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**BULLETIN OF MAY 6, 2012**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**SUNDAY/MAY 6**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha (Tone 3)**

**The Paralytic at the Pool**

**Translation of the Relics of St. Sava**

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

Coffee Hour and Presentation on Mission

Trip to Guatemala by Rebecca Oliver

6:30p.m. Compline and Akathist to

**St. Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (May 7)**

**TUESDAY/MAY 8**

7:00p.m. Vespers

7:30p.m. Lesser Blessing of Waters

**WEDNESDAY/MAY 9**

**Mid-Pentecost (25<sup>th</sup> Day of Pascha)**

**Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas**

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class: "Is Culture Without Religion Possible?"

**THURSDAY/MAY 10**

7:00p.m. Vespers (**Ss. Cyril & Methodius – May 11**)

**SATURDAY/MAY 12**

9:30a.m. Liturgy with Bishop Michael in Jersey City

(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Bp. Michael's Consecration)

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

**SUNDAY/MAY 13**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha (Tone 4)**

**The Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well**

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

Coffee Hour; Church School



### **Offerings for the week of May 6**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Stephanie (birthday).

### **Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!**

May 24 40<sup>th</sup> Day Helen Gregovitch  
May 06, 1971 Basil Pawlik  
May 06, 1982 Philip Recetz  
May 08, 1982 Demetrius Polegonsky  
May 09, 1972 Pauline Lasin  
May 10, 1984 Ignatius Chwat  
May 11, 1962 Olga Kluchnik  
May 11, 1999 Peter Grenther  
May 12, 1990 John Yalsh

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

May 06 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri  
May 13 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando  
May 20 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

### **Ushers Schedule**

May 06 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz  
May 13 - T. Gorbaturk and J. Stone  
May 20 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko

### **Incense Fragrances In Usage**

Week of May 06 “Skvir”  
Week of May 13 “Fern”  
Week of May 20

### **Forth-Coming Calendar**

May 9/16 - Wednesdays – Adult Study Classes  
7-8:30p.m.  
May 17 - Thursday – Parish Council Meeting  
May 19 - Saturday – 10:30a.m. Gazebo Work  
May 24 - Ascension Thursday  
May 27 - Sunday 9:30 a.m. Hierarchical Divine  
Liturgy with Bishop Peter of Cleveland  
May 27 - Sunday – 2:00 p.m. Marriage of Peter  
Parsells & Heather Graver  
May 30 – Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon’s Monastery  
June 3 - Sunday - Pentecost  
June 3 - Sunday - 4:00p.m. Memorial at Parish  
Cemetery  
June 14 – Thursday – Lecture by Bishop Michael  
7:00p.m. in Lower Hall  
June 16 - Saturday – Parish Council Conference  
In Clifton

### **Namesday Greetings**

St. Emilia/May 8: Amelia Fedechko  
Many Blessed Years!

### **Gazebo Work Project – May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.**

(Notation from Zachary Sokol)

As many of you know, for my Boy Scout eagle Project, I am coordinating the building of a gazebo for the church community. We will be finishing the work on the gazebo on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30a.m. We will need at least **20 able-bodied volunteers**. We will need to carry large cement blocks to lay the foundation as well as some minor leveling with some gravel. Some tree branches may need to be trimmed in order for the work to be done more safely and without obstruction. Also, the majority of the work will be assembling the gazebo, which will involve screwing together the boards and installing decking. The roof needs to be installed and we would appreciate anyone who is able to shingle a roof, that would be a big help. All of the cutting and drilling will be done beforehand. All necessary tools will also be provided. The work will take no longer than 5 hours. I thank you in advance for your help. Please speak to me if you plan on coming, or if you have questions or concerns.

