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BULLETIN OF AUGUST 11, 2013

SUNDAY/AUGUST 11

7th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Spyridon the Wonderworker

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

Coffee Hour

MONDAY/AUGUST 12

7:00p.m. Compline; Confession

TUESDAY/AUGUST 13

3:00p.m. Confession

7:00p.m. Lemonade & Conversations

WEDNESDAY/AUGUST 14

Eve of the Dormition

7:00p.m. Vigil with blessing of flowers;

Confession

THURSDAY/AUGUST 15

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

End of Dormition Lent

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

with blessing of flowers

SATURDAY/AUGUST 17

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Dormition ;

Confession

5:30p.m. Vespers & Compline

SUNDAY/AUGUST 18

8th Sunday After Pentecost

St. John of Rila, Bulgaria

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

Coffee Hour



NOTICE OF PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday, Aug. 25 at 2:00p.m. a picnic will be held at the Kita home here in Manville. All are invited for food, fellowship and swimming. More information in next week's Bulletin.

Offerings Week of August 11

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalie; in memory of Archpriest Michael Lewis; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Jacob.

Wine – for a safe journey and protection for Mariana and Stefan.

Litya Breads – for the health of Ekaterina.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Aug. 11, 1967 Andrew Hriniaak
Aug. 11, 1974 Alexander Kozich
Aug. 11, 1987 Joseph Kulina
Aug. 11, 1995 Anna Pozgay
Aug. 11, 2003 Anna Adamchak
Aug. 13, 1983 Paul Sarko
Aug. 14, 1958 George Perun
Aug. 15, 1955 Katherine Greunther
Aug. 15, 1972 John Nedelka
Aug. 15, 1991 Demetrius Skwarla
Aug. 15, 2000 Olga Gorbaturk
Aug. 16, 1954 Stella Gromack
Aug. 16, 1968 Lazar Padlo
Aug. 16, 1975 Michael Marchuk
Aug. 16, 1989 Barbara Putyrske
Aug. 16, 1992 Julia Specian
Aug. 17, 1977 Theodore Kucheruk
Aug. 17, 1985 Anna Tarangul

Coffee Hour Hosting

Aug. 11 (Lent) Kita, Nevitt & Keller
Aug. 18 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
Aug. 25 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone

Ushers Schedule

Aug. 11 T. Gorbaturk & J. Stone
Aug. 18 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko
Aug. 25 E. Sarchisian, Luka, K & N. Popa

A Word To Those Who Frequent the Holy Gifts – Communion Every Sunday

If you regularly receive Holy Communion, and you have not been to Holy Confession after Pascha (May 5th), in order to continue receiving the Holy Gifts, please go to Confession in the Dormition Lent (Aug. 1-14) or by extension before the end of the month of August.

A Few Instructions of St. Paul to the Church in Rome in Regard to How We act to one another as One and Many in Christ

- Each member of the church is one with another (*Rm. 12:5*)
- Each member is given certain differing gifts for the building up of the Body of Christ, the Church (*Rm. 12:6-8*)
- Love for one another must be real and foundational (*Rm. 12:9*)
- Hate what is evil (*Rm. 12:9*)
- Love for each other must be as of kin, warm brotherly love (*Rm. 12:10*)
- Do not be lazy (*Rm. 12:11*)
- In serving the Lord be fervent (“boiling red hot” – the Greek word “*zeo*”) (*Rm. 11:12*)
- Rejoice in hope (for the future) (*Rm. 12:12*)
- Be patient in difficulties (the present) (*Rm. 12:12*)
- Be steadfast (continuous) in prayer (*Rm. 12:12*)
- Provide for all members of the parish community (“the saints”) *Rm. 12:13*
- If you meet with hostility, counter this by blessing those causing it (*Rm. 12:14*)
- The more spiritually strong should help those weaker (*Rm. 15:1*)
- In community life, seek to up-build others by putting them first (*Rm. 15:2*)
- Reading of the Scriptures gives us learning, increases our hope, strengthens us in patience and provides comfort (*Rm. 15:4*)
- In dealing with each other we should do so according to the teachings of Christ (*Rm. 15:5*)
- Our minds as well as our voices should be “one” that is common belief, behavior and worship, this is how God is glorified (*Rm. 15:6*)
- As we are called to be sacrificial, we must focus and understand Christ’s Self-Sacrifice as our example (*Rm. 15:3*)



