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BULLETIN OF MAY 27, 2012



SUNDAY/MAY 27

7th Sunday of Pascha (Tone 6)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with Bishop Peter of Cleveland; Coffee Hour
2:00p.m. Marriage of Peter Parsells and Heather Marie Graver

MONDAY/MAY 28

Annual Pilgrimage at the Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk in So., Canaan, PA.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

PENTECOST – DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (TRINITY SUNDAY)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy Followed by Vespers with Kneeling Prayers
4:00p.m. General Memorial at Parish Cemetery

MONDAY/JUNE 4

Day of the Holy Spirit

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to the Holy Spirit

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

On the 7th Sunday of Pascha, one week before the Divine Pentecost, we celebrate the Church Fathers of the First Ecumenical (Universal) Council. This was held in the city of Nicea in Asia Minor, presently Turkey in the year 325.

Three-hundred and eighteen bishops gathered together and through them God has gave us the Creed of our Faith, called the Nicene Creed. This Creed expresses our basic beliefs about God and His Church.

The question may be asked – what does the witness of the Nicene Fathers have to do with the Pascha season?

The synaxarion of the feast explains: Our Lord Jesus Christ, having put on our human flesh, accomplished the work of salvation and ascended to the throne of the Father. Therefore the Council of the Fathers at Nicea confessed and proclaimed Christ as having the same essence and honor as the Father. The Saints appointed this feast just after the Feast of the Ascension in order to bear witness to the fact that the Son of God truly became man and, being perfect man and perfect God, ascended into heaven and “sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3).

Offerings for the week of May 27

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Matthew (birthday) in memory of Joan and Sandy;

Wine – for the health of Sophia, Svetlana Avelars.

Flowers – for the health and salvation of Peter Parsells and Heather Marie Graver on their Marriage

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

June 13 40th Day Vassily Neudachin
May 28, 1970 Mary Szwhala
May 29, 1942 Elizabeth Bulat
May 29, 1953 Emil Wilhousky
May 30, 1939 Dominick Stolokovsy
May 30, 1949 Anna Kuchner
May 30, 1963 William Marchisian
May 31, 1963 Michael Dziga
June 01, 1961 Alex Horbel
June 02, 1929 John Senko
June 02, 1951 Wasyl Bondarenko

Coffee Hour Hosting

May 27 - Kita, Nevitt and Keller
June 03 - Inga, Eka and Marina
June 10 - Nana, Nona and Nino

Ushers Schedule

May 27 - E, Sarchisian and L. Khuzaurashvili
June 03 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz
June 10 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of May 27 “Lindisfarne”
Week of June 03 “Sinai”
Week of June 19 “Flowers of Cyprus”

Forth-Coming Calendar

June 10 – Sunday Movie at 11:45a.m. – “The 12 Biggest Lies”
June 14 – Thursday – Lecture by Bishop Michael 7:00p.m. in Lower Hall
June 16 - Saturday – Parish Council Conference In Clifton
June 29 - Friday – Patronal Feast of Ss. Peter And Paul

Graduation Recognition Sunday – June 17

We want to honor our graduates on this Sunday. Please let Father James know the names and type of graduation, as soon as possible.

Congratulations and Many Blessed Years!

To Peter Parsells and Heather Marie Graver on their Holy Marriage today.

Cemetery Care Appeal

You are asked to respond to this Annual May Month Appeal to enable us to keep the Cemetery in good order. The Lord bless your offering!

Namesday Greetings: Many Blessed Years

St. Theodosia/May 29: Tessie Nevitt

A Very Warm Welcome!

To His Grace Bishop Peter of Cleveland, who celebrates the Divine Liturgy with us today. Bishop Peter had visited our parish before in December of 2007. His Grace is the Godfather of Peter Parsells and is in town for the Marriage. Eis Polla Eti Despota!

Fast-Free Week of Pentecost

There is no fasting during the week of Pentecost, Wednesday, June 6th and Friday, June 8th.

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent

Is observed June 11th thru the feast of the Apostles on June 29th. Social calendar should be in accordance with the fasting regulations. If you do not wish to serve “lenten foods,” simply schedule your social event until after the Apostles’ Fast.

Baptism of Anna Gorbatuk

Saturday, June 9th at 12:00p.m.

Newly-Reposed

Remember in prayer the newly-departed (+) Irene Keith-Kralovich of New York City. Irene reposed on May 19th and was the sister of the newly-reposed (+) Helen Gregovitch-Kralovich (+ April 15th). Irene’s Funeral was held in NYC, where she lived and burial was at our parish cemetery. Memory Eternal!