### **A Warm Welcome!**

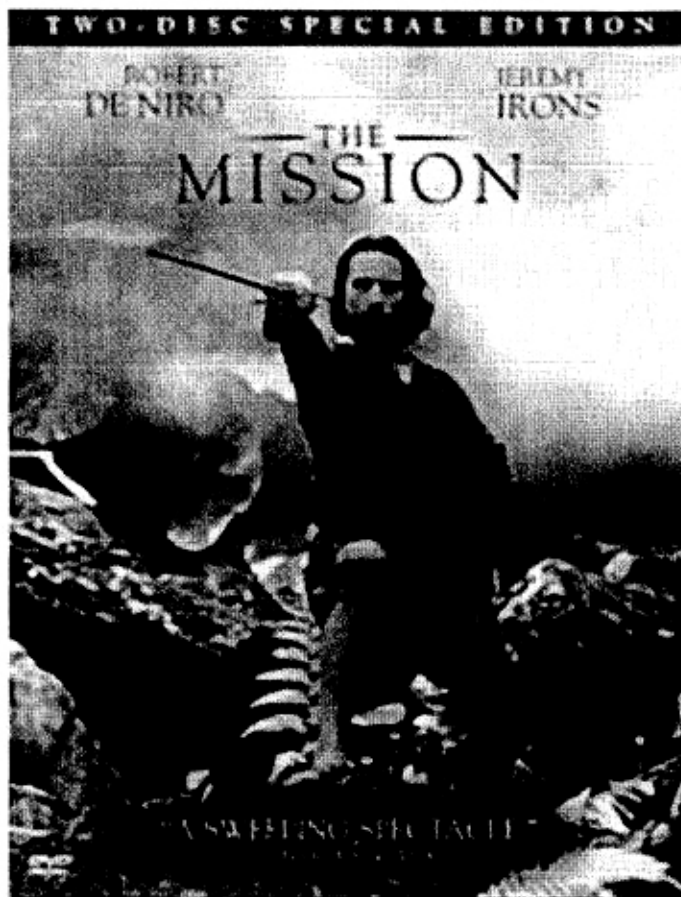
To Father Justin Frederick, Matushka Michelle and their children, Katherine, Thea and Zoe. Father Justin in the rector of St. Maximus the Confessor Church in Denton, Texas and Dean of the clergy for the South Central Deanery of the Diocese of the South.

### **Children and Young People Envelopes**

To instruct in good stewardship, envelopes have been provided for the students of the three Church School Classes. We are happy to report, that 20 of the 22 students regularly use their Sunday Envelope. They are to be commended.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Parish – 2015**

A Planning Committee is in the process of being formed. Your talent, ideas and leadership is sought. Please submit your name to Symeon Combs.



MOVIE PRESENTATION:

SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

11:45 A.M.

***“THE MISSION”***

## **The Mission**

2003 PG 125 Min.

A powerful epic about a man of the sword and a man of the cloth who unite to shield a South American Indian tribe from brutal subjugation by 18th-century colonial empires. This unforgettable, action-filled drama of faith vs. greed and wills vs. cultures stars Robert DeNiro and Jeremy Irons.

After the 1492 publicity tour by an Italian sailor whose promotional skills were better than his sense of direction, the nations of Europe practically tripped over each other in their rush to carve empires out of the newly-"discovered" continents of the Western Hemisphere. In addition to the secular nation-states, the Catholic Church got in on the act as well. Disputes over arbitrary boundary lines on inaccurate maps were common; after all, when people sitting comfortably at home in Europe are drawing the lines, there are bound to be inaccuracies.

If the lands of the New World were treated like just so many squares on a chessboard, the people of those lands fared even worse. At best, they were an annoyance and an obstacle to be overcome; at worst, they became commodities over which the European powers could haggle and bargain.

