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BULLETIN OF JUNE 24, 2012

SUNDAY/JUNE 24

3rd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

MONDAY/JUNE 25

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to the
Tihvin Icon (June 26); Confessions

THURSDAY/JUNE 28

7:00p.m. Vigil; Confession

FRIDAY/JUNE 29

Ss. Peter & Paul – Patronal Feast

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Procession and Festal Lenten Meal

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Twelve Apostles

9:30a.m. Akathist to Apostles; Confession
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/JULY 1

4th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)

St. John of Rila

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
6:30p.m. Vespers

MONDAY/JULY 2

St. John Maximovitch (+1966)

Archbishop of San Francisco

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



Offerings for the week of June 24

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for a safe journey for Mary Alexandria; in memory of Kathleen.

Wine – for salvation of forgiveness of sins – Marianna (birthday) and for Stefan, Simona-Georgina and Gabriel.

Flowers - for a safe journey.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

June 25, 1975 John Felice
June 26, 1966 Mary Max
June 26, 1984 Jacob Grenther
June 26, 1997 Pauline Zorella
June 26, 1999 Alex Putyrsk
June 27, 1950 Metropolitan Theophilus
June 28, 1935 Joachim Seminuk
June 28, 1953 Trophim Lachtuk
June 28, 1968 Alex Lasik
June 28, 1973 Nicholas Dzurich
June 28, 2003 Peter Zeban
June 30, 1955 Steven Sidorkovitz
June 30, 1967 Christine Senko
June 30, 1994 Sophie Karwatt
June ?, 1948 Paul Federoff

Coffee Hour Hosting

June 24 (fasting) – Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
July 01 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri
July 08 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando

Ushers Schedule

June 24 - E. Sarchisian and L. Khuzaurashvili
July 01 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz
July 08 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of June 24 “Skvir”
Week of July 01 “Optina”
Week of July 08 “Violet”

Namesday Greetings

June/24: St. John the Baptist – John Zahdonik
June 29/Ss. Peter & Paul – Peter Gorbatuk, Peter Bakaletz, Robert Peter Keller, Proto-deacon Paul Sokol and Paul Kulina
Many Blessed Years!

Parish Council Meeting

July 12th, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

Traveling or Vacationing

To find the nearest Orthodox Church go to: www.orthodoxyinamerica.com. A “Prayer for Travelers” may be requested at the end of the Sunday Divine Liturgy, ask when you venerate the Cross.

“Opening Weekend” – Christ the Savior Church in Berlin, Maryland

On Saturday and Sunday, July 7th and 8th, with the participation of Metropolitan Jonah, the blessing of the new church property will take place. Father John Parsells and parishioners extend an invitation for you to join them in this joyous celebration. See the website for details, photos and directions. www.orthodoxdelmarva.org

Lemonade and Conversations

On July 3, 10 and 24 from 7-8p.m. you are invited to – depending on weather and numbers of attendees – to the gazebo or rectory for an hour of conversations about “anything under the sky” and some cold lemonade. An evening opportunity to met informally and just talk.

July Month Film – “Ss. Peter & Paul”

This film presentation of the ministry of the Chiefs of the Apostles will be shown in two segments:
Sunday, July 15th at 11:45a.m. (96 minutes)
Tuesday, July 17th at 7:00p.m. (96 minutes).

Annual Blessing of “Mobile Things”

July 22nd, Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. Autos, bikes, skate boards, skies, roller blades, surf boards, etc. will be blessed for safe usage.

Annual Parish Picnic – Sunday, July 22nd

Our Picnic will be held in East Brunswick at 2:00p.m. Please consult the flyer (pink covered) posted in the hall and on the vestibule stand. Plan to come!

Your Summer Offerings

Before you leave for vacation, please be sure to bring or mail in your Sunday Offering Envelopes. Good stewardship is on-going; as are bills to be paid.

Scientists find new evidence supporting John the Baptist bones theory

Scientists have uncovered new evidence that mysterious remains found in an ancient reliquary in a 5th century monastery on Sveti Ivan Island in Bulgaria belong to St John the Baptist.

