

The Calendar

June 15/22 Wednesdays 7-8:30p.m. *Adult Study Classes*

June 12/Pentecost Sun. *Memorial at Cemetery at 4:00p.m.*

June 19/Sun. *Recognition of Graduates Sunday*

June 19/Sun & June 21 Movie Presentation:
"Glory to God: The Life of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)"

June 20thru 28 Ss. *Peter & Paul Lent*

June 25/Sat. *Parish Council Workshop in Trenton*

June 29/Wed. Ss. *Peter & Paul Feast Day – Divine Liturgy with Procession and Meal*

Graduates Spring 2011

On Sunday, June 19th, we will recognize our parish graduates. Please submit names to Father James as soon as possible.

Vacation planning & Church Locations

The website *Orthodoxy in America: www.orthodoxyinamerica* enables you to find any Orthodox Church in USA and Canada. Vacation planning should always include our participation at the Divine Liturgy on every Sunday.

Concerning the Wearing of Lipstick to Church – by St. John Maximovitch of San Francisco (+1966)

It is the responsibility of the clergy to insure that those who wear lipstick do not venerate icons, the Cross, or anything holy, leaving lipstick marks on them. It should repeatedly be explained that it is a great sin to defile something holy by such contact. Women should refrain from wearing lipstick to church or not venerate anything. In any case, they should not commune of Christ's Holy Gifts without having thoroughly washed their lips.

(It should also be pointed out that the chemicals that make up lipstick can permanently damage icons that are hand-written with either acrylic oils and natural powders.)

***Archpastoral Letter of His Grace, Bishop Michael,
For the Feast of Holy Pentecost 2011***

June 12, 2011

Beloved Concelebrants at the Holy Altar
and Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

Christ is in our midst! – He is and ever shall be!

On this great feast of Pentecost, we Orthodox Christians celebrate both the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Birth of our Holy Church. Today we are challenged to be as faithful to the Holy Spirit and to Christ's Holy Church as the apostles and disciples were nearly 2,000 years ago.



What does this mean? It means being faithful to our Church's Holy Tradition. For many, Tradition means customs or practices of years ago – things that are almost relics of ages past. But on the contrary, Tradition is a *living on* of the Truth that is Jesus Christ, believed and lived by His first followers and generations after them. In the words of the eminent theologian Vladimir Lossky, Tradition is “the life of the Holy Spirit in the Church.” This means our faith is unchanging in dogma, yet dynamic in its application; the same in essence, but growing in its expression.

Why should we be faithful to Tradition? Because, we know from Saint Paul that the “pillar and ground of truth” is not solely the Scripture itself, but the Church (1 Timothy 3:15). Upon the rock of the apostles' faith, Jesus built His Church ... and we believe that the Holy Orthodox Church is that one Church to this very day. How can we say that? Because the Orthodox Church alone has kept the deposit of faith given by Our Lord, “delivered once for all to the Saints” (Jude 3), passed on from one generation to the next without addition, alteration, or subtraction. Ours remains the faith of the early Church unchanged; ours remains the Tradition of undivided Christianity unaltered. In an era of religious indifferentism, such bold statements stand apart from what is viewed as politically correct; but like the first Christians, “we must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

The Scripture clearly tells us that the faithful followers of Our Lord in the early Church, guided by the Holy Spirit from the day of Pentecost, “continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine ...” (Acts 2:42). That remains our challenge in the 21st century – to be faithful to the True Church that Jesus Christ established, to be true to the Tradition handed down to us by the holy apostles.

