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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 7, 2011

SUNDAY/AUGUST 7

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Tone 7)

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

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

Coffee Hour

11:45a.m. Movie: "Rediscovering God in America"

MONDAY/AUGUST 8

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

TUESDAY/AUGUST 9

St. Herman of Alaska

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

6:30p.m. Compline

7:00p.m. Movie: "Rediscovering God in America"

WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 10

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

THURSDAY/AUGUST 11

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8p.m. Lemonade & Informal Conversation at the rectory

FRIDAY/AUGUST 12

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

SATURDAY/AUGUST 13

St. Tikhon of Voronezh

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

3:00p.m. Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/AUGUST 14

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (tone 8)

8:00a.m. Church Open

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

Coffee Hour

6:30p.m. Vigil with blessing of flowers on the Eve of the Dormition Feast



Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (72)

Christ has given all His love to men. This is why He expects all their love on the part of men. Not only did He proscribe the division of our heart between God and mammon, but He demanded something that appeared completely against man's nature. "He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me" (Matthew 10:37), then in reinforcement: "If any man...hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). Naturally, that is impossible for all men except those who open their hearts to God. Then the Almighty makes the impossible possible. "Love naturally has nothing except God, for God is love," wrote St. Nilus of Sinai,

Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Aug. 17, 2011	40 th Day – Atopere Filipini
Aug. 07, 1916	Anna Wislosky
Aug. 07, 1931	Michael Gargol
Aug. 07, 1932	Maria Vozny
Aug. 07, 1941	Helen Marchisn
Aug. 08, 1945	Mary Lebedz
Aug. 08, 1949	Shelia Mc Closkey
Aug. 09, 1916	George Siplak
Aug. 09, 1939	Michael Sapochuk
Aug. 09, 1979	Parasceva Kulwinsky
Aug. 11, 1967	Andrew Hriniaak
Aug. 11, 1974	Alexander Kozich
Aug. 11, 1987	Joseph Kulina
Aug. 11, 1995	Anna Pozgay
Aug. 11, 2003	Anna Adamchak
Aug. 13, 1983	Paul Sarko

Offerings for the week of August 7

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Joan and Sandy Filippini; for the health of Mary.

Dormition Lent: August 1st thru 14th

This is one of “the four Lenten seasons” of the church year. For two weeks we keep a fast in honor of the Death, Burial, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven of the Holy Theotokos.

A Fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Certain days allow for fish, wine and oil. Your parish wall calendars indicate these mitigations.

As all Lenten Seasons are periods of both Fast and Repentance, the reception of the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion are in order.

Those of the faithful – including children of Confession age – who have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 24th) and are regular communicants every Sunday, must go to Confession this month of August to continue to receive Holy Communion.

Remember in Prayer

Vera Wilhousky.



August Month Movie Presentation: “Rediscovering God in America”

This film (56 minutes) is a trip through Washington DC stopping at the monuments and archives that highlights the Christian character of the development of the American historical development. While it is commonly said that our American Society is presently secular in nature, the Founding Fathers demonstrated that values and morals of Christian Faith had a direct bearing on their vision of American Society.

Sunday, Aug. 7: 11:45a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9: 7:00p.m.

Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21st

All of our parishioners and former parishioners and friends of the parish and their families are invited to the Annual Picnic. Flyers with information and directions are on the vestibule stand. You are asked to

- 1) Sign-up at the vestibule stand
- 2) Subscribe to the Side Dishes List
- 3) Add your name to the Volunteer List

All these lists are on the vestibule stand.

Lemonade & Informal Conversations .

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. Time 7-8p.m.

Thurs. Aug. 11/18/25

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

Coffee Hour Hosting

Aug. 07 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko, Hando (fasting)

Aug. 14 - Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei (fasting)

THE OLDEST HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

The oldest prayer we know dedicated to the Virgin Mary is known as "Beneath your compassion." The earliest text of this hymn was found in a Coptic Vespers for Christmas of the 3rd century. It is written in Greek and dates to approximately 250 A.D. It is used in the Coptic Liturgy to this day, as well as in the Orthodox Compline Service, it being the last hymn to be sung.

*Beneath your compassion,
We take refuge, Virgin Mother of God
Despise not our prayers in our necessity
But deliver us from harm
O only pure, only blessed one.*



The ancient date of the hymn tells us that the early Christians had an established devotion to the Theotokos and called upon her intercession. Long before the usage of the term "Theotokos" in the 5th century, the Church already knew the Virgin Mary, as "Mother of God."

