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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 19, 2012

SUNDAY/AUGUST 19
11th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2)
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY/AUGUST 25
9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/AUGUST 26
12th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)
Vladimir Icon of the Theotokos
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with
prayers for the New Academic Year for Students
and Teachers; Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period



Liturgical Commands as defined by St. Nicholas Cabasilas (+14th c.)

“Let us Attend” - here we are admonished to cast away negligence and inattention, and to listen carefully to what is being said and done in the service.

“Wisdom” - wisdom is the summary of those thoughts which are in accord with the ceremony, which should occupy those full of faith when they behold (see) and listen (hear) to the ceremonies and prayers, so they are not concerned with no purely human sentiment.

“Let us stand aright” - by this exhortation we are warned to be ready for battle when we hold converse with God and assist at the holy mysteries. There must be no inattention; we must act with fervor and all reverence and in this manner look, listen, and pray throughout the service. The first sign of this fervor and devotion is the uprightness of our bodies; we do these things standing on our feet, not sitting down.

Why are these commands necessary? - It is because forgetfulness is a great tyrant; no human frailty defeats men so often and so easily. Now, it is necessary that our minds and hearts be in accord with the mysteries when we assist at the sacred prayers and ceremonies of the liturgy, unless we wish to attend in vain, and spend our time to no purpose. But this is far from easy to achieve. That is why, on the one hand, we should keep constant watch on ourselves, and behave with circumspection; and on the other, it is necessary that we should have some external reminder, so that we can collect our thoughts and not be distracted by day dreaming and vain thoughts.

Offerings for the week of August 19

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

Wine – in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Gabriela, Elena, Grigore, Petre and Elena.

Flowers - in memory of Pearl Kulwinsky

Litya Breads - for the health of Ekaterina.

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Aug. 19, 1925 Helen Wawrenchuk
Aug. 19, 1942 Constantine Yancevich
Aug. 19, 1948 John Shander
Aug. 19, 1957 Samuel Barnosky
Aug. 20, 1965 Natalie Laga Salevanik
Aug. 20, 2008 Sophie Wassel
Aug. 21, 1980 Mary Pegene
Aug. 21, 2001 Anna Cherniak
Aug. 22, 1978 Anna Recketz
Aug. 23, 1926 John Mlinets
Aug. 23, 1938 Semeon Dutko
Aug. 24, 1964 John Wasevich
Aug. 24, 1958 John Galida
Aug. 24, 1990 Michael Sudia
Aug. 25, 1977 Tekla Barna

Coffee Hour Hosting

Aug. 19 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells & Sokol
Aug. 26 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri
Sept. 02 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando

Ushers Schedule

Aug. 19 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko
Aug. 26 - E. Sarchisian and L. Khuzaurashvili
Sept. 02 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Aug. 19 “Evergreen”
Week of Aug. 26 “Catacombs”
Week of Sept. 02 “Nazareth”

Visitation of Bishop Michael

Bishop Michael will visit our parish on the weekend of September 29th and 30th. Please reserve Saturday late afternoon and evening and Sunday to participate in this pastoral visitation.

Visitation of Bishop Michael to St. Nino Mission on Staten Island

Bishop Michael will celebrate the services for the Dormition of the Theotokos (Aug. 27/28) at the Georgian Mission.

Forth-Coming Calendar

Aug. 29/Wed. *Beheading of the Baptist*
(Strict Fast Day)
Sept. 01/Sat. *Church New Year*
Sept. 08/Sat. *Nativity of the Theotokos*
Sept. 09/Sun. Church School Begins
(classes are 2nd & 3rd Sundays)
Sundays of Sept. “Open Church Doors”
(12:00 to 2:00p.m.)
Sept. 09/Sun. Movie at 11:45a.m.
Sept. 14/Fri. *Elevation of the Holy Cross*
(Strict Fast Day)
Sept. 05/12/19/Tues. Lemonade & Conversations
at rectory from 7-8:00p.m.
Sept. 20/Thurs. Parish Council Meeting 7:00p.m.
Sept. 23/Sun. Question & Answer Period
Sept. 29/Sat. Visit of Bishop Michael
Sept. 20/Sun. Visit of Bishop Michael

“Open Door” Ministry

On Sunday afternoons in the month of September from 12:00 to 2:00p.m., we will have the Doors of the Church Wide Open for people to see, enter into, pray and visit our beautiful church. We are seeking “door-keepers” for these visitations. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand. For more information, please speak with Reader Symeon.

