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SUNDAY/DECEMBER 8

24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00a.m. Entrance of Iwonna Into Holy Orthodoxy

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

11:15a.m. Christmas Cookie Walk

TUESDAY/DECEMBER 10

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class:
"Guarding the Mind & Heart"

WEDNESDAY/DECEMBER 11

7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to
St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
(anointing with oil from his tomb);
Confessions

THURSDAY/DECEMBER 12

7:00p.m. Vespers and anointing with
Oil from tomb of St. Herman; Confessions

FRIDAY/DECEMBER 12

St. Herman of Alaska

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY/DECEMBER 14

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 15

Holy Forefathers

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30p.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School/Teens

11:15a.m. Mission Meeting for Parishioners



Illness is a condition of brokenness sickness, disease, or some other ailment. *Spiritual illness is caused by sin (separation from God). Every sin is a repetition of Adam's sin, and with every sin we undergo the darkening and dying of the soul. It sin remains unconfessed, spiritual illness will remain untreated thus leading to death.*



Therapy is the treatment of illness or disability by means of a curative or rehabilitative process. *Spiritual therapy is found in the Church, where Jesus Christ is the Chief Physician. Healing is imparted when we ask the Physician for healing in Confession, follow the "doctor's orders" by keeping the Commandments, and with due preparation partake of His divine medicine in Holy Communion.*



Health is a condition of wholeness or soundness, free from disease or ailment. *To be healthy spiritually means to be free from the disease and brokenness of sin by being united to God and in good relation to our neighbor, and ourselves. Spiritual health was the condition of Adam before the Fall, and thanks to the redemptive work of Christ it can be our condition as well, should we desire to undergo the therapy offered by the Church.*

Offerings Week of December 8

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of William; for the health of John and Vera; for a Good Confession; for blessing on a new employment.

Wine: for the health of Alexander (birthday); for the health of Nicholas.

Flowers: for the health of Antoniou; in thanksgiving on Entrance Into the Church.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Dec. 09, 1965 Max Horbel
Dec. 09, 1970 Helen Horbel
Dec. 10, 1946 Dvid Gerasemchuk
Dec. 10, 1956 Anthony Pawlik
Dec. 10, 1988 Michael Sofko
Dec. 10, 2004 Ann Kralovich
Dec. 11, 1961 Paul Romanovich
Dec. 12, 1976 Christian Swidonovich
Dec. 14, 1978 Pauline Jackowlew

Coffee Hour Hosting

Dec. 08 (fast) Peterson, Bakaletz & Mattei
Dec. 15 (fast) Kita, Nevitt, Keller
Dec. 22 (fast) Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Ushers Schedule

Dec. 08 T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone
Dec. 15 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko
Dec. 22 E. Sarchisian & A. Moldoveanu

Javier Available – Work Projects

Speak with Fr. James.

Our Parish Celebration Dates

99th Anniversary Celebration, November 8-9, 2014
100th Anniversary Celebration, October 4-5, 2015
Please mark your calendars and inform friends of our parish of these dates.

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.

2013 Wall Calendars

Each household be sure to secure a calendar on the table in church. The number of calendars allows only for one per family. Thanks.

Forth-Coming Calendar

On our Parish Website, the 2015 calendar for the year is now posted – subject to changes. Please consult it as you arrange your own calendar. Around the corner:

Jan. 06 Theophany & Blessing of Waters
Jan. 07 thru Feb. 09 Blessing of Homes (short season – arrange your blessing early)
Jan. 12 Christmas Yolka
Jan. 23 Parish Council
Feb. 02 Meeting of our Lord
Feb. 09 Annual Parish Meeting
Mar. 02 Beginning of Great Lent

Sympathy Is Expressed

To Basil Kulick family, on the repose of his sister, Leona (+27 Nov.). Memory Eternal!

Many Blessed Years!

To Iwonna Wpych, on her Entrance Into Holy Orthodoxy! May the Lord God preserve her!

Winter Weather Alerts

If it is necessary to change services, classes or events that are scheduled, due to weather, the information will be posted on the parish website at least one hour prior. If the weather is “iffy” check the site. As always use your judgment in driving.

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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.

December 2

Porphyrios (Bairaktaris) of Kafsokalivia



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The son of Evia, the Elder of all Greeks,
the initiate of Divine Vision and True friend of
Christ.

Porphyrios, O faithful, let us praise
who from childhood was filled with divine gifts.
The demonized are redeemed and the sick are
healed who cry out:

"Glory to Him who gave His might to you!

Glory to Him who made you Holy!

Glory to Him, who, through you, works healings for
all."

Elder Porphyrios (Bairaktaris) the Kapsokalyvite (1906–1991) was an Athonite hieromonk known for his gifts of spiritual discernment, a type of clairvoyance which he sometimes called "spiritual television."

He was born February 7 in the little village of St. John Karystia, in the province of Evia. His parents, Leonidas and Eleni Bairaktaris (daughter of Antonios Lambrou), baptized him Evangelos. He was fourth out of five siblings.

He was tonsured a monk at the age of fourteen or fifteen with the monastic name Nikitas. He served in the Athonite skete of Kafsokalyvia, in the Cell of St. George, under two spiritual fathers: Fr. Panteimon and Fr. Ionnakios. Forced by pleurisy to depart the Holy Mountain, he returned to his birthplace, where he was unexpectedly elevated to the priesthood at the age of 21 by Porphyrios III, Archbishop of Mount Sinai and Raithu.

With the outbreak of World War II he became a hospital chaplain in Athens, in which post he continued for three decades (1940–1970). His later years were devoted to the construction of the Holy Convent of the Transfiguration of the Savior.

After 1984 he returned to Mount Athos, occupying the same cell which he had earlier in life been forced to abandon. Through his role as spiritual father, Elder Porphyrios became known to an ever-wider circle of Orthodox followers. Several compilations of stories and sayings attributed to him have been published.

His sainthood was declared by the synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on November 27th, 2013.