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SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 24

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

St. Katherine the Great-Martyr

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

TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 26

6:30p.m. Memorial Service 1 Year
Anniversary (+) John Kachek

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: "On Guarding
The Mind and the Heart"

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

9:30a.m. Akathist: "Glory to God for
All Things"

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew the Apostle

8:30a.m. Akathist to St. Andrew;
Confessions

9:30a.m. General Church Cleaning
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 1

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

St. Philaret the Merciful

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



Offerings Week of November 24

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Panteleimon and Anastasia; for the health of Catherine (namesday); for the health of Basil (75th birthday); in memory of Richard; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

Flowers: for the health of Basil (75th birthday); for the protection and health of Alexander (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 25, 1968 Michael Spotts
Nov. 25, 1971 Julia Hansen
Nov. 26, 1950 Metrophan Saffron
Nov. 26, 1953 Sauka Greunther
Nov. 26, 2002 Mary Gavlick
Nov. 27, 1979 John Skwarla
Nov. 27, 1992 Mary Bozinta
Nov. 27, 2012 John Kachek
Nov. 28, 1974 Alexander Khvechin
Nov. 29, 1934 Fr. Peter Shemashko
Nov. 29, 1981 Mary Fetchina
Nov. 30, 1930 Athanasius Klebanovich

Coffee Hour Hosting

Nov. 24 (fast) Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
Dec. 01 (fast) Sarchisian, Dunaenko, Moldoveanu and Vajda
Dec. 08 (fast) Peterson, Bakaletz & Mattei

Ushers Schedule

Nov. 24 E. Sarchisian & A. Moldoveanu
Dec. 01 P. Bakaletz & T. Smith
Dec. 08 T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone

Javier Available – Work Projects

Speak with Fr. James

Church Cleaning Days

Nov. 30, Sat. at 9:30a.m. & Dec. 07, Sat. 9:30a.m.
Please plan to come and help out. As Dec. 07, is the day before the Cookie Sale, it would be good to accomplish most or all of the work on Nov. 30.

December – End of the Year

As we end the year, it would be wonderful to do so in black ink. If you have fallen behind in your offerings, we encourage you to make-them-up before the end of December. Thanks!

Names Day Greeting: Many Years!

St. Andrew/Nov. 30: Andrew Long, Andrew Keller, Robert Andrew Erkman, Andrea Hunchar, Andria Arpastean.

Study Classes, Nov. 26 & Dec. 3 & 10 (Tuesdays) Conference Room 7-8:30p.m.

“Guarding the Mind and the Heart,” by Saint Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

Annual Cookie Sale/December 8th

On this date, we will have our Cookie Sale! This very successful event over the years has drawn many people, due to the incredible selection of delicious homemade cookies. A sign-up sheet for “bakers” is on the vestibule stand. Please make a double batch of each cookie that you contribute. If you can, please sign-up as soon as possible so that we can better plan for the Sale. If you would like to participate in our “group baking,” indicate this on the sign-up sheet. This is a lot of fun and you will enjoy the camaraderie! Contact Jill 973-945-0302 or email at jap2002@optonline.net with any questions.

Nativity Lent: Nov. 15- Dec. 24

This 40 Day Lent is observed to prepare us for the Nativity of our Lord Feast, Dec. 25th. A Fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On certain days, we are permitted fish, or wine or oil. You Parish Wall Calendar and the Monthly Bulletin indicates this mitigation. The Nativity Lent is not “an option,” but part of the expected discipline we adhere to. Questions or concerns you have ought to be addressed to your spiritual father.

The Mysteries of Confession & Communion

In this period of the 40 Days, all the faithful should prepare for the reception of these Holy Mysteries of the Church. Those planning to receive the Holy Gifts (Communion) for Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 25), must go to Confession in the time period of November or December.

Visitation with Holy Mysteries to Those Home-Bound

Weeks of December 8th and 15th. Please make arrangements with Father James.