The remains - small fragments of a skull, bones from a jaw and an arm, and a tooth - were discovered embedded in an altar in the ruins of the ancient monastery, on the island in the Black Sea.

But after the find two years ago was met with universal scepticism Oxford University archaeologists undertook carbon dating tests.

On Thursday, the team announced they have provided scientific evidence to support the extraordinary claim. The findings are to be presented in a documentary to be aired on The National Geographic channel in Britain on Sunday.

The research team dated the right-handed knuckle bone to the first century AD, when John is believed to have lived until his beheading ordered by king Herod.

Scientists from the University of Copenhagen analysed the DNA of the bones, finding they came from a single individual, probably a man, from a family in the modern-day Middle East, where John would have lived.

While these findings do not offer conclusive evidence, they also don't refute the theory first proffered by the Bulgarian archaeologists who found the remains while excavating under an ancient church on the island.

Many sites around the world claim to hold relics of the saint, including the Grand Mosque in Damascus which says it has his head. Countries around the Mediterranean claiming to have remains include Turkey, Greece, Italy and Egypt.

The right hand with which the prophet allegedly baptised Jesus in the River Jordan is also claimed to be held by several entities, including a Serbian Orthodox monastery in Montenegro.

"We were surprised when the radiocarbon dating produced this very early age," said Oxford Professor Tom Higham, who led the study.

"We had suspected that the bones may have been more recent than this, perhaps from the third or fourth centuries.

"The result from the metacarpal hand bone is clearly consistent with someone who lived in the early first century AD,"

He added: "Whether that person is John the Baptist is a question that we cannot yet definitely answer and probably never will."

Dr Hannes Schroeder, from the University of Copenhagen, added: "Of course, this does not prove that these were the remains of John the Baptist but nor does it refute that theory."

Bulgarian archaeologists had found a small box made of hardened volcanic ash close to the sarcophagus.

The box bore inscriptions in ancient Greek that referred to John the Baptist and the date that Christians celebrate his birth, June 24.

The findings of another Oxford researcher, Christopher Ramsey, using historical documents, suggest that the monastery of Sveti Ivan may have received a portion of John the Baptist's relics in the fifth or early sixth centuries.

St John, who is especially revered by the Eastern Orthodox Church, foretold the coming of Christ before being beheaded on the orders of King Herod, with his head served up on a plate.

Some Things You Should Know While in Church -- Church Etiquette

Sunday Dress

Remember the time when people put on their "Sunday best" to go to church? In fact, dress clothes were often referred to as Sunday clothes. In some parts of the country, this is not common today. In fact, all too often, dress in church has become too casual. In all areas of our lives, we should offer Christ our best. And the same is true of our dress. We should offer Christ our "Sunday best", not our everyday or common wear. And we should dress modestly, not in a flashy way that would bring attention to ourselves. Our dress should always be becoming of a Christian - especially at church. Here are some specific guidelines we use in our parishes:

Children

Only young children (under 10) should wear shorts to church - and then only dress shorts. Athletic shorts, cut-offs, and spandex shorts are never appropriate church wear (for children or adults!). Shoes or sandals should be clean and tied. No one should wear T-shirts with any kind of writing on them.

Women

Dresses should be modest. No tank tops or dresses with only straps at the shoulders, no short skirts (mini-skirts), and no skin-tight dresses. Dresses should have backs and not be cut low in the front. If women wear pants to church, they should be dress pants (not jeans, leggings, etc.). Shorts of any type are not appropriate for church.

Men Men should also dress modestly. While coat and tie are not mandatory, shirts should have collars and be buttoned to the collar (the actual collar button may be left undone, but two or three buttons undone is inappropriate). Slacks should be cleaned and pressed. Jeans (of any color) are usually too casual for church, especially ones with patches or holes. Again, shorts are not appropriate church wear.

If you're going somewhere after church where you need to dress casually, bring a change of clothing with you and change after coffee hour. Remember, use your best judgment and good taste when dressing for church. After all, you don't go to be seen by everyone else - you go to meet and worship God.