

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

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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 9, 2011

# **Alleluia! Alleluia!**



### **SUNDAY/OCTOBER 9**

**17th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)**

**Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**St. Tikhon of Moscow, Enlightener  
of North America**

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

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

Prayer for Iconographers

Coffee Hour; Church School

11:45a.m. Movie: *"The Magic Never Ends: The  
Life and Works of C.S. Lewis"*

### **TUESDAY/OCTOBER 11**

7:00p.m. Movie: *"The Magic Never Ends: The  
Life and Works of C.S. Lewis"*

### **THURSDAY/OCTOBER 13**

6:15p.m. Compline & Akathist to

**Iveron Icon of the Theotokos**

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

*"Developing Christ-Centered Healthy  
Growing Parishes"*

### **SATURDAY/OCTOBER 15**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

### **SUNDAY/OCTOBER 16**

**18th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)**

**St. Longinus the Centurion**

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

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

Coffee Hour; Church School/Teens

### **Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (83)**

A consecrated marriage symbolizes the unity of Christ with His holy Church, and in Christ a spiritual union with the spirit of all the faithful. Conversely, infidelity and debauchery symbolize Satanism, betrayal of the love of God, severance of one's union with God. But that is in effect exactly the thing that Satan desires: to frustrate and make a travesty of the love God in men. Pure heavenly love is odious to Satan, but he relishes carnal lust and all impurity: the "unfruitful works of darkness" (Ephesians 5:11). Those are his lures with which he decoys men to the inferno.

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In the Holy Scripture of God adultery and debauchery are frequently called apostasy from the one God, and the worship of idols. The prophets and apostles have thunderously condemned both those shameful sins as leprosy of the soul. Whether a man has been unfaithful to his wife, or whether he has worshipped idols in both events he apostasizes from God and satisfies the desire of Satan. Love has nothing in common with adultery or debauchery, which only simulate love.

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

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

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> Day Evan Kalenik  
Oct. 09, 1923 Nicholas Makovsky  
Oct. 09, 1945 Mary Zydiak  
Oct. 10, 1917 Elizabeth Tkach  
Oct. 10, 1926 Frances Bongrost  
Oct. 10, 1947 Fr. Michael Lotosky  
(rector 1935-1946)  
Oct. 11, 1961 Mary Lebedz  
Oct. 11, 1969 Anna Evaniec  
Oct. 11, 1978 Jacob Barnosky  
Oct. 12, 1967 Timothy Zeban  
Oct. 12, 1967 Matthew Zeban  
Oct. 12, 1981 Andrew Mogilevsky  
Oct. 14, 1973 Anthony Bolash



### **Offerings for the week of October 9**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina.

Wine – for the health of Protodeacon Paul Sokol and anniversary of ordination.

Flowers – in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the newly-illuminated Elizabeth Dao and family.

### **Namesday Greetings – Many Years!**

St. Zenias/Oct. 11 – Zenida Neudachin

Many Blessed Years!

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

Oct. 09 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

Oct. 16 - Kita, Nevitt and Keller

Oct. 23 - Inga, Eka and Marina

### **Memorial Service**

For Mary Holovach (+18 Oct. 2009) Tues., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15p.m.

### **The Liturgy of St. James – Sun. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

With the blessing of Bishop Michael, the most ancient Divine Liturgy used – but rarely – in the Orthodox Church, will be celebrated. This Liturgy was the basis for the Liturgy later developed by St. Basil the Great.

### **Post-Communion Prayers Reading After the Divine Liturgy**

Older children and teens are sought for reading, please speak with Diaconissa Patricia Sokol.

### **Adult Study Class – Thurs., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

The focus of the class will be a study of a working paper for the 16th All-American Council to be held at the end of October. The theme of the paper is “Developing Christ-Centered, Healthy Growing Parishes”

- Past and On-Going Development Efforts
- Goals and Objectives
- Preparation for Church Growth Work

All are invited for this reading and discussion, in the Conference Room in the Lower Hall, 7-8:30p.m.

### **Many Blessed Years!**

To the newly-illuminated Elizabeth Myra Dao!

### **Photos Added to Parish Website**

The Stone Work Project and Baptism of Heather Marie Graver have been recently added.

### **All-American Council**

The 16th Council of the self-governing Orthodox Church in America (OCA) will be held in Seattle, Washington, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>-Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The 12 dioceses and 623 parishes and church institutions gather to discuss church business. Protodeacon Paul Sokol will represent our parish.

### **A Very Warm Welcome to our Parish**

We welcome Andrew and Evgenia Watson of New Brunswick into our parish community!

### **Special Prayers for Those in the Healing Disciplines – Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

On the first Sunday of November – the Feast of the Holy Unmercenary Healers – prayers are offered for those in the medical and healing ministries and related disciplines. These prayers will be made at the Divine Liturgy.

### **The Parish Website: [www.ssppoc.org](http://www.ssppoc.org)**

Has posted under “schedule of services” the 2012 calendar for each month. Although it is subject to change, it provides a standard of parish activities and services. Please consult it as you make your own 2012 calendar planning.

