

SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

605 Washington Avenue, Manville, New Jersey 08835-1856

Voice: 908-685-1452 / fax: 908-685-1074 Email: frjames@ssppoc.org

Parish Website: www.ssppoc.org Diocese of NY-NJ: www.nynjoca.org

BULLETIN OF MARCH 18, 2012

SUNDAY/MARCH 18

Third Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 7)

Procession of Holy Cross (Wine & Oil)

St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)

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

Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Mother of God

Church in Mays Landing

End of the 3rd and beginning of the 4th

Week of the Great and Holy Fast

MONDAY/MARCH 19

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/MARCH 20

7:00p.m.. Vespers; Confessions

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

9:30a.m. Akathist to Holy Cross; Confessions

6:30p.m. Pre-sanctified Liturgy

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

3:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

FRIDAY/MARCH 23

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

Memorial Saturday (Wine & Oil)

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service for Departed;
Confession

10:30a.m. Church Cleaning

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/MARCH 25

Fourth Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 8)

Annunciation to the Holy Theotokos

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")
(Fish, wine and oil)

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

Coffee Hour; Question and Answer Period

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Annunciation

Church in Brick with Bishop Michael and clergy

End of the 4th and beginning of the 5th

Week of the Great and Holy Fast

**BEFORE THY
CROSS.**

**WE
BOW**



Kontakion Tone 7 Third Sunday of Great Lent

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the
Gates of Paradise; it has been mysteriously
quenched by the wood of the Cross!
The sting of death and the victory of hell have
been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, didst
come and cry to those in hell:
Enter again into Paradise!

Offerings for the week of March 18

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.; for the health of Marcel, Roxana, Ian and Maria; in memory of Gabriella, Floarea, Gheorghe, Elena, Petre, Valeria, Margareta, Maria, Vera, Gheorghe, Sorin and Romulus.

Wine – for the health of Nicolai Parsells (namesday); in honor of St. Edward; for the health of Mark Kulick (birthday).

Flowers – in memory of Bukhuti and Katusha and Vasil; for the health of Kakha Kaliashvili family

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Apr. 16 40th Day Mary Rosocha
Mar. 18, 1942 John Hrihorchuk
Mar. 18, 1981 Metropolitan Ireney
Mar. 19, 2004 Anna Lisneski
Mar. 20, 2000 Theodore Adamchak
Mar. 21, 1991 Eugenia Kozlov
Mar. 23, 1925 Peter Chabra
Mar. 23, 1975 Anna Yalsh
Mar. 24, 1959 Alexander Gromack
Mar. 24, 1970 Julia Zorzi
Mar. 24, 1954 John Hólovach



Coffee Hour Hosting

Coffee Hour Hosts are reminded that in the Great and Holy Lent we do not serve meat, dairy or fish.

Mar. 18 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Hando
Mar. 25 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei
Apr. 01 - Kita, Nevitt and Keller

Ushers Schedule

Mar. 18 - P. Parsells & C. Dunaenko
Mar. 25 - E. Sarchisian & L. Khuzaurashvili
Apr. 01 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

Those That Are Shut-In

In the weeks of March 25th and April 1st, Fr. James will be bringing the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion to those home bound. Please be sure you are visited and speak with Father to arrange a day and time.

The Bulletin Board

Has posted information on retreats, museums, and other events that do not make it into the Sunday bulletins. Check it out during the Coffee Hour.

Lenten Sunday Vespers

All Vespers Services are at 4:00p.m.

- 3rd Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 18
Mother of God Church in Mays Landing
- 4th Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 25
Annunciation Church in Brick
(Bishop Michael present)
- 5th Sunday of Great Lent/Apr. 1
Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Bayonne

Pussy Willows Are Sought

Please deposit them in the lower hall. Thanks!

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Mar. 18 - "Catacomb"

Week of Mar. 25 - "Evergreen and Ember"

Week of Apr. 01 - "Lindsfarne"

Your comments on fragrances is welcomed.

Spring Church Cleaning

Saturday, March 24th at 10:30a.m. Please plan to be here and help out.

Diocesan Youth Retreat – March 30 & 31 in Wayne

This Retreat is geared for students 7th thru 12th grades. The theme, schedule and necessary paperwork are posted on the bulletin board or you may go to the diocesan website.

The Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion

Should be received by all the faithful in this time of the Great Fast of 40 Days – ending, April 7th. It is best no to wait until the last days for these Holy Mysteries. Confession is not scheduled in the Great and Holy Week (April 8-14).

Memorial Service

For (+) Helen Macinko (one year anniversary of repose), Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:15p.m.

Seeing the Precious Cross of Christ placed this day before us, let us venerate it and rejoice in faith; With love let us greet the Lord Who by His own free choice was crucified upon it, asking Him to grant us all uncondemned, to adore His Holy Passion and to attain the Resurrection!

HAVING COME TO THE MIDPOINT OF THE 40 DAY GREAT AND HOLY FAST... LET ME REFLECT...

