

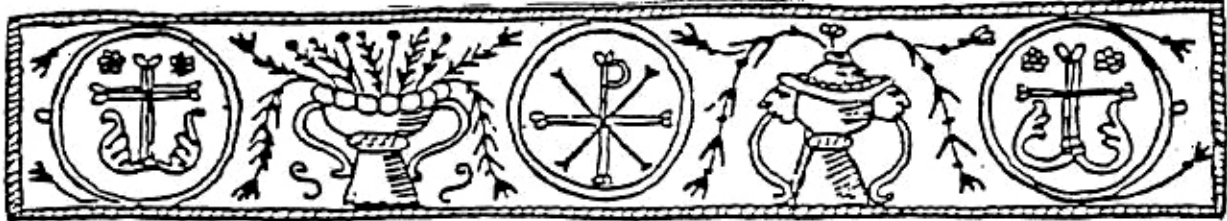
## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**BULLETIN OF AUGUST 14, 2011**



**SUNDAY/AUGUST 14**

**9<sup>TH</sup> 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

**MONDAY/AUGUST 15**

**DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

*(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")*

*End of the Dormition Lent*

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

**WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 17**

40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service for (+) Atopere Filippini

**THURSDAY/AUGUST 18**

Diocesan Youth Day in Jackson

7-8p.m. Lemonade and Informal Conversations at Rectory

**SATURDAY/AUGUST 20**

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Dormition of the Theotokos; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/AUGUST 21**

**10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00a.m. Church Open

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

Coffee Hour

2:00p.m. Parish Picnic

**Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (73)**

As long as man does not feel hatred for his old robe, he does not wish for a new one. How could the words "a new creature in Christ," "a new man," "sons of light," have come into being if we had not felt hatred for our old sinful soul, which through enslavement to the body had developed a carnal rather than a spiritual existence. An old man is entirely in fear of God. Fear is for us the beginning and the end. In the new man, fear is the beginning, love is the end. Death for the love of Christ is a guarantee of life eternal.

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Whoever estranges himself for the love of Christ, falls into the foolishness of bodily lusts which do not know moderation and are numberless. In those who are illuminated by love, carnal lusts do not have rule; they are indifferent toward the delusions of this temporal world. They "use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of the world passes away" (1 Corinthians: 7:31). They see things invisible and not those that are visible. Their attention is continually directed to the tomb, towards Him whom they love and who has prepared for them: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him" (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:9). That is the final goal of our journey and of our efforts, Our shorter perspectives are illusory.

Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

### ***Calendar Planning as found on the Parish Website***

Mon. Aug. 15	Dormition of Theotokos Feast – Vigil on eve 6:30p.m. & Divine Liturgy 9:30a.m.
Wed. Aug. 17	40 <sup>th</sup> 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	10 <sup>th</sup> 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. “ <i>On Preserving and Proclaiming Orthodox Christianity in a Secular Society</i> ”
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.



### ***Liturgical Commands as defined by St. Nicholas Cabasilas (+14<sup>th</sup> c.)***

**“Let us Attend”** - here we are admonished to cast away negligence and inattention, and to listen carefully to what is being said and done in the service.

**“Wisdom”** - wisdom is the summary of those thoughts which are in accord with the ceremony, which should occupy those full of faith when they behold (see) and listen (hear) to the ceremonies and prayers, so they are not concerned with no purely human sentiment.

**“Let us stand aright”** - by this exhortation we are warned to be ready for battle when we hold converse with God and assist at the holy mysteries. There must be no inattention; we must act with fervor and all reverence and in this manner look, listen, and pray throughout the service. The first sign of this fervor and devotion is the uprightness of our bodies; we do these things standing on our feet, not sitting down.

**Why are these commands necessary?** - It is because forgetfulness is a great tyrant; no human frailty defeats men so often and so easily. Now, it is necessary that our minds and hearts be in accord with the mysteries when we assist at the sacred prayers and ceremonies of the liturgy, unless we wish to attend in vain, and spend our time to no purpose. But this is far from easy to achieve. That is why, on the one hand, we should keep constant watch on ourselves, and behave with circumspection; and on the other, it is necessary that we should have some external reminder, so that we can collect our thoughts and not be distracted by day dreaming and vain thoughts.

