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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 13, 2013



SUNDAY/OCTOBER 13

16th Sunday After Pentecost
Iveron Icon of the Theotokos
St. Zlata of Bulgaria

9:10a.m Hour; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School
98th Anniversary Celebration With
International Food Festival
2:00p.m. Akathist to "Glory to God"
Children's Choir; Tours of Church
Food Festival (2:00-6:00p.m.)

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 16

6:30p.m. Compline
7-8:30p.m. Adult Study in the
Conference Room on the Topic:
"We And The Spirits of the Departed"

- *Jesus and the Dead*
- *The Departed Saints*
- *We and the Souls*
- *Talking to God About Souls*
- *Are We Afraid of Evil Souls?*

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 17

7:00p.m. Vespers

FRIDAY/OCTOBER 18

St. Luke the Evangelist
St. Peter of Montenegro

9:10a.m. Hour; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. General Memorial Service for
All the Departed (**Demetrius Saturday**)
Confessions

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 19

Evangelization Conference in Clifton, NJ
"Sharing Orthodoxy" (9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.)
5:30p.m. Vigil and Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 20

17th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Artemius the Great-Martyr

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class



Offerings Week of October 13

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, Mary and Rosalie; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for safe journey for Barbara; for the health and safety of Mary; for a safe journey.

Wine – for the health of Protodeacon Paul (anniversary of ordination).

Flowers – in memory of Emilia; for the health of Antoniu Chirnoaga.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 14, 1973 Anthony Bolash
Oct. 17, 1916 Yerzhy Golombus
Oct. 18, 1976 Paul Kuntzevich
Oct. 18, 2009 Mary Holovach
Oct. 19, 1951 Peter Putyrske
Oct. 19, 2002 Julie Pribish

Coffee Hour Hosting

Oct. 13 Combs, Mantafos, Parsells & Sokol
Oct. 20 Sarchisian, Dunaenko, Chirnoaga & Moldoveanu
Oct. 27 Inga, Eka, Marina and Nona

Ushers Schedule

Oct. 13 T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone
Oct. 20 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko
Oct. 27 Sarchisian & N. Popa

Javier Available – Work Projects

Javier does part-time work at our cemetery. He is available for landscaping, general clean-ups, painting etc. To make arrangements call Fr. James 908-685-1452.

Our Parish Website: www.ssppoc.org

Our appreciation is expressed to Fr. John Parsells for this major make-over of our website. If you have any suggestions about the site, please speak with Fr. James or Jerry Stone.

Remember in Prayer

Antoniou-Teodor, Barbara Erkman and all in special need, especially those persecuted Christians.

Need to Work on a Sunday?

There are other church services during the week. Don't let a week go by without a church service.

To Mark On Your Calendars

- Youth Pumpkin Outing/Oct. 19, afternoon
- Conference on Evangelism/Oct. 19, 9-5 in Clifton
- Vespers & Reception at Rectory/Oct. 22, on occasion of Fr. James' Namesday. All are invited! (7-9p.m.)
- St. James Feast Day/Oct 23, 9:30a.m. Liturgy
- Operation Princeton Work Days/Oct. 25& 26 (Mother of God Church)
- Prayers for Those in Healing Ministries/Nov. 3 at Divine Liturgy
- Diocesan Assembly/Nov. 12 in Yonkers
- Parish Council Meeting/Nov. 14
- Nativity Lent 40 Day Lent Begins/Nov. 15
- Parish Council Workshop/Nov. 16
- Church Cleaning/Nov. 30 & Dec. 7
- Annual Christmas Cookie Walk/Dec. 8

"We and the Spirits of the Deaprated"

Adult Study Class – Oct. 16th 7-8:30p.m.

- Why we speak of some living people as dead and some dead people as living?
- What is the difference between Hades and Hell and between Heaven and Paradise?
- What does it mean when we affirm that we speak with the dead?
- So there is a distinction between a "little saint" and "a real saint?" How?
- What kind of "fire" is in Hell?
- Once in Hell, always in Hell?
- If prayers for the Departed help them, how so? Do prayers help all or only some?
- Why cremation is contrary to our Faith experience?
- Can the souls of the departed visit us?
- Why do the demons fascinate us with communications from departed loved ones?
- Is there harm that can come to us from evil souls?
- How do the departed help us? Or do we just help them by our prayers?

Not sure of some answers? Come to the class on Wednesday evening.

EMBRACING DISCIPLESHIP: PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELIZATION

Before undertaking a parish evangelization effort, there are three clear prerequisites.

1. Know God. Our first task in proclaiming and sharing the Gospel is entering into and living in the reality of God -that is, existing in personal communion with Him. The goal of evangelization is "growth in the life and faith and spiritual understanding" and, ultimately, life in the eternal Kingdom of God. Such growth finds its beginning in our knowledge of God and our conviction that Jesus Christ is not only "the Son of the Living God, Who came into the world to save sinners," but the very center of our lives. "Let your life testify to the presence of God within you," wrote Saint Gregory of Nyssa. Evangelizing, in a nutshell, cannot take place if the evangelizers have not been evangelized, if they are not fully immersed in and committed to living an Orthodox Christian lifestyle in the Holy Spirit that, ultimately leads to the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

2. Build community. Our second priority is to acquire a spiritually-based communal attitude, to manifest a spiritual quality of life, rooted in and revolving around the person of Jesus Christ, within the entire community. Where there is hatred, bitterness, resentment and hostility, the community of love is destroyed; and without love the spiritual character of the Church is destroyed. Evangelization efforts will be useless without a receptive and caring parish.

