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BULLETIN OF JULY 17, 2011

SUNDAY/JULY 17

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 4)

Fathers of the First Six Councils

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

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

2:00p.m. Marriage of Catherine Gorbatuk
& Christopher Michael Brooks

MONDAY/JULY 18

9:00a.m. Hierarchy Divine Liturgy with
Metropolitan Hilarion at St. Elizabeth Church in
Rocky Hill on the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth

6:30p.m. 9th Day Memorial for Atopere Filippini

7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to
St. Seraphim of Sarov (July 19)

TUESDAY/JULY 19

New York-New Jersey Diocesan Assembly
In Endicott, New York

WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

Prophet Elias

9:30a.m. Akathist to Prophet Elias

SATURDAY/JULY 23

Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow"

8:30a.m. Akathist to Icon, Confessions

9:00a.m. Stone Work Project on Side of Church

5:30p.m. Vespers; Compline; Confession

SUNDAY/JULY 24

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 5)

Ss. Boris & Gleb

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Blessing of "Things That Move" – Cars, Bikes,
Motorcycles, Skateboards, Wagons, Skis, Etc.
Coffee Hour



Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (69)

Christ recommends to those who follow Him, not some earthly model of love, but divine love: "If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:10). And all His commandments are contained in one: "Love." All His other commandments, such as: the command to prayer, almsgiving, humility, purity, forbearance, self-sacrifice, bravery, carefreeness, forgiveness, vigilance, joy are simply rays emanating from His love. He who obtains the queen of virtues, also obtains her royal retinue.

Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Aug. 17, 2011	40 th Day – Atopere Filipini
July 18, 1960	Vladimir Fedarka
July 19, 1989	Louise Chabra
July 19, 2004	Anna Lebedz
July 20, 1925	Maria Simonovich
July 20, 2007	Ronald Kavchok
July 21, 1922	Luke Maximovich
July 21, 1925	Theodosius Horbel
July 22, 1982	Ann Holovach
July 22, 1989	Helen Stashkevetch
July 23, 1988	John Suseck
July 23, 1988	David Riegler



Offerings for the week of July 17

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for a safe travel; doe the health of Rodion (birthday); in memory of Alex; in honor of the Martyr Tryphon.

Vacation planning & Church Locations

The website [Orthodoxy in America: www.orthodoxyinamerica](http://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.

The Calendar

- July 24 – Blessing of Autos, Bikes, Wagons, and other things that “make us move”
- Aug. 01-14 – Dormition Lent
- Aug. 21- Parish Picnic
- Aug. 27-28 Visit of Bishop Michael to St. Nino Mission in Staten Island
- Aug. 28 – Prayers for Students & Teachers

The Lord Bless!

Our oldest parishioner, Vera Wilhousky, on the occasion of her 94th birthday, July 13th.

Wednesday July 27 – Lemonade & Informal Conversations 7-8p.m.

On these evenings for an hour we meet at the parish rectory for a cold glass of lemonade and engage in conversations about matters of life, with a focus on the spiritual and moral aspects. All are invited to converse, listen, question, share, or just have a cold drink. Come to the front door. Non-parishioners are also invited.

A Custodian is sought

We are presently looking for someone to do custodial care for the lower hall. There is a recompense for this work. For details, speak with our Junior Warden, Austin Kachek.

NY-NJ Diocesan Youth Day – Aug. 18th

The Diocese is sponsoring a Youth Day at Great Adventure on Thursday, August 18th. All our young people are invited. For more information please go to the Diocesan Youth Day Website: www.dioceanyouthday.webs.com

Congratulations!

To Catherine Gorbtauk and Christopher Brooks on their Marriage today as well as to their parents and families. Many Blessed Years!

Coffee Hour Hosting

July 17 - Motoviloff, Torrisi and Kachek
July 24 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
July 31 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

July 23 Sat. 9:00a.m. Work Project

Volunteers are sought to help re-do the stone bedding on the right side of the church. A few flat shovels and a few hours of work are involved. We need to add some new stone and re-do the base. If you can help, please speak with Austin Kachek.

Can You Help Us With Some Cemetery Work?

There is always work to do – trimming, cutting, weeding, etc.. If you can help out at anytime, please speak with Fr. James or Edward Sarchisian.

Sympathy Is Expressed

To Jill Peterson, and Jean and Terri Filippini on the repose of their father, Atopere (Sandy) Filippini (+July 9). May his memory be eternal!

40th Day Memorial Service

For Gabriela-Antoaneta (sister of Mariana Vajda), on July 26th, Tues. at 6:30p.m.

Namesday Greetings

St. Julia/July 16: Julia Cresina and Julia Galida
St. Margaret/July 17: Mariana Vajda and Margaret Ploof – Many Blessed Years!

Obituary Information
Atopere "Sandy" Filippini
*Age: 81 * Manville, NJ*

Manville, NJ-Atopere "Sandy" Filippini, 81, died peacefully on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Bridgeway Care Center in Bridgewater, NJ, with his family at his side. Sandy was born in Plains, PA, and was the son of the late Alfio and Teresa Filippini. In 1956, Sandy married Joan Saba of Wilkes Barre, PA, and in 1958 they moved to Manville.

