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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 7, 2012

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 7

18th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)

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

MONDAY/OCTOBER 8

7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to
St. Tikhon, Enlightener of North America
(feast day - Oct. 9th)

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 13

Iveron Icon of the Theotokos

9:30a.m. Akathist to Iveron Icon;
Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 14

19th Sunday After Pentecost (tone 2)

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council held in Nicea in 787

9:110a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
with prayers for iconographers
Coffee Hour; Church School
11:45a.m. Movie: "Podigal"



“Whenever you read the Gospel, Christ Himself is speaking with you. And while you read, you are praying and talking with Him. God speaks to man ... the Lord holds converse with the servant. What can be more pleasant, more instructive?”

PRAYER AFTER MEALS

We give thanks to Thee, O Christ our God, that Thou hast satisfied us with Thy earthly blessings. Deprive us not also of Thy heavenly Kingdom. But as Thou didst come to Thy disciples and didst grant them peace, so come to us and save us, O Savior!



SAINT TIKHON
OF VORONEZH
(+1783)

Offerings Week of October 7

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina and Roaslie; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Sandy and Joan; in thanksgiving; for a safe travel for Marian.

Wine – for the health of Robert and Marie (anniversary)

Flowers – for the health of Todd and Jill (anniversary).

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Oct. 07, 1934 Josephine Vasevich
Oct. 07, 1948 Ann Cook
Oct. 07, 1961 Mary Rechetnikoff
Oct. 09, 1923 Nicholas Makovsky
Oct. 09, 1945 Mary Zydiak
Oct. 10, 1917 Elizabeth Tkach
Oct. 10, 1926 Francis Bongrost
Oct. 10, 1947 Fr. Michael Lotosky
(rector 1935-1946)
Oct. 11, 1961 Mary Lebedz
Oct. 11, 1969 Anna Evaniec
Oct. 11, 1979 Jacob Barnosky
Oct. 12, 1967 Matthew Zeban
Oct. 12, 1967 Timothy Zeban
Oct. 12, 1981 Andrew Mogilevsky

Coffee Hour Hosting

Oct. 07 - K. Motoviloff, M. Torrisi, A. Kachek and P. Stone
Oct. 14 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells, Sokol
Oct. 21 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri

Ushers Schedule

Oct. 07 - T. Smith and P. Bakaletz
Oct. 14 - T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone
Oct. 21 - P. Parsells and C. Dunaenko

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Oct. 07 "Evergreen"
Week of Oct. 14 "Cassia"
Week of Oct. 21 "Fern"

On Line Church Sites for Daily Visits

OCA–www.oca.org
Orthodox Christian Network–www.mynoen.net
Mystagogy–www.johnsanidopoulos.com
Ancient Faith Radio–www.ancientfaith.com

Names day Greetings

St. Zinaida/Oct. 11: Zinaida Neudachin
Many Blessed Years!

"The Spirit of Orthodoxy" Choir

On Sunday, November 11th at 4:30p.m., the Choir will present a concert of liturgical music in the church to be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Mark your calendar and invite your friends.

Gazebo – Not For Coffee Hour

On Sundays, we all want to be together. So let us all "break bread" (including all children) together in the lower hall.

Adult Education Classes

Thursdays, Oct. 18 – 7-8:30p.m.

The classes will examine and discuss a presentation by Fr. George Metallinos, Dean of the Athens University of Theology on the topic of "Orthodox Worship"

Oct. 18: The sanctification of the entire world, Worship and the Spiritual Life and the Liturgy after the Liturgy.