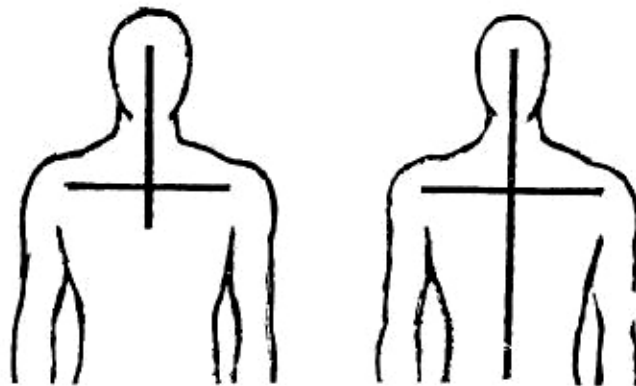
- ❖ Have I accepted Great Lent as a "gift" from God, with thanksgiving?
- ❖ Have I spent the last three weeks in a meaningfully different way?
- ❖ Have I participated in the lenten services that are held during the week, Monday through Friday?
- ❖ Have I used the lenten prayer of Saint Ephraim in my morning and evening prayers, and at other times throughout the day?
- ❖ In addition to the Holy Scriptures, what kind of spiritual reading have I done? Have I learned more about my Faith? Have I read spiritual works which can help me in my prayers, dealing with others, and spiritual faults and needs?
- ❖ Am I preparing myself to make a good, honest, and humble Confession? Do I really believe that I am confessing my sins to Jesus Christ? Am I aware that the Lord sees my inner heart and will know if I only recite my sins, instead of being truly sorrowful and deeply committed to avoid repeating them?
- ❖ In what ways will I struggle in the second part of Great Lent that I have so far left unattended?
- ❖ What price am I willing to pay in order to die and live in Christ? Am I willing to trade the earth for heaven? Am I willing to deny myself, take up my cross and follow Him to His heavenly Kingdom?



one must comment on a most strange, incomprehensible, and completely impermissible distortion found in all textbooks we have seen so far. This distortion concerns the **sign of the cross**. In these textbooks it is said that the sign of the cross is made with the right hand thus: from the forehead, to the chest, then from the right to the left **shoulders**.

Imagine thus, that in the course of many years one has incorrectly made the sign of the cross. Instead of that victorious sign of Christ's victory over the devil, the Cross of Christ, one has distorted this holy sign. This can only be to the joy of the demons.

This drawing gives a complete visual explanation:



In the sacred book, the Psalter, from which Orthodox people were educated from ancient times, it is said in the "Brief Instruction": "about how it becometh the Orthodox Christian, according to the ancient tradition of the Holy Apostles and Fathers, to form on himself the sign of the cross... I shall state: first on our foreheads, which touches the highest part of the cross, second on the stomach, which touches the lowest point of the cross, third on our right shoulder and fourth on the left, by which the crossbeam is signed by the extended arms of the cross, on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, His hands extended to gather all the nations scattered to the ends of the earth into one."

May the Lord preserve us from even the slightest deviation from the authentic Orthodox faith of Christ!

Mary Rosocha

Mary Rosocha

AGE: 91 • Manville

Mary (Bartushak) Rosocha, 91, entered into eternal rest peacefully on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at Raritan Health & Extended Care Center in Raritan. Born in Manville, daughter of the late Elias and Clara (Dudra) Bartushak, Mary was a lifelong resident of Manville. Mary was employed for over twenty years at RCA Corporation in Bridgewater where she was an assembler and tester. She was a member of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Manville and their Myrrh-Bearing Sisterhood; making pierogi's, cooking and assisting with their candy sales. Her favorite pastimes include crocheting, cooking and baking, doing jumbo word puzzles and babysitting her grandchildren. Mary had a love for swinging on her swing and enjoyed taking walks to the "corner."

Besides her parents, Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband, John Rosocha, Sr., with whom she shared over thirty-five years of marriage, in 1977 and her son, John Rosocha, Jr. in 2005. Mary is survived by her loving daughter, Cynthia and her husband Edward "Skip" Petro and her dear daughter-in-law, Joan Rosocha all of Manville. She will be deeply missed by her dear siblings, Tess Nevitt, Andrew Bartushak and Joseph Bartusek; four cherished grandchildren, Kimberly Petro-Orlik of Hillsborough, Jacqueline Trksak of Mount Laurel, John Henry Rosocha of Newtown, PA and James Rosocha of Manville; three adored great-grandchildren, John Hunter Rosocha, Zoey Karmina Trksak and Anastasia Mary Orlik; and by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visitation at Fucillo & Warren Funeral Home, 205 South Main Street, Manville, NJ 08854 on Monday, March 12 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with the Panikhida at 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 13 from 8:45 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 13 beginning 9:15 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a 10:00 a.m. funeral service at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Manville with Fr. James officiating. Mary will be laid to rest beside her husband John at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cemetery in Hillsborough. Memorial contributions may be made in Mary's memory to Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, NJ 08835. To send condolences to the family or sign an online guest book, please visit www.FucilloandWarrenFuneralHome.com.

ON BEARING WEAKNESSES

Each person must bear the weaknesses of others. Who is perfect? Who can boast that he has kept his heart undefiled? Hence, we are all sick, and whoever condemns his brother does not perceive that he himself is sick, because a sick person does not condemn another sick person.