# ST. TIKHON OF MOSCOW, ENLIGHTENER OF AMERICA

## **Born:**

Vasili Vasil'evich Belavin in Tropets, Pskov Territory (Russia), on January 19, 1865 (O.S.), third son of the priest Vasilii Ivanovich Belavin.

## **Education:**

Baccaulareat, Pskov Theological Seminary, 1884  
Masters of Theology, St. Petersburg Academy, 1888

## **Ordination:**

To Episcopacy October 19, 1897

## **Services:**

1888-91 Instructor of Dogmatics and Moral Theology  
at Pskov Theological Seminary  
1892-97 Superintendent of Chelm Theological  
Seminary  
1897-98 Bishop of Lubin (Poland)  
1898-1907 Bishop of the Aleutian Islands and Alaska;  
After 1905, Archbishop  
1907-13 Archbishop of Yaroslavl (Russia)  
1913-17 Archbishop of Vilna (Lithuania)  
1917-25 Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus

## **Reposed:**

April 7, 1925 (O.S.) Feast of Annunciation



**Saint Tikhon of  
Moscow**

## **From Parting Remarks of St. Tikhon when leaving America in 1907**

"...how can we help fearing for our small flock in America? How easily the candle can be extinguished by the wind coming through the open window. How easily can an oarsman in a frail boat be overturned by the sea waves. Here, we cannot boast of great numbers, neither of renown, nor of wealth, nor of learning – all that is valued in this world. We are strong here only in one thing – in possessing the True Orthodox Faith, but even 'that not of yourself; it is the gift of God' (Eph. 2:8), and we should ask the Lord for the increase of this gift. Let them stand fast in thy Holy Church, in the Orthodox Faith."

"It is not enough to celebrate the 'Triumph of Orthodoxy.' We have to concur in this triumph. And for this, we have to guard sacredly the Orthodox faith, to stand firm in it, disregarding the fact that we live in a non-Orthodox country; not giving heed to opinions one hears, such as: 'This is not the Old Country, here. This is a free land. Therefore, supposedly, we may not have to observe everything that the Church requires.' As is the Word of God is suitable only for the Old Country and not for the whole world. As if the Church of Christ is not catholic! As if the Orthodox faith is not the one that 'sustains the universe!'"

"But guarding the Orthodox faith sacredly and loving it is not enough. Christ the Savior said that lighting the candle, one does not put it 'under a bushel, but on a candlestick, (Mt. 5:15) and the light of Orthodoxy is lighted not for a small circle of people. No, the Orthodox Church is catholic, she remembers the will of her Founder: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teach all nations (Mt. 28:19). We ought to share the spiritual wealth, truth and light with others...Thus, each of us should consider this task of propagating the faith as his own task, dear to his heart."

Evan Kalenik

AGE: 60 • Belle Mead

Evan Kalenik, 60, entered eternal life on Sunday, October 2, 2011 at Somerset Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Bridgewater, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in New York City, NY, son of the late Paul and Edna (Ilitsky) Kalenik, he resided in Hazlet before settling to Belle Mead 30 years ago. Evan had been employed as a purchasing manager with Johnson & Johnson, Sterling Drugs and Ciba-Geigy and as an instructor with IBM, all located in Central Jersey. He was a former parishioner of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Manville, a parishioner of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship Chapel of the Transfiguration at Murray Dodge Hall at Princeton University and was a founding member of Our Lady, Mother of God, the Joy of All Who Sorrow Church in Rocky Hill, NJ. He was Sir Evan Kalenik, Kt.M.O.S.J., having been knighted by the Order of the Knights of Malta on June 1, 1986. Evan had a passion for the Russian Orthodox religion. He enjoyed many years of traveling, especially to Moscow. Evan is survived by his dear Aunt Marilyn Lositski, Uncle Harry Lindsay and loving cousins, Denise Lositski, Donald Lositski, Mary Lee Budrick, Richard Nelson and Thomas Kucharchik and his wife Patricia. He will be deeply missed by those in his church communities.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visitation at Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, Manville, NJ 08835 on Friday, October 7 from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with the Panikhida at 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 8 beginning 9:00 a.m. at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835 followed by the committal words and interment at St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Cemetery in Jackson, NJ. Memorial contributions may be made in Evan's name to any of the Russian Orthodox Churches that Evan supported. To send condolences to the family or sign an online guest book, please visit [www.FucilloandWarrenFuneralHome.com](http://www.FucilloandWarrenFuneralHome.com)



**ST. PAUL ABOUT SINGING**

*COLOSSIANS 3:15-17*

*AND LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED IN THE ONE BODY. AND BE THANKFUL. LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM, AND SING PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS WITH THANKFULNESS IN YOUR HEARTS TO GOD. AND WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO EVERYTHING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD THE FATHER THROUGH HIM.*

*EPHESIANS 5:18-20*

*BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, ADDRESSING ONE ANOTHER IN PSALMS AND HYMNS AND SPIRITUAL SONGS, SINGING AND MAKING MELODY TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALWAYS AND FOR EVERYTHING GIVING THANKS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO GOD THE FATHER.*



# PARISH REVITALIZATION

## The Challenge

Many parishes are withering. Many others, while not in decline are not growing.

