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2014 – 99th Anniversary of Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Manville

SUNDAY/JANUARY 12

Sunday after Theophany

St. Sava of Serbia

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Christmas Yolka by Young People with
Coffee Hour

MONDAY/JANUARY 13

9:30a.m. One Year Memorial Service for
Slawko (Jerry) Yadowsky (+ Jan. 12, 2013)

SATURDAY/JANUARY 18

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JANUARY 19

30th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Mark of Ephesus

“Patronal Feast of Altar Servers”

“Sanctity of Life Sunday”

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

SATURDAY/JANUARY 25

Icon, “Unexpected Joy”

9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon, “Unexpected Joy”
Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JANUARY 26

31st Sunday After Pentecost

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



*Holy Father Sava, we your sinful servants ask:
Lead us to give our hearts to God first,
Lead us to live for Christ the Lord first,
Lead us to seek His righteousness first,
Lead us to desire Orthodox truth first,
Lead us to remember the Saints first,
Lead us to cherish the Church first,
Lead us to love one another first,
Lead us to seek the unity of all first;
Holy Father Sava, save us.*

Offerings Week of January 12

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anna and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

The Parish Synodicon is the listing of those who have fallen-asleep, for whom a funeral service was held here at Ss. Peter & Paul Church. There are those buried in our parish cemetery that had a funeral elsewhere and are not listed in this Parish Synodicon. A complete list for the entire year may be found on the parish website under: "cemetery – parish synodicon."

Jan. 12, 1965	Alex Emilianov
Jan. 12, 1976	Julia Dzyban
Jan. 12, 1982	Xenia Kalevich
Jan. 12, 2011	Margret Loshen
Jan. 12, 2013	Slawko Jerry Yadlowsky
Jan. 13, 1953	Katherine Shwetz
Jan. 13, 1966	Peter Krenitsky
Jan. 15, 2000	Ekaterina Moroshan
Jan. 17, 1938	Fr. Elia Lilikovich (rector 1925-1929)
Jan. 17, 1953	Radion Tzarkov
Jan. 17, 1975	Mary Kralovich
Jan. 18, 1927	Anastasia Petrushevich
Jan. 18, 1963	Helen Trehubets
Jan. 18, 1990	Constantine Putyrsk
Jan. 19, 1974	Vera Gromack
Jan. 19, 1999	Charles Basil Fetchko

Coffee Hour Hosting

Jan. 12 (Yolka) Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych
Jan. 19 Peterson, Bakaletz, & Mattei
Jan. 26 Kita, Nevitt, & Keller

Ushers Schedule

Jan. 12 T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone
Jan. 19 D. Fedechko & C. Dunaenko
Jan. 26 E. Sarchisian & A. Moldoveanu

Photos of the Theophany Feast – Jan. 5

Are posted on the parish website.

Old Icon Prints

From Christmas cards and calendars may be deposited in the designated box on the vestibule stand.

The Blessing of Homes: Jan. 7 – Feb. 9

The season of blessing of homes is shorter this year (2014) due to the earlier date of Pascha. You are asked to arrange for your home blessing asap.

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In person: At Sunday Coffee Hours

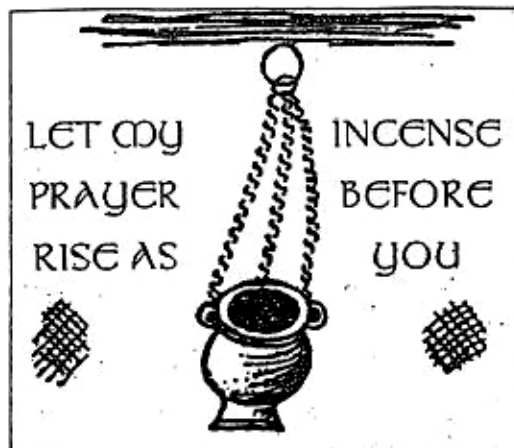
On Sunday, January 12th (after the Yolka) home blessing will take place only in Manville (2-7p.m.). Manville homes may of course, be blessed at any other time as well.