3. Proclaim and serve. Our third prerequisite is to go out into the world proclaiming the message of God by serving human beings in distress and providing for their essential needs in this world. The light of God must be allowed to shine through us and God's goodness must be made to season our life by our active ministry to others. We must proclaim faith through actions that shine in the surrounding world.

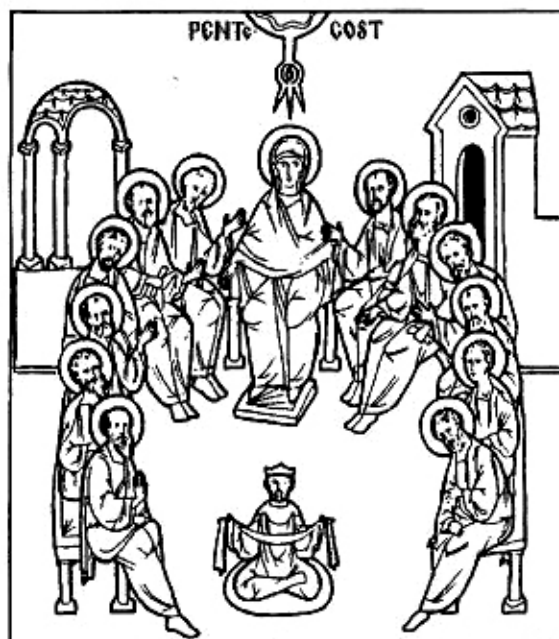
Discipleship. Ultimately, evangelization, while rooted in these fundamental principles, will not take place without the serious commitment on the part of God's People to accept the call to discipleship, to learning and sharing all that has been revealed by Jesus Christ and entrusted to us in the Tradition that we have received.

In Matthew 16:13-16, we read, "Jesus asked His disciples, 'Who do men say that the Son of man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say

that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!'"

Peter's answer must be our answer if we are to share the Gospel, which is rooted in nothing other than the person of Jesus Christ. Before we can share the Good News with others, then, we must know and love God, enter into communion with Him through Jesus Christ, and allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Knowing and accepting Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" - in a word, discipleship - is the very

foundation of evangelization. Discipleship presumes action: in short, we cannot proclaim the Gospel to others if we have not fully embraced it in our own lives.



ST. INNOCENT OF ALASKA ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Faith and love which are gifts of the Holy Spirit are such great and powerful means that a person who has them can easily, and with joy and consolation, go the way Jesus Christ went. Besides this, the Holy Spirit gives man the power to resist the delusions of the world so that although he makes use of earthly goods, yet he uses them as a temporary visitor, without attaching his heart to them. But one who does not have the Holy Spirit, despite all his learning and prudence, is always more or less a slave and worshipper of the world.



ON THE JESUS PRAYER WHICH LEADS TO SANCTIFICATION from "Gifts of the Desert" by Kyriacos C. Markides

The Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me a sinner", is the most powerful way of contacting God. It fills one with grace as he or she keeps this prayer in his or her heart and mind. Ideally one should reserve a certain amount of time every day and engage in this form of prayer. Furthermore, as one engages in routine activities such as washing dishes, taking a walk, or waiting at a bus stop one can recite the prayer. Then the person will reach a point when the Prayer will be an ongoing activity within his or her consciousness even while asleep or even while one engages in intellectually challenging activities like solving mathematical equations. Prayer becomes a form of breathing, an ongoing activity within the person that sanctifies his or her entire being.

THE CHURCH FATHERS ON SAINT PAUL'S ADMONITION TO "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" (1 THESS 5:17)



St. Nicodemus the Athonite

Let no one think, my fellow Christians, that only priests and monks need to pray without ceasing, and not laypeople.

When the Apostle commanded us, "Pray without ceasing," he meant that we must pray inwardly with our intellect: and this is something that we can always do. For when we are engaged in manual labor and when we walk, sit down, eat and drink, we can always pray with our intellect and practice inner prayer, true prayer, which is pleasing to God.



St. Isaac the Syrian

When the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling place in someone, he does not cease to pray, because the Spirit will constantly pray in Him. Then, neither when he sleeps nor when he is awake, will prayer be cut off from his soul; but when he eats and drinks, when he lies down or works, even when he is immersed in sleep, the perfumes of prayer will breathe in his heart spontaneously. From this point on he will not possess prayer only at limited times, but always.



St. Basil the Great

Prayer is a request for what is good, offered by the devout to God. But we do not restrict this "request" simply to what is stated in words... We should not express our prayer merely in syllables, but the power of prayer should be expressed in the moral attitude of our soul and in the virtuous actions that extend throughout our life... This is how you pray continually – by joining yourself to God through your whole way of life, so that your life becomes one continuous and uninterrupted prayer.