- Parishes that were 500 members in 1980 are now 200 persons or smaller.
- Parishes with a church school of greater than 50 children are rare. The average age of parishioners is getting older. A median parishioner age of 60 or even 70 years of age is not at all uncommon.
- Many parishes find that a disproportionate share of their income comes from older members. When those members die the parish loses not only people but a significant portion of its funding base as well.
- Many newer parishes (those founded post 1970) are on a plateau in terms of size and vision.

These facts have been apparent for many years. The quantitative and qualitative evidence of decline, staleness and tepidness in too many communities are easily visible. Nonetheless we as a Church, particularly bishops and clergy, seem unwilling to face facts.

The Church is not about numbers. But a Church whose numbers continue to decline seriously will soon cease to exist. And a Church with a clear inheritance of the Apostolic deposit and 'The faith that changed the world' needs to seriously explore why many of its communities are in numerical, financial and no doubt, and most importantly, spiritual peril.

## Key Facts

- From 1980 to 2000, the OCA declined 6-9%.
- Since early 90's 170 + parishes have declined or no growth; 140+ have declined by double digits.
- From 1990 – 2000 US population grew 11%; OCA decreased 13%.
- The number of unchurched Americans: 40%, representing over 120 million people. Only 1/10 of 1% of that number would double the size of the OCA.

## **CENSUS: OCA    NY-NJ DIOCESE    SS. P&P. MANVILLE**

<b>1990</b>	<b>30,783</b>	<b>6,653</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>27,049</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>22,619</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>90</b>

"An Orthodox Christian parish is first and foremost a worshipping community. It exists to praise, bless, and glorify God, to ceaselessly sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-creating Trinity, its essential purpose is to baptize people in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; to enable them to die in Christ and to be raised with Him to newness of life; to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit; to hear God's word; to respond to God's gospel, to confess and repent of our sins, to participate in the eucharistic sacrifice of Christ's Body and Blood; and to actualize God's Kingdom on earth, in spirit and truth, by faith and grace, until Christ comes in glory at the close of the age." - Fr. Thomas Hopko

**Diocese of New York & New Jersey****Census Analysis**

Shading indicates no official report made

Parish	2011 Census	2010 Census	2009 Census
Annunciation Church, Brick, NJ	92	97	104
Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, Clifton, NJ	100	130	123
Cathedral of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, Brooklyn	80	80	80
Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection, New York, NY	75	72	100
Christ the Saviour Church, Milton, NY	48	53	55
Christ the Saviour Church, New York, NY	53	53	50
Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ	109	109	109
Church of the Holy Cross, Medford, NJ	85	85	111
Church of the Holy Transfiguration, Pearl River, NY	16	16	16
Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, NY	40	40	40
Church of the Mother of God, Mays Landing, NJ	8	7	7
Dormition of the Virgin Mary Church, Binghamton, NY	102	102	138
Holy Apostles Church, Saddlebrook, NJ	42	42	42
Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne, NJ	157	157	166
Holy Spirit Church, Wantage, NJ	41	40	40
Holy Transfiguration Chapel, Princeton, NJ	42	31	30
Holy Trinity Church, East Meadow, NY	105	119	125
Holy Trinity Church, Elmira Heights, NY	42	48	51
Holy Trinity Church, Rahway, NJ	21	20	20
Holy Trinity Church, Randolph, NJ	160	168	167
Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY	94	94	43
Mother of God, Joy to All Who Sorrow Mission, Rocky Hill,	29	33	43
Nativity of the Holy Virgin Church, Jackson, NJ	37	40	40
Our Lady of Kazan Church, Sea Cliff, NY	134	134	130
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Bayonne, NJ	59	59	59
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Buffalo, NY	32	34	36
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, East Herkimer, NY	100	108	113
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Endicott, NY	145	145	150
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Jersey City, NJ	70	73	70
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Manville, NJ	90	90	90
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, South River	164	189	242
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Syracuse, NY	137	148	144
St. Andrew Church, Dix Hills, NY	58	62	68
St. Basil Church, Watervliet, NY	140	150	143
St. George Church, Buffalo, NY	56	56	56
St. Gregory Palamas Church, Glen Gardner, NJ	29	38	38
St. Gregory the Theologian Church, Wappingers Falls, NY	107	107	107
St. Innocent Mission, Oneonta, NY	0	10	8
St. John Chrysostom Church, Woodside, NY	33	34	35
St. John the Baptist Church, Alpha, NJ	44	42	42
St. John the Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ	58	63	67
St. John the Baptist Church, Spring Valley, NY	26	28	33
St. John the Baptist, Rochester, NY	89	89	89
St. John the Theologian Church, Shirley, NY	45	45	45
St. Mary Magdalen Church, New York, NY	19	19	19
St. Nicholas Church, Auburn, NY	109	121	120
St. Nicholas Church, Cohoes, NY	86	87	98
St. Nicholas Church, Whitestone, NY	26	70	70
St. Nino's Mission, Brooklyn, NY	25	25	25
St. Spiridon Church, Perth Amboy, NJ	26	26	26
St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ	131	134	128
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>3,822</b>	<b>3,951</b>