The Calendar

Jan. 22 Sanctity of Life March, Washington, DC
Jan. 23 Parish Council Meeting
Jan. 26 Distinguished Diocesan Donors Dinner
Jan. 30 Feast of the Three Hierarchs
Jan. 30 Annual Meeting Reports Due
Feb. 02 Meeting of our Lord (Blsg. of candles)
Feb. 02 Distribution of Annual Mtg. Reports
Feb. 02 Super Bowl of Caring (food pantry & \$1)
Feb. 07 Winter Teen Retreat, Dalton, PA.
Feb. 09 Annual Parish Meeting
Feb. 09 Last Day For Blessing of Homes
Feb. 09 Beginning of Pre-Lent Season (3 weeks)
Feb. 12 & 14 Fast-Free, Wednesday and Friday
Feb. 14-16 Diocesan Altar Servers Retreat
Feb. 22 Parish Workshop on Church Growth
12:30 Lunch, 1:00-5:00 Program
Mar.02 Beginning of 40 Day Great & Holy Fast

Winter Weather Alert: If Changes are necessary, check out the following one hour before scheduled service or event:

- Face Book, "Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church"
- Parish website calendar
- Parish e-mail list



Water

everywhere and in everything

Water is the most important matter in the world in which we live. Without water our earth would turn to stones and dust, plants would not grow, the air would be unbreathable, no living bodies could exist.

Water is a good image of all the important things in our life.

Water is the symbol of life. People, plants, animals and fish need water to live. Droughts, when not enough rain falls, cause crops to die.

Water is the symbol of destruction and death. Cities and lands often are destroyed by flooding of rivers and oceans. The power of water can cause drowning.

Water is the symbol of purification. Dirt and stains can be washed away with water. Water cleanses and refreshes us.

Christian life is like water.

First, water is part of everything.

Christian life is not "saying our prayers" or "reading the Bible" though this is important. Christian life is being at all times, the kind of person Jesus Christ taught us to be, even when we are talking to someone.

Second, water helps everything grow. Christian life is not standing still, but growing, growing wiser, stronger, and using all the gifts God has given us.

Third, water makes things clean. Water separates the foreign particles of dirt from our faces, our hands, our clothing. Living with Christ means just that too. We have to always try to get rid of those things which are bad and not part of us.

Yes, water is like the life that Jesus Christ gives us.



On the third day God saw the earth covered with water so He made the waters go into one place. When this happened the dry land could be seen and He called the dry land earth. The waters He called seas, oceans, and rivers. Genesis 1:9-10



LESSONS FROM TREES

The **Aromatic Tree** is full of a wonderful fragrance, not in greens or in flowers but in the bark. When the bark is cut with an ax, the fragrance pours forth. In such a manner, we Christians are aromatic trees. In Christ's Church, when struck by the sinful world, we pour forth the heavenly fragrance of divine forgiveness.

The **Chinese Bamboo Tree** for the first four years of its growth, only a small shoot appears above ground, yet miraculously, in the 5th year, the tree grows up in one year to some 80 feet. In our spiritual life, we need to pay the price to prepare the ground of our soul - plant the seed of virtue, cultivate it by righteous living, water it with the Sacraments; knowing that in the future, great growth will take place.

The **Tree of the Holy Cross** is the most precious tree in all the world. It provides heavenly shelter and divine shade. The fruit of this tree - is the Lord Jesus, if we eat of this tree, we shall not die, but live forever.

AN EXPLANATION OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

ON MATTHEW 9:16-17

BY ST. THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE (+1894)

No Man puts a piece of new cloth unto an old garment...nor do men put new wine into old bottles.

What does the Saviour wish to teach us by this comparison? By this comparison the Lord taught that strenuous labors, without the spirit of true life, brings no benefit to our moral character, but rather, confusion and corruption. A repentant sinner is given grace, which forms in him a determination to please the Lord, without sparing his own life. All labors are useful to a person with determination. However, should a person who lacks it, attempt on occasion, for example, to impose a fast on himself, he will strain and strain harder, but then he gives up his efforts. And after this his life becomes even worse.

ABOUT ORTHODOX PARISH LIFE

.....If people want a parish community, then they have to work to create it. As they say: no pain, no gain. Today, many people seem to have adopted a Welfare State mentality, a consumer mentality, towards the Church. As a result they expect church services and activities to be laid out for them, as if it were their right. This is totally unrealistic. We have to combat the mentality which says that 80% of church activities are carried out by 20% of the parishioners and the remaining 20% of activities are carried out by 80% of the parishioners.

.....some are critical that Orthodox laity appear to have no role to play in church life, and seem to be mere passive spectators of services. This impression is sometimes founded in reality, but only in dying parishes where laity may indeed have reduced their role to passive spectatorship. Laypeople can only be passive if they wish to be passive.