Calendar Planning

- Mon. Aug. 15 Dormition of Theotokos Feast – Vigil on eve 6:30p.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30a.m.
- Wed. Aug. 17 40th Day Memorial for (+) Atopere Filippini 7:00p.m.
- Thurs. Aug. 18 Diocesan Youth Day at Great Adventure
- Sun. Aug. 21 Parish Picnic at 2:00p.m.
- Tues. Aug. 23 Finance Meeting at 7:00p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 28 Visit of Bishop Michael to St. Nino Church on Staten Island
- Sun. Aug. 28 Prayers for Beginning of New Academic Year
- Mon. Aug. 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist Feast (Strict Fast Day)
- Thurs. Sept. 1 Moliben for Church New Year and Ice Cream Party 7:00p.m.
- Suns. Of Sept. Church Open Doors 12:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 8 Nativity of Theotokos Feast – Vigil of eve at 7:00p.m. & Divine Liturgy at 9:30a.m.
- Sun. Sept. 11 10th Anniversary of 9/11 with Special Prayers at the Divine Liturgy
- Wed. Sept. 14 Elevation of the Holy Cross Feast (Strict Fast Day)
- Thurs. Sept. 15 Parish Council Meeting
- Sat. Sept. 17 Reception into the Church of Heather Graver
- Sun. Sept. 18 Beginning of Church School Classes
- Thurs. Sept. 22 Visit of Bishop Michael – Compline with Akathist to Holy Cross 6:15p.m. and Talk at 7:00p.m. "On Preserving and Proclaiming Orthodox Christianity in a Secular Society"
- Sat. Sept. 24 Work Project of Stone Walk Way on Side of Church 9:00a.m.
- Thurs. Sept. 29 thru Nov. 10 – 7 Week Thursday evening Adult Study Classes 7-8:30p.m.



Father of Israeli President Owes Life To Greek Monks - AOI Observer

<http://www.aoiusa.org/blog/2011/07/father-of-israeli-president-owes-life-to-greek-monks/>

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Source: Jerusalem Post | Greer Faye Cashman | HT: Mystagogy

The Second World War and the Holocaust figured in the official addresses by both President Shimon Peres and his Greek counterpart President Karolos Papoulias at the state dinner that Peres hosted on Monday night in honor of the president of the Hellenic republic.

Peres said that his late father, Yitzhak, as a soldier in the British Army, had been stationed in Greece and had been captured by the Germans.

He had managed to escape, but finding shelter was difficult because he knew no one in Greece, and not a word of Greek. But he had found his way to a Greek monastery, where for two years, he and six other British soldiers had been hidden by the priests who, at great risk to their own lives, fed them and ensured their safety.

After two years in hiding, Yitzhak Perski and the other soldiers decided to make another bid for freedom, and attempted to sail out of Greece on a small dinghy that was quickly intercepted by the Luftwaffe. They were again taken captive by the Germans, who brought them to a POW camp not far from Auschwitz.

During the period in which he had been in hiding, Perski had learned to speak Greek and sing Greek songs.

When he returned home after a four-year absence, he would frequently gather his children and grandchildren around him to tell them Greek folk tales and sing Greek songs to them.

Whenever he hears Yehuda Poliker, the son of Greek Holocaust survivors sing Greek melodies, said Peres, it fills him with emotion, and he is reminded of his late father.

Poliker, in fact, was chosen to sing for Papoulias at the dinner, and the Greek head of state later embraced him.

Papoulias, who during his visit to Israel met with Greek Holocaust survivors and visited Yad Vashem, said that during the Nazi occupation of Greece, Jews and Christians joined forces in the struggle against the barbarous destruction wrought by the Germans and their cohorts.

In the village of Ionnina where he was born, the Nazis murdered ten Jewish families with whom he had grown up. Among the victims was his first girlfriend from elementary school. His voice broke as he recalled how the Nazis had locked the Jews in the synagogue and set fire to it while they were still alive.

Greece had paid a heavy toll in blood during the Holocaust, he said.

More than 65,000 Greek Jews had been murdered, and the number would have been even higher, had not so many simple Greek Christians put their own lives at risk in order to save the lives of their Jewish friends.

He had been very moved, he said, when meeting Greek Holocaust survivors in Jerusalem.

The Holocaust is more than the number six million, he said. Behind each victim is a name, a life, a tragedy. This is the reason, he said, that the Greek people, state and community do not turn a blind eye to any incident of anti-Semitism, racism or religious incitement.