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, Manville, New Jersey

Parish Vision and Plan for Growth

Our Church in 2020

Our Parish has just celebrated its 98th Anniversary and work is underway to celebrate our 99th and 100th Anniversaries. Our founding fathers vision of creating an Orthodox Parish to serve the needs of the local community has been achieved. They would be very proud. The baton has been passed and it is now up to us to form the vision for the next 100 years. With God's blessings, it will be our plan that helps shape the future of SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church.

On 12/15, we will be holding a parishioner workshop to discuss the vision of our Parish. The goal of this workshop is to solicit your ideas for the future growth of our Parish. Some of the topics that we are looking for input and plan to discuss are:

Our Personal Involvement at Saints Peter and Paul

- Attendance at Services (during the week, weekends, Feast Days)
- Preparation for, and reception of, Holy Communion
- Regular pattern of Holy Confession
- Involvement in one or more parish ministries
- Financial support of Saints Peter and Paul through proportionate giving

What is our Message?

- What is the message about our Church that everyone in Manville, Somerset County and Central NJ needs to hear and understand

In 2020, What Kind of Parish Will We Be?

- How many members including frequency of Guests
- What will our demographics look like
- Types of programs to support the local and surrounding Orthodox family

What kind of Outreach Ministries will we be known for in 2020?

- Community needs
- Education/Training/Counseling
- Family (Marriage, Parenting, Enrichment)
- Evangelical (Conversion, Social Media)

The plan is to spend 1 hour on 12/15 after Coffee hour discussing the above topics. All are welcome. We are looking for Parishioners to begin thinking about these topics and come prepared to present your ideas. Although we do not have to physically build a Parish, we are building a Community that will be the SS. Peter and Paul Family of the future.

Please respond to Father James, Symeon or Jerry if you plan to attend. We would like to collect headcount and plan accordingly.

THE PARISH COMMUNITY: OUR LIFE IN CHRIST
AN EXCERPT FROM "THE ORTHODOX PARISH IN NORTH AMERICA"
BY VREV. THOMAS HOPKO



Mind: Education and Enlightenment

Essential also to an Orthodox parish, if it is Christ's holy Church, is total mobilization of efforts to love God with all of one's mind through enlightenment and education.

Jesus' first title in the Scriptures is Rabbi, which means teacher or master (Greek: didaskalos, Latin; magister). As messianic pastor and priest, Christ is also "the prophet" who brings ultimate and lasting judgment upon those who hear and reject him. (John 1:21, 6:14; Acts 3:22-26) The Lord's first followers are called disciples or students. And the first thing that is said about those who believed in God's Gospel of Christ crucified and glorified is that they "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." (Acts 2:42)

An Orthodox Christian parish, therefore, is essentially a teaching and learning community for all its members. It is a school of disciples whose master is Christ as He speaks within the community of believers, especially through the pastors and those with the charism and training for teaching and preaching.



An Orthodox parish without well-prepared evangelical and exegetical sermons at its liturgical services, and well-prepared doctrinal and catechetical sessions as part of its educational ministry, whatever else it might do, including having lots of liturgical services and loads of social events, can hardly be an Orthodox Christian Church. This is especially true now in North America when Christianity generally, not to speak of Orthodoxy, is not a respected, accepted and supported part of public life and education, but is rather warred against, scorned and ridiculed by powerful forces in society.

FOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15

The student council of Alexander Batcho Intermediate School (middle school in Manville) is currently sponsoring a food drive. The Food Bank Network serves many families in Manville and surrounding communities.

Any donation is very much appreciated. Please drop off your donations in the basket which will be in the vestibule of our church starting this weekend. We will be collecting donations through December 8th.

Items Needed

Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, meats, tuna, pasta (i.e.: chef boyardee)

Dry Goods such as Pasta, Mac & Cheese, peanut butter, parmalat milk, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes

Non-Food Items: deodorant, soap, diapers/wipes, dish and laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste

All donated items must be non-perishable.