Elder Ephraim, St. Anthony's, Arizona



ON SPIRITUAL READING

Remember that no one can simultaneously think about two subjects. If you occupy your mind with good thoughts (reading spiritual books or studying some worthwhile subject), the bad ones will not be able to linger in your mind.

Saint Innocent of Alaska



To all the Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Church,

Christ Is Our Midst! ~ He Is And Ever Shall Be!

This past week, (March 2-9) I participated in OCF Real Spring Break and traveled to Guatemala City to serve the Lord and the children of the Hogar Rafael Ayau orphanage. The trip was a life-changing experience and I am so happy I was able to go. The experience and children strengthened my faith and taught me so much in such a short amount of time. They were a true example of a how an Orthodox Christian should live.

The orphanage is located in Guatemala City, which is a poverty stricken area that faces several dangerous problems everyday. The children are safe within the space of the Hogar where they live very simply. I experienced a different way of living which made me have a new perspective on how I live. The children have a lot of structure in their schedule but also live very simplistic lives. They are active in the church, they work in a wood workshop, they go to school, they take care of the orphanage, and they take care of each other. Their means of living taught me to be grateful for everything I have.

While on the mission trip, the team completed a few projects that could benefit the Hogar. First, we repainted the eating area to a new, refreshing color. Next, we painted the outside area of the school, the entrance to the school, and the outside of the girls' dormitory. Lastly, we assisted Mother Ivonne and sorted fabrics to make sample books that could be of interest to the people in the Orthodox Church. The rest of our time was spent playing and talking with the children. The time with them was the most meaningful for all of us and we never wanted to be apart from them.

As a college student, I was not sure if I would be able to afford the trip because we were only given a short amount of time to fundraise. After attending College Conference I wanted to go so badly and knew if God wanted me to do this, he would find a way to send me. I was so unbelievably blessed to have the parish support me and give me the opportunity to do something I have always dreamt of. Your generosity also allowed me to bring a monetary donation to the orphanage with was a great blessing to everyone there. I thank you all for the financial support, prayers, and encouraging words.

Once the semester is over, I will give a presentation with pictures and more stories from the trip. You were all apart of this experience just as much as I was and I cannot wait to share everything that you made possible. May God bless you all!

With Love In Christ,

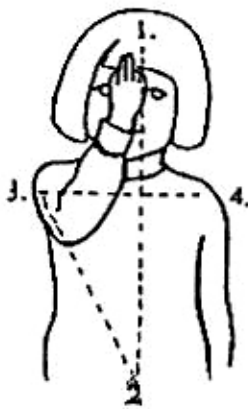
Rebecca Oliver

Using the Sign of the Cross Every Day

The sign of the Cross is a great way to sanctify or bring to God every part of your busy day — whether good or bad! Here are just a few times during the day when you might want to make the sign of the Cross:

- Before you get out of bed, to thank God for protecting you through the night.
- Before you prepare a meal for your family, to thank God for His bounty. (My grandmother, Mary, said a prayer and traced the sign of the Cross with the tip of her spoon whenever she opened a new sack of flour or sugar, opened a jar of jam or peanut butter, etc.)
- Before and after meals, to thank God for the bounty He provides.
- As you leave your home, to ask God to protect you on your journey and watch over your house or apartment while you are gone.
- When you pass an Orthodox church building or monastery, to ask God to preserve it and guide its leaders.
- As you bandage a "boo-boo" or take any kind of medicine, to ask that God will heal you both in body and spirit.
- Over any new piece of equipment, tool, book, art supply, or toy, to ask God to guide you in using it wisely in His service.
- Before, during and after any meeting or conversation you have — especially with someone you know to be "difficult" — that God will help you to approach them with Christian love and understanding.
- As you begin any project, and before and after working or studying, to ask God to guide your efforts.
- As you sign a contract, lease, or any other legal agreement — or even when you make a promise to someone — that God will protect and guide all involved.
- As you mail or fax an important letter, that God will see it quickly to its destination and allow the reader to understand/not misinterpret its contents.
- When you hear news of something wonderful (to thank God), or of something terrible (to ask for His mercy and protection).
- When you witness any accident — big or small — to thank God for his protection, and ask His help in "setting things to rights" and recovering from it.
- When you pass a cemetery, or are reminded of departed loved ones during the day, to ask God to forgive their sins and welcome them into His kingdom.
- As you come through the door at night, to thank God for His protection and bounty.
- Before reading the Bible, the writings of the Church Fathers, or the lives of the saints, to ask God for enlightenment.
- Over your bed, before you get into it at night, to ask God to protect you as you sleep. (Many Orthodox prayer books include special prayers to say when blessing your bed, too!)
- If you wake up in the middle of the night, after hearing a bump or screech, or having a bad dream. ✱ NTK

The Sign of the Cross



1. In the name of the Father, — forehead
2. and the Son, — belly
3. and the Holy, — right shoulder
4. Spirit. — left shoulder
5. Amen. — as you pronounce this word, which means, "so be it," drop your hand, and bow your head.