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Aug. 17, 2011	40 <sup>th</sup> Day – Atopere Filipini
Aug. 14, 1958	George Perun
Aug. 15, 1955	Katherine Greunther
Aug. 15, 1972	John Nedelka
Aug. 15, 1991	Demetrius Skwarla
Aug. 15, 2000	Olga Gorbatak
Aug. 16, 1954	Stella Gromack
Aug. 16, 1968	Lazar Padlo
Aug. 16, 1975	Michael Marchuk
Aug. 16, 1989	Barbara Putyrsk
Aug. 16, 1992	Julia Specian
Aug. 17, 1977	Theodore Kucheruk
Aug. 17, 1985	Anna Tarangul
Aug. 18, 1922	Demetrius Bartusak
Aug. 18, 1968	Peter Patson
Aug. 19, 1925	Helen Wawrenchuk
Aug. 19, 1942	Constantine Yancevich
Aug. 19, 1948	John Shander
Aug. 19, 1957	Samuel Barnosky
Aug. 20, 1965	Natalie Laga Salevanik
Aug. 20, 2008	Sophie Wassel



### **Offerings for the week of August 14**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Joan and Sandy Filippini; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Jacob; for the health of Daniel, Gabriel, Constanta.

**Wine** – for the health and salvation of Archpriest Michael and Kyra (25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary); for health, protection, salvation and thanksgiving Mariana, Stefan and Simona.

**Flowers** – in memory of Pearl Kulwinsky; for the health and salvation of Archpriest Michael and Kyra (Kulick) Lewis on 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>) 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 and Julia Cresina.

### **Parish Picnic – Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

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. /18/25

### **NY-NJ Diocesan Youth Day – Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

[www.dioceanyouthday.webs.com](http://www.dioceanyouthday.webs.com)

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

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

Aug. 21 - Kita, Nevitt, Keller

Aug. 28 - Inga, Eka, Marina

## INSTRUCTIONS IN OUR HOLY FAITH

**THE CHURCH** The Church gives us not a system, but a key; not a plan of God's City, but the means of entering it. Perhaps someone will lose his way because he has no plan. But all that he will see, he will see without a mediator, he will see it directly, it will be real for him; while he who has studied only the plan risks remaining outside and not really finding anything.

- Archpriest Georges Florovsky (+1979)

**GOD-MANHOOD** All the truths of Orthodoxy emerge from one truth and converge on one truth, infinite and eternal. That truth is the God-Man Christ. If you experience any truth of Orthodoxy to its limit, you will inevitably discover that its kernel is the God-Man Christ. In fact, all the truths of Orthodoxy are nothing other than different aspects of the one Truth - the God-Man Christ. Orthodoxy is Orthodoxy by reason of the God-Man, and not by reason of anything else or anyone else. Hence another name for Orthodoxy is God-Manhood.

- St. Justin Popovich (+1979)

**DO NOT LET SORROW POSSESS YOUR HEART** I do not mean to say that you must not admit sorrow, for this is not in our power. What I mean is - do not let sorrow take possession of your heart and agitate it; keep it outside the bounds of your heart and hasten to soften and restrain it, so that it may not prevent you from reasoning soundly and acting rightly.

- St. Nicodemus of Athos (+1809)

**WHY "LORD HAVE MERCY" IS SAID MANY TIMES AT SERVICES** There are people who never turn to God, who do not pray, but suddenly it happens that they become melancholy, troubled, the heart is heavy and the man feels that no other human being can help him out of such a wretched state. And then the man turns to God with a heartfelt sigh, "Lord have mercy!" It seems that it is enough to utter the prayer once, "Lord have mercy!" but in church we say it 3 times, 12, 40 times. This is for those souls that suffer who are unable to pronounce even, "Lord have mercy!" and so the church says it for them. And the Lord hears and at first there comes a small measure of grace like the flame of a candle, and then more and more the soul feels relief.

- Elder Nectarius of Optina (+1928)

**ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU: FOR EVERYONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH AND HE THAT SEEKETH FINDETH; AND TO HIM THAT KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED.** (Matthew 7:7-8) Here our Lord shows us how things can be accomplished: through unceasing prayer. For He said, "Ask," that is "keep asking," meaning, "ask continuously." For He did not say, "Ask one time." A more accurate translation might be: "keep asking," "Keep seeking," and "keep knocking."

- Blessed Theophlactus (+c. 1108)