THE DORMITION (FALLING ASLEEP) OF THE VIRGIN MARY

From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 15th

The Lord who, on Sinai, gave the Fifth Commandment: 'Honor thy father and thy mother', showed by His own example how one must reverence one's parents. Hanging in agony on the Cross, He remembered His mother, and, indicating the Apostle John, said to her: 'Woman, behold thy son!', and to John: 'Behold thy mother!' And, with this concern for His mother, He breathed His last. John had a home on Zion in Jerusalem, where he settled the Mother of God and left her to pass her remaining days on earth. By her prayers, her kindly advice, her meekness and patience, she was of immense help to her Son's apostles. She spent virtually the rest of her life in Jerusalem, often going round the places that reminded her of the great events and the great works associated with and performed by her Son. She especially visited Golgotha, Bethlehem and the Mount of Olives. Of her journeys farther afield, her visit to St Ignatius the God-Bearer is recorded, as are those to St Lazarus the Four-days-dead, Bishop of Cyprus, to the Holy Mountain, to which she gave her blessing, and her stay in Ephesus with John during a fierce persecution of Christians in Jerusalem. In old age, she often prayed to her Lord and God on the Mount of Olives, on the spot from which He ascended, to take her from this world. One day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and revealed that she would enter into rest in three days' time, and the angel gave her a palm-branch to be carried in her funeral procession. She returned home with great joy, with the heartfelt hope that she would see Christ's apostles once more in this life. The Lord fulfilled her desire and all the apostles, brought by angels and clouds, gathered together at John's house on Zion. It was with great joy that she saw the holy apostles, and she encouraged, advised and upheld them, then peacefully gave her soul into God's hands without the

slightest physical pain or struggle. The apostles took the coffin containing her body, from which an aromatic fragrance arose, and, accompanied by many Christians, took it to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the grave of Ss Joachim and Anna. By God's providence, they were hidden from the wicked Jews by a cloud. A Jewish priest, Antony, touched the coffin with his hand, intending to overturn it, but at that moment an angel of God cut off both his hands. He cried out with the pain, begging the apostles' help, and was healed in confessing his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was left to the Apostle Thomas, who was delayed, again by God's providence, to reveal a new and glorious mystery about the holy Mother of God. He arrived on the third day, and desired to embrace the body of the holy and most pure. When the apostles opened her grave, he found only the winding-sheet - the body was not in the grave. That evening, she appeared to the apostles, surrounded by a multitude of angels, and said to them: 'Rejoice; I will be with you always!' It is not known exactly how old the Mother of God was at the time of her falling-asleep, but the prevailing belief is that she had reached the age of sixty.

Troparion - Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity, in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion - Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

THE POWER OF LOVING HUMILITY

From The Brothers Karamazov by Dostoevsky

At some thoughts one stands perplexed, above all at the sight of human sin, and wonders whether to combat it by force or by humble love. Always decide 'I will combat it by humble love.' If you resolve on that once for all, you can conquer the whole world. Loving humility is a terrible force: it is the strongest of all things, and there is nothing else like it.



ON HOW TO USE YOUR COMMEMORATION BOOK

- 1) On the outside front cover on the top place your last name.
- 2) Print the first names of the living in the front red section of the book. Use baptismal names and only the first name.
ex. John not Jack
Michael not Mike
- 3) Print the first names of the departed in the back black section of the book. Use baptismal names and only the first name.
- 4) If the persons you are commemorating are not Orthodox Christian, place a check mark before their name, as the Church commemorates Her members one way and non-members another way.
- 5) If possible place your commemoration book out at Vespers the evening before. All commemoration books need to be read at least ten minutes before the Liturgy starts.
- 6) Your offering goes towards the cost of making the bread.
- 7) Commemoration Sheets - red for the living and black for the departed may also be used and are found on the candle stand.
- 8) The prosphora, blessed bread may be shared with non-Orthodox believers, be sure they know that while the bread is blessed, it is not Holy Communion.