Sandy was a chemist with the GAF Corporation for 35 years. He received his BS degree in Chemistry from Scranton University. Sandy served in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He served for 51 years on the Board of Trustees of the Manville Public Library, was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2290 in Manville and was the Treasurer of American Legion Post# 304 in Manville, receiving the American Legion Lifetime Membership award in 2010. Sandy was also the Treasurer of the Manville Senior Citizens Club and served on the Borough's Shade Tree Commission. He was a parishioner of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Manville and was actively involved in the parish life. Sandy and his late wife, Joan, frequently ran spaghetti dinners to benefit various groups within the community. Sandy was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed taking frequent fishing trips with his friends.

Sandy was predeceased by his wife Joan and brothers Leo and Homer. He is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Jean Filippini of New York City, NY, Terry Filippini of Bridgewater, NJ, and Jill and Todd Peterson of Manville, NJ. He is also survived by his beloved grandsons, David and Todd Peterson. He leaves behind many cherished relatives and dear friends. Sandy will be greatly missed by his community, his church and the people around him.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather at the Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835, on Wednesday, July 13th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Funeral services will begin 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home and continue at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835 at 10:30a.m.

Sandy will be laid to rest, beside his wife, at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Cemetery in Hillsborough.

Visiting hours are Tuesday, July 12th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with Fr. James Parsells officiating the Panikhida at 7:30 p.m.

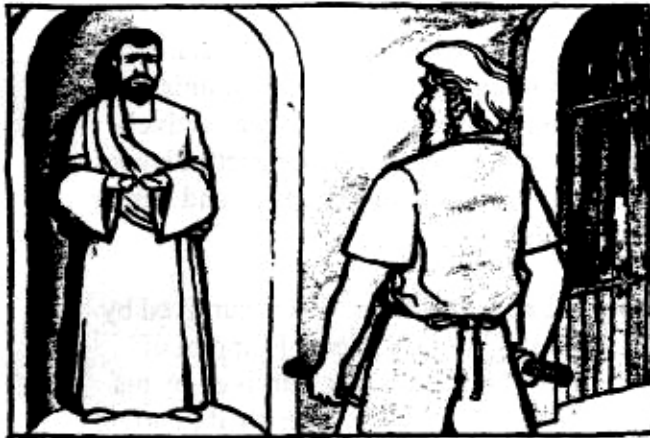
Memorial contributions may be made in Sandy's memory to: Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church at the above address or to the Manville Public Library, 100 South 10th Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835. To send condolences to the family or sign an online guest book, please visit www.FucilloandWarrenFuneralHome.com.



ON HOLY COMMUNION *Saint Ambrose of Optina*

The Holy Eucharist is the first, most important, and greatest miracle of Christ. All the other Gospel miracles are secondary. How could we not call the greatest miracle the fact that simple bread and wine were

once transformed by the Lord into His very Body and His very Blood, and then have continued to be transformed for nearly two thousand years by the prayers of priests, who are but simple human beings? And what is more, this mystery has continued to effect a miraculous change in those people who communicate of the Divine Mysteries with faith and humility.



I HAVE NO HANDS BUT YOURS *From Parish Publishing, LLC*

A soldier in World War II was given the task of gathering up the pieces and fragments of a statue of Christ that was destroyed when the cathedral that housed it was destroyed by bombs and mortar. He found every piece and fragment, and they were turned over to an artist, whose labor of love it was to reconstruct the icon. Even though it took him months, he accomplished the work, and the statue was returned to its pedestal.

One part of the Christ was missing, however. The soldier could not find the hands of Christ. Both the soldier and the artisan considered their work incomplete without the hands. However, one day as the craftsman was viewing the statue with the missing hands, he got a wonderful idea. Instead of Christ's hands being raised in blessing, as they originally were, the craftsman placed an ornate, but simple, sign at the base of the handless replica. These were the words of the sign: "I have no hands, but yours." Will you give your hands – your time and abilities – to your church?

A QUESTION ABOUT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY *From OCA.org and Fr. John Matusiak*

Question:

Can you tell me how many Orthodox Christians there are in North America and throughout the world?

Answer:

While it is somewhat difficult to give an exact figure – in North America there are a variety of numbers which circulate while on the world scene it is also difficult since many Orthodox churches, especially those in the former Soviet-bloc countries, are only now in a position to ascertain a clear picture of their status – I am happy to offer the following information.

North America:

One will find estimates ranging between 1 and 6 million members.

There is a certain variable in how one defines "membership"; for example, is membership based on the number of individuals baptized in the Orthodox Church, some of whom may no longer be Orthodox, or on other criteria such as financial support, registration with a parish, etc?

It would be safe to say that there are somewhere between 2 and 3 million Orthodox Christians in North America in roughly 2,000 parishes.

World:

While some media report upwards of 300 million Orthodox throughout the world, others estimate 200 million. To give you an idea, it is estimated that there are somewhere between 80 and 100 million Orthodox in the Russian Republic alone. Since the fall of communism the churches in Central and Eastern Europe are in a period of transition, a part of which is coming to grips with actual membership statistics, which were impossible to maintain during the communist era. Another difficulty in estimating the international numbers is found in the mobility of many individuals from traditionally Orthodox areas, such as the former Yugoslavia, the Middle East, etc.

In my own opinion, the 200 million number is probably more accurate than 300 million, but this again depends on how one defines "member" – as a baptized individual, a registered individual, or a practicing individual who regularly participates in the life of the Church, her sacraments and worship, etc.