Altar Servers

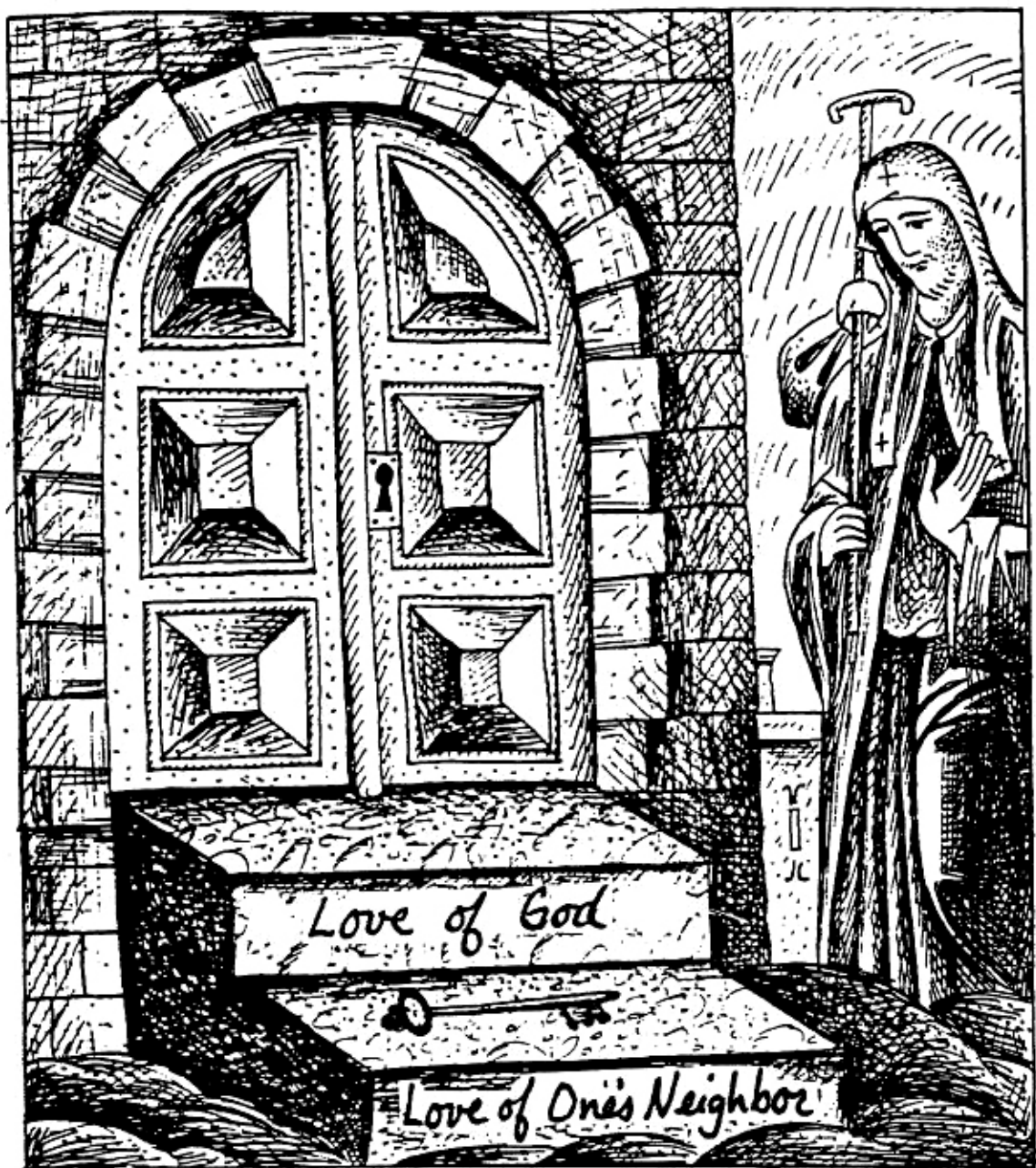
This Fall we will begin training "new" altar servers. It would be good for boys to be in the altar or choir. Parents please encourage your sons and speak with Father James.

October Movie Presentation – "Prodigal" Sunday, October 14th at 11:45a.m.

This 90 minutes award winning film is a powerful movie of hope. An 18 year old suddenly finds himself with an inheritance of \$100,000. The man, Levi Layton is tired of his small town life and his workaholic father. Along with his girlfriend, Abigail, and friend Tyler, he finds new interests and embarks upon what he hopes to be a more fulfilling future. As often happens, a sudden event puts the young man at a crossroads he didn't expect or desire. Decision time now confronts the young man with new and hard choices.

Parents of College Students

Please submit to Fr. James (asap) the postal and e-mail addresses of your young people. Thanks!



Our neighbor is the key to the Kingdom of Heaven
(St. John Kolovos)

Love of God is the second step; on the first, the lower one, is the love of one's neighbor. No one is able to achieve love of God if he doesn't gain love for his neighbor first of all. A certain Saint writes: "The key that opens the door to the Kingdom of God is your neighbor."

October 7th
Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus

Dear Parishioners,

As you probably know, the gazebo for behind the church has been completed. During his pastoral visit on September 30th, Bishop Michael blessed the structure and it was dedicated to the great martyr George.

Although I proposed and worked on this project as my Eagle Scout Service Project, it could not have been completed without the help of many, many people in the church. I would like to thank everybody in the community who helped in any way, from buying spaghetti or baking baked goods, to leveling the roof plates. I would especially like to thank Mrs. (Jill) Peterson for kicking off the fundraising, and Mr. (Bob) Graver, Peter Parsells' father-in-law, for all of his expert work and advice.

After the construction was completed, the Summer Day Camp sponsored by St. Mary and St. Athanasius Coptic Church used funds they secured for beautification to landscape the area around the gazebo so that it would fit in with the landscaping around the church and the church hall.