2012 Visit of the Wonderworking "Hawaiian" Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon to the East Coast



With the gracious blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan HILARION of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, the Wonderworking and Myrrh-streaming "Hawaiian" Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will be brought to the East Coast for the months of May and June.

The wonderworking Hawaiian Icon (a paper copy of the Myrrh-streaming Montreal-Iveron Icon) in a span of just under five years has healed through the grace of God, a great many faithful of both spiritual and physical sufferings. Copies of this Wonderworking Icon have also begun giving

myrrh after being touched to It.

The "Hawaiian" Iveron Icon, as She is known, will be on the East Coast from May 25th to June 11th, 2012. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion, the wonderworking Icon will visit various churches and monasteries throughout the area.

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June 7, 2012, Thursday

St. Grigol of Khandzta Georgian Orthodox Church
135 South 3rd Avenue
Manville, NJ 08835
(718) 359-5373
Reception of the Holy Icon, 7:00pm
Akathist Service, 8:00pm
Matins, 9:00pm
Midnight Divine Liturgy and Moleben, 12:00am

June 8, 2012, Friday

St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Orthodox Church
38 Princeton Avenue
Rocky Hill, NJ 08553
(908) 203-1252
Moleben w/Akathist, 6:00pm



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- 1) We are Christ's disciples if we:
 - A. Keep His commandments.
 - B. Love one another.
 - C. Take up our crosses and follow Him.
 - D. All of the above.
- 2) The first bird Noah sent forth from the ark.
 - A. dove
 - B. raven
 - C. nuthatch
 - D. eagle
- 3) Moses received the Ten Commandments 50 days after Passover.
 - A. True
 - B. False
- 4) What happened 50 days after Christ rose from the dead?
 - A. Christ ascended into Heaven.
 - B. The Christians received the Holy Spirit.
 - C. St. Matthias replaced the Judas among the Twelve.
 - D. St. Stephen, the first martyr, was stoned to death.
- 5) To "speak in tongues" means to use words no one can understand.
 - A. True
 - B. False

For answers to these questions, please consult your Bible or page 4.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

1. D, all of the above.
2. B, raven. Genesis 8:7 The raven is an unclean bird, Leviticus 11:15 and Deuteronomy 14:14 The second bird Noah sent forth from the ark was a dove which is a clean bird, Deuteronomy 14:11-20. This prefigured the gift of the Holy Spirit (in the form of a dove) which would come when the old man, subject to sin, was drowned in the waters of Holy Baptism.
3. A, true. This prefigured the Christians receiving the Law of God written on the fleshy tablets of the heart, rather than cold and hard stony tablets.
4. B, the Christians received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.
5. B, false. The gift of speaking in tongues meant precisely the opposite. The Book of Acts records how the Apostles were able to proclaim the wonderful works of God to every person in Jerusalem, not in gibberish but to each in their own language.



DON'T BE A FISH OUT OF WATER

St. John Chrysostom, the superb homilist who was called the "Golden-mouthed", was especially concerned for the spiritual and moral development of his flock and, as a result, he was especially interested in teaching them how to pray. As trees cannot live without water, so man's soul cannot live without prayerful contact with God, he taught. If you deprive yourself of prayer, you will become like a fish out of water because as water is life for a fish, so is prayer for you.





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May 27, 2012
7th Sunday of Pascha

Dear Archpriest James, Protodeacon Paul, and Faithful Parishioners,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is my great joy to be with you for the celebration of the Divine Services today and to hand-deliver this short letter of thanks to you for your wonderfully generous gift to our little mission in Delmarva!

As you may know, each year my family and I have made it our practice to join you for Bright Monday festivities in order to rejoice together with you in the light of the Resurrection and to be renewed by the vision of what our small mission aspires to become – a thriving Orthodox community, witnessing to the unchanging, yet life-transfiguring Gospel of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Although this year, we were not able to make the trip up as we were very busy with the renovations to our new parish center, today we are very pleased to be here with you, sharing with you the great news that God willing, we will celebrate our first Divine Services on Holy Pentecost.

This would not be possible were it not for your spiritual and financial care for us. In fact, your generous donation arrived this year at a time when we had just about run out of money to continue our work. A delay in construction would have been terribly frustrating, yet this was not meant to be as through you God had provided for us once again. We sincerely thank you for this as well as everything that you have done for us both by way of example and by way of active charity and continued prayerful support.

Finally, I would like to extend to you all an invitation to join us on Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8, 2012 as Metropolitan JONAH will bless our new facilities in a weekend of celebration, thanksgiving and glorification of God. A full schedule of services will be made available on our website, orthodoxdelmarva.org, where you can also find photos of the renovation work to the new property.

With love and much gratitude in Christ,

Fr. John Parsells