

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

#### SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 7

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

Pre-Feast of the Nativity of Theotokos

Sunday Before the Holy Cross

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

5:30p.m. Vigil of Nativity of Theotokos

#### MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Theotokos

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

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

#### WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 10

7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to

St. Silouan of Athos (Sept. 11)

#### SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 13

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Luke of Crimea;

Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 14

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")

Fast Day Today – no meat, dairy  
or fish; wine & oil allowed

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

Coffee Hour

Church School



"The Brazen Serpent"

The brazen or bