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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 11

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Silouan of Mt. Athos

(Tone 4)

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

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

12-2:00p.m. Church Doors Open

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 13

7:00p.m. Vigil of the Holy Cross

WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 14

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Strict Fast Day: No meat, dairy or fish

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

7:00p.m. Compline

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 15

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 17

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 18

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Tone 5)

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

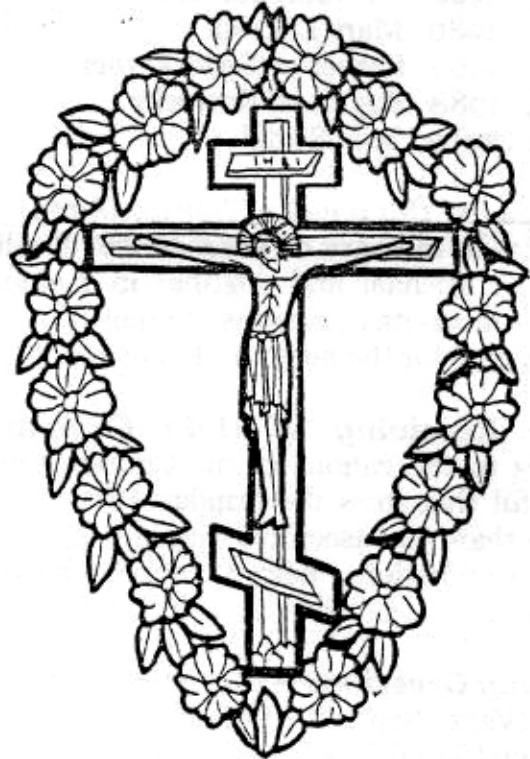
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School/Teen Class

11:45a.m. Movie: *"Affectionately Yours,
Screwtape: The Devil and C.S. Lewis"*

12-200p.m. Church Doors Open

Post-Feast of the Holy Cross

Is celebrated thru the "leave-taking," on Sept. 21st.
The tropar and kontakion are said/sung at meal
times as well as with evening and morning
prayers.



Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (77)

Monasticism is in concept supernatural, angelic. In innumerable examples, monastics have proved themselves and demonstrated themselves in practice to be supernatural and angelic. But according to the words of our Lord Himself: "All men cannot receive this save they to whom it is given" (Matthew 19:11). It is given to those in whom the vision of the heavenly kingdom has clearly been opened; whose hearts have been opened exclusively to the love of Christ; those who have lifted themselves gladly up steep spiritual cliffs to the altitude of heaven, and who have felt the call of grace and the power of God. In this way Christ encourages the monastic life: "He that is able to receive it, let him receive it" (Matthew 19:12).

Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 11, 1964 Michael Grenther
Sept. 12, 1929 Helen Kotliarchik
Sept. 12, 1971 Pauline Kravitsky
Sept. 12, 1974 Anna Naruta
Sept. 12, 1995 Anna Rudzina
Sept. 14, 1978 Stephen Keselchak
Sept. 15, 1966 Theodora Mivonuk
Sept. 16, 1980 Mary Lukasik
Sept. 17, 1960 Katherine Sedorkewicz
Sept. 17, 1988 Raymond Koslosky
Sept. 17, 2003 Mila Seidal



Offerings for the week of September 11

Olive Oil – in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Gabriela-Antoaneta (3 months of repose).
Litya Breads – for the health of Ekaterina.

On the Receiving of Holy Communion

According to the canons of the Church, those of the faithful that miss the Sunday Divine Liturgy for more than 3 consecutive Sundays must again go to Confession before approaching for Communion.

Namesday Greetings – Many Years!

St. Faith (Vera)/Sept: 17 – Vera Wilhousky
St. Wisdom (Sophie)/Sept. 17 – Sophie Barna,
Sophie Olszyk, Sophia Bakaletz

Coffee Hour Hosting

Sept. 11 - Motoviloff, Torrissi and Kachek
Sept. 18 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
Sept. 25 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

40th Day Memorial

For Archpriest Michael Lewis, Sept. 23rd, Friday at 7:00p.m.