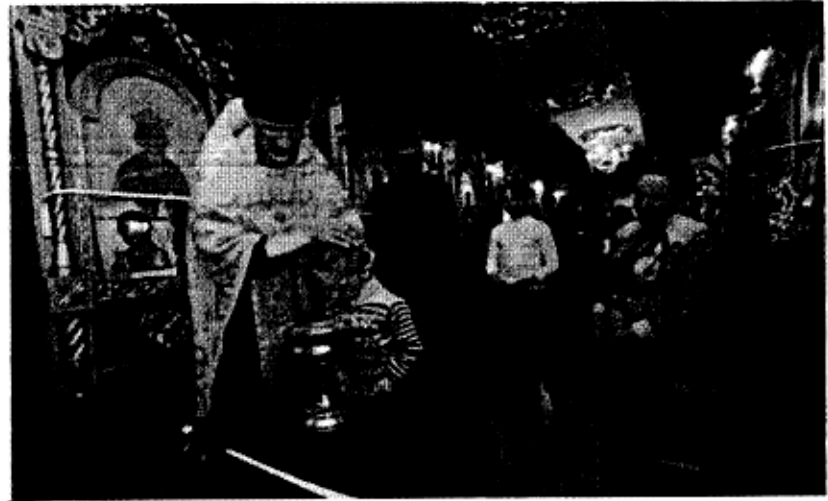
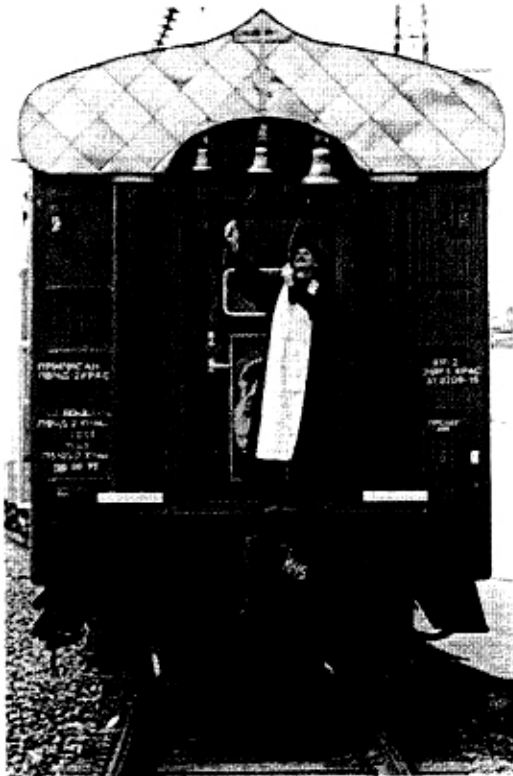
In the midst of these struggles were the missionaries, who saw themselves as the Indians' best friends, but who in their own way forced tremendous change and upheaval in the native cultures.

## THE DOCTOR SAINT LUKE TRAIN

The Doctor St. Luka Train, serves as a free, mobile consultative and diagnostic medical center that carries medics and medical equipment yearly from the main regional city of Krasnoyarsk, Russia to district settlements of the Krasnoyarsk and Khakassia regions in Siberia where hospitals and clinics are scarce. The train is named after the outstanding Russian surgeon, Valentine Voino-Yasensky who later became Bishop Luka and later St. Luka of Crimea (feast day: May 29<sup>th</sup>).



(MSNBC) - An Orthodox priest talks to a woman in front of the church carriage of the Doctor Voino-Yasenecky Saint Luka train, a free mobile consultative and diagnostic medical center, on April 27 at a railway station in Zaozyorny, 81 miles east of Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk.



(MSNBC) - An Orthodox priest baptizes a family at the church aboard the Doctor Voino-Yasenecky Saint Luka train, a free and mobile medical center, at a railway station of the town of Zaozyorny, Russia on April 27. The train also has a carriage that operates as a mobile Orthodox church.