Coffee Hour Fellowship

On Sundays after the Divine Liturgy we gather in the social hall for a wonderful coffee hour with a variety of foods, conversations and sharing. Our fellowship is important, as we cement relationships, get-to-know one another, and share our lives. Come to the Coffee Hour! At the Coffee Hour be sure to expand your conversations with others you may not be familiar with by “moving around.” See a new face? Be sure to introduce yourself. Having a special day – birthday, namesday, anniversary? – share the good news and you are welcome to bring some foods for those special occasions.

THE FAITH OF THE SAINTS, by St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)

THE SOCIAL VIRTUES TO BE PRACTICED

Almsgiving. “When thou doest alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do, that they may have glory of men. Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. And thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

Giving without hesitation. “Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away” (Matt. 5:42). Give all in the name of Christ and for the brotherhood’s sake.

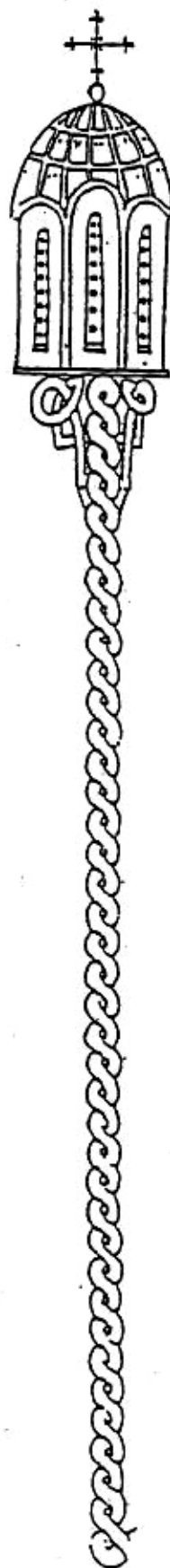
Loving your enemies. “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt. 5:44). There is no other way to cooperate with Christ, or to establish peace and brotherhood.

Doing good to men. How? Just as we wish that men would do to us. “Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 7:12). After the two great commandments of Christ, this is the greatest.

Forgiving your brother. “If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying: I repent, thou shalt forgive him” (Luke 17:3-4). Try to experience the joy of forgiving.

Humbleness. Christ was born in a stable. Why should we then strive after the highest honors and the first places? “Go down and sit in the lowest seat.” “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted” (Luke 14:10-11).

Show pity to sinners. That is the way to help and reform them. Ridiculing and condemning them is of no avail. Christ considered them sick. He visited them (Zaccheus), ate with them (Matthew), spoke kindly to them (women sinners), and thereby restored their spiritual health and human dignity.



Abiding in Christ. “He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing” (John 15:5). Let Christ therefore enter into your heart as into His own chamber, and let Him direct out from your heart all your thoughts and desires and activities.

Expectation of death and the Judgment. He is an unintelligent man who, seeing and hearing how thousands of human beings die every day, never thinks of his own death, but hoards food for a long future. God said: “Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be taken of thee; then whose shall those things be?” (Luke 12:20).

Thankfulness toward God is a great virtue. If you have received from God a little, and if you are thankful to Him for it, He will multiply it, as He multiplied the five loaves of bread.

Praising the Lord. Do not ask glory from men but give glory to God. The more you give, the more you shall receive. Say as the Holy Virgin said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46).