Latest Issue of "The Orthodox Church" Vol. 46 Spring/Summer 2011

Has been posted on the OCA website: www.oca.org
This 28 page edition has all the latest news, including coverage of the repose of Archbishop Dmitri of the Diocese of the South (+Aug. 28).

The Church Open Door Ministry

This ministry consist in keeping the doors of the church open on Sundays between 12:00p.m. and 2:00p.m. Door-Keepers are sought for. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand. Please speak with Reader Symeon Combs with any questions.

Movie Presentation – Sept. 18th & 20th

The feature film this month is "Affectionately Yours, Screwtape: The Devil and C.S. Lewis" This 52 minute film will be shown on Sunday at 11:45a.m. and again on Tuesday at 7:00p.m.

- Did God give each person free will?
- Who is Satan?
- Can good truly overcome evil?

Consider these questions and more as we journey into the mind of C.S. Lewis in this introductory review of one of the great Christian literary works of the 20th century. *The Screwtape Letters*, a thin volume of imaginative letters between two devils, has given readers insight into conquering everyday spiritual struggles. Join us as we explore the biblical, historical and cultural depictions of Satan and hell and gain a deeper understanding of the nature of temptation and redemption.

Talk by Bishop Michael – Sept. 22nd

On this Thursday evening Bishop Michael will be here for an Akathist to the Holy Cross (6:15p.m.) and a talk (7:00p.m.) entitled: "On Preserving and Proclaiming Orthodox Christianity in a Secular Society" Plan to come! Bring someone with you. Refreshments are sought, please speak with Maria Torrissi (732-545-5642).

Stone Project on Side of the Church

Is scheduled for Sept. 24th, Sat. at 9:00a.m. It is important to know how many workers we will have, please advise Austin Kachek (908-722-5281) if we can count on you. A dozen workers would be great.

Holy Baptisms

For Heather Marie Graver, Oct. 1st, Sat. 11:00a.m.
For Elizabeth Myra Dao, Oct. 8th, Sat. at 11:00a.m.

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ARCHPASTORAL LETTER FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Sunday ~ September 11, 2011

Beloved in the Lord:

Christ is in our midst!

It is hard to believe that today is the 10th Anniversary of the tragic events that have come to be known simply by two numbers – 9/11. This date commemorates one of the darkest days in American history, alongside that of Pearl Harbor. It recalls the immeasurable loss of thousands of innocent lives at the hands of terrorist attacks and the many fallen heroes who tried to save them. It marks the first time in more than a century that anyone living in the lower 48 states could recall an invasion on American soil by a foreign power. It was indeed a day that will live in infamy.



The immense suffering caused by this tragedy has raised questions within groaning minds and broken hearts, seeking to make some sense of the horrific event. These questions echo the cries of the Psalmist and of our crucified Savior who said, “*My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?*” (Psalm 21: 1, LXX; Matthew 27:46). No doubt this verse sums up what so many Americans felt, and still feel, in the face of such incredible barbarism: where was God when this happened?

But this passage of Scripture is not just a declaration of despair and abandonment; it is also an utterance tempered by faith and hope. For the Psalm ends with an affirmation of faith in the compassionate presence of God: “*For the Lord did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard me when I cried to Him*” (Psalm 21:24, LXX). And, in the strength and peace that comes from above, the Psalmist goes on proclaiming in hope, “*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Him*” (Psalm 21:27, LXX).

Centuries later, the cry of Christ upon the Cross was, to be sure, a manifestation of the terrible suffering He endured as He bore the indescribable burden of our sin. But His plea also makes plain the fact that through the Son of God’s act of sacrificial suffering, the limitless power of God’s love was revealed – a power of love that was stronger than death, proven by the Lord’s glorious Resurrection. The answer to our question is simply, God was in the same place on 9/11 that He was on Good Friday – standing over the shattered gates of Hell; trampling down death by death. For in His power, in His love, death is not the hopeless end of the story – there is the victory and the joy of the Resurrection.

Thus it is that our Christian response to the devastating tragedy of 9/11 must be grounded in our faith in the Crucified and Risen Lord. Our answer to this adversity must be revealed in words of comfort and deeds of service. Our yearnings to understand this horrible moment in history and to cope meaningfully