## Homily on the "Sacrament of Baptism" -- Seven Questions, Seven Answers

His Grace, Michael -- Bishop of New York & the Diocese of New York and New Jersey

**Question #1: What is Baptism?**

**Answer:** As one of the Holy Mysteries of the Church, Baptism is our death, burial and resurrection in union with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our personal Pascha, our rite of passage, given by Christ to the Church as an entrance into the Kingdom of God and eternal life. The Apostle Paul describes the promise of God in this "mystery" when he writes: "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

**Question #2: What does "baptism" mean?**

**Answer:** Literally to "baptize" (*baptizo* in Greek) means "to immerse, to put into." This is why the Orthodox Church has from the beginning of her history baptized by triple immersion "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," the formula given by Our Lord Himself in Matthew 28:19. By means of this bath of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, a person sheds the sinful garments of the old man and is clothed with Christ, entering through Him, as through a door, into the Church, the Kingdom of Grace: "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). The person is thus regenerated, renewed, recreated ... his nature being made over into the Divine Image, so that he becomes a member of the mystical Body of Christ, a son of God by grace, a partaker of the Divine Nature through participation in the Holy Spirit.

**Question #3: What is the Scriptural basis for this sacrament?**

**Answer:** In the Old Testament, baptism was prefigured by the passage of God's people with Moses through the Red Sea (I Cor. 10:1,2); they escaped slavery in Egypt and entered new life in the Promised Land. In the new covenant, baptism is the means by which we are freed from bondage to sin and death and the devil and enter the Kingdom of God, joined to Christ, granted forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Savior made baptism holy when He Himself was baptized in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist. The Sacrament was instituted after the Resurrection, when Our Lord said to His holy apostles, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..." (Matthew 28:19).

**Question #4: What happens at baptism?**

**Answer:** Those who are baptized are cleansed of the ancestral (original) sin and all actual sins they have committed if they are adults. (In a later video, we will talk about the baptism of infants.) In baptism all sins are uprooted and obliterated, together with their guilt and deadly eternal consequence ... and the person becomes reconciled to God, justified, made worthy by grace of the divine adoption. Those who are baptized (and chrismated) become citizens and members of the Body of the Church, in the mystical Body of Christ, which is actually formed through baptism.

**Question #5: What are the results of baptism?**

**Answer:** First: our dying with Christ in baptism was our death with Him on the Cross. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, speaking in the fourth century, instructed new converts: "You were led by the hand to the holy pool of divine baptism ... each of you was asked if [you] believe in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And you made the saving confession, you descended into the water and came up again three times. In the very same moment you died and were born." As Christ was buried in the tomb for three days and rose, so we are immersed in the font of baptism three times, and rise a Christian, united to His death and resurrection. But there is a second death of baptism, a continual one – dying to sin daily as we walk in the newness of our life in Christ. Saint Paul wrote to the Colossians concerning their baptism: "Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5). Having become united with Christ, how can we ever go back to the slavery of sin?

**Question #6: Is baptism necessary?**

**Answer:** Absolutely. Those who call themselves "born-again Christians" often quote John 3:3 – "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ALL who turn to Christ are indeed "born again" – or, in the Greek of the original Scriptures, "born from above." But those who dismiss the Sacraments, fail to note John 3:5 – "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Those are the Sacraments of initiation. In Baptism, we are born of water ... and in Chrismation, we are born of the Spirit. (We will talk about the Sacrament of Chrismation in our next video). Furthermore, Baptism is our initiation into the Christian life, our opening to all the other sacraments; we must be first baptized to receive any other Mystery. Baptism is the first moment of our salvation, the beginning of eternal life. We are raised to new life for the purpose of union and communion with God. Our relationship with God is not something static – not a one-time event. It is a dynamic, ongoing process, a day-by-day real life in Christ ... holding the promise of life everlasting ... it is the prelude to the resurrection of our body at Christ's second coming.

**Question #7: What do the Saints teach about Baptism?**

**Answer:** According to Saint John Chrysostom: "It is through baptism that we receive remission of sins, sanctification, communion of the Spirit, adoption and eternal life." Saint Basil the Great tells us that baptism is "the ransoming of captives, the forgiving of their debts, the regeneration of the soul, the bright garment, the unassailable seal, chariot to heaven, the cause of the Kingdom, the gift of adoption." And, according to Saint Cyril of Alexandria, baptism "frees us from all spot (of sin), and thus we become the holy temple of God and partakers of His Divine Nature, through our participation in His Holy Spirit."