Thank You!



SANCTIFIED BREAD

Bread occupies a special place in our lives. It symbolizes all food as well as the labor necessary to obtain it. As God once told Adam, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Genesis 3:19).

In bread there is religious symbolism. The Lord Jesus Christ called Himself the "bread of life" (John 6:51), and said "if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever..." (John 6:51). Finally, He allowed bread, which [in being of organic composition] is related to human flesh, to be transubstantiated in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist into His Body. "Jesus took bread, and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said 'Take, eat; this is my body...'" (Matthew 26:26). Bread, composed of many grains, personifies the Church – The plurality of its members notwithstanding, it is One. Besides the Bread of the Eucharist, the Orthodox Church has several forms of sanctified bread.

The *prosphoron* ("offering" – Greek). This is a baked white yeast-raised bread made of wheat flour with which holy water has been mixed. Its name stems from the early Christian custom of bringing bread from home for use in the Eucharist. It consists of two round parts, representing the two natures of Christ. A representation of the Cross is stamped on the upper part. Prosphora may also bear images of the Mother of God or the saints.

During the Divine Liturgy, the Lamb, the portion of bread which later will be transubstantiated into the Body of Christ, is removed in a special rite from one of the prosphora, known as the "lamb" prosphoron. Pieces are removed from other, smaller prosphora, in commemoration of the members of the Earthly and Heavenly Church. At the close of the Liturgy, these particles are placed into [the Chalice with] the Blood of Christ. Small prosphora are for those who have offered lists of commemorations to be read in the Altar. Pieces of the prosphoron from which the Lamb was taken are called *antidoron* ("instead of the Gifts" – Greek). According to the *ustav*, they are to be consumed by those who have not communed of the Holy Mysteries.

Artos ("yeast-risen bread" – Greek) is bread which is blessed on the night of Pascha. Throughout Bright Week, the *artos*, a symbol of the Risen

Christ, remains on an analogion before the Royal Doors of the Altar, and is carried in the daily Paschal Processions of the Cross. On Bright Saturday, following the reading of a special prayer, it is broken into pieces and distributed to the faithful. In pious folk custom, the Artos and the Holy Water blessed on Theophany have been held to be, for those who are dying without the possibility of Communion, a possible substitute for the Holy Gifts.

Prospora, artos, and antidoron are to be eaten on an empty stomach, and with prayer. Sanctified bread must be kept in a clean container, apart from other food products. According to tradition, the artos is divided into little pieces, to be consumed over the course of the year, from Pascha to Pascha.

Another form of sanctified bread is that which is distributed to the faithful during the Vigil on the eves of great feasts. In times past, evening services were quite lengthy, and during the services Christians would consume bread in order to keep up their strength. Now, although the duration of services has been shortened, this custom has been retained.

(From the book *Fundamentals of Orthodoxy*)

Prayer Before Consuming Prospora and Holy Water

O Lord my God, may Thy holy gift and Thy holy water be unto the enlightenment of my mind, unto the strengthening of my spiritual and physical powers, unto the health of my soul and body, unto the taming of my passions and weaknesses, according to Thy limitless mercy, through the prayers of Thy Most-pure Mother and of all Thy Saints. Amen.



A prosphora is a small wheat bread made with one part superimposed on the other, symbolizing the two natures of Christ, divine & human. A seal consisting of a cross and a monogram for Jesus Christ is stamped on top. IC (Jesus) XC (Christ) NIKA (He conquers).

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

Presents Our Annual

Christmas Cookie Sale

Sunday, December 8th

11:20am Sharp!

Arrive on-time to choose your own wonderful selection of home-baked cookies from around the world. Cookies sell out quickly so don't be late!

***Location: 605 Washington Avenue,
Manville, NJ (Lower Parish Hall)***

Visit our website for directions:

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