The gazebo is dedicated to the St. George, the patron saint of Boy Scouts around the world. Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, chose St. George to be the movement's Patron Saint because of the qualities of this saint reflect good Scouting:

- Responsibility
- Truthfulness
- Devotion to duty
- A brave heart
- A noble spirit
- Dedication to helping others

When asked where religion came into Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell replied, "It does not *come in* at all. It is already there. It is a fundamental factor underlying Scouting..." (Religion and the Boy Scout and Girl Guides Movement—an address, 1926).

I hope that the gazebo will be used and enjoyed for many years.

Yours in Christ,
Zachary Sokol

PART 5
THE ALL-NIGHT VIGIL: THE ENTRANCE INTO THE DAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Vigil - The Great Litany

Next, the Deacon begins the Great Litany. This litany is the beginning of the official Prayer of the Church. It begins all the services of the Church. In its petitions we find the order of prayer, the Christian hierarchy of values. Following is Father Alexander Schmemmann's analysis of the Great Litany.

In peace let us pray to the Lord...The prayer of the Church is a new prayer, made possible by that place, which Christ achieved by His mediation. He is our peace (Ephesians 2:14) and we pray therefore in Him, in that wonderful certitude that our prayer because of Him is being accepted by God.

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls...the world cannot give that peace; it is a gift from above. To receive it is our first and most important goal together with the salvation of our souls. Before we pray for anything else, we must pray for the "number one object" of every Christian: eternal salvation.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all...That this peace of Christ might be granted everywhere, that the Churches be faithful to their mission, which is precisely to preach Christ and to make Him present in the world, that their mission has as its result the unity of all men in Truth and Love.

For this holy house and for those who enter with faith, reverence and the fear of God...For this very community, which must here, in this place manifest Christ and His grace, be the witness of His Kingdom, and that its members be given the right spirit of worship.

For our Bishop, the honorable priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people...For those whom God appointed to guide and to edify the Church, for the harmony of the whole body.

For the President of our country, for all civil authorities....Christians are both citizens of heaven and responsible members of human society. They are loyal to the State and to established authority, but only inasmuch as this loyalty is compatible with their ultimate loyalty to Christ. They have to witness inside any society and pray that it receives its guidance from the Lord of heaven and earth.

For this city.."You are the salt of the earth" said Christ to His disciples. To be Christian puts a responsibility on man. Living in a particular city, we are spiritually responsible for it.

For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth...The prayer of the Church embraces the whole world and its natural forces as well.

For travelers by land, by sea and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation...The Church remembers all those who are in difficulties, the sick, the captives. She must manifest and fulfill Christ's love and His commandment: "...I suffered...and you helped me..." Christ identifies Himself with everyone who suffers and it is the "test" of a Christian community - whether it puts Love in the very center of her life.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger and necessity...for our peaceful life in this world, for divine help in all our activities.

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us O God, by Thy grace...the final supplication - for "without Me you can do nothing." Faith reveals to us how totally dependent we are on God's grace, on His help and mercy.

Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God...The wonderful conclusion; the affirmation of our unity in the Church with the Church in Heaven, and that this all embracing movement of our dedication to "God, ourselves, each other and all our life..."

Following the Great Litany one learns to pray with the Church and to make Her Prayer one's own, to pray as a body. It is essential for every Christian to understand that he comes to the Church not to pray individually, privately, separately, but indeed to be integrated in the Prayer of Christ Himself.

**ON BEING VIGILANT AT THE ALL-NIGHT VIGIL
Some Spiritual Instructions from Abbot Nazarius of Vlaamo
Spiritual Father of Ss. Seraphim of Sarov and Herman of Alaska**

Having come to church for the common prayer, stand in the appropriate place, collect all your mind's power of thought, so that you will not dream of fly away in every direction, following evil qualities and objects which arouse our passions.

Pay attention to the church reading and singing, and strive as much as possible not to let your mind grow idle.

Pay heed without sloth, do not weaken in body, do not lean against the wall or a pillar in church; but put your feet together straight and plant them firmly on the ground; keep your hands together; bow your head toward the ground and direct your mind to the heavenly dwellings.

Standing in God's temple, picture to yourself that you are in heaven itself, that you stand before God with the highest powers and do with them everything that they do. In picturing this to yourself, make a rule for yourself that under no circumstances will you leave church before the end of the service.

If you stand thus perfectly in order as said above, and from this standing you become very tired, or you become exhausted from some bodily illness or old age, then sit wherever there is a place in church, in order not to tempt your brother.

Examine yourself, whether it be not despondency of laziness that make you tired, whether it be not distraction of mind and bodily passions that make you lose strength and courage. Reflecting thus, accuse yourself of impatience, of infirmity, of weakness, of laziness, and again be ashamed before God and His angels and men, and reflect in your conscience that "he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved"(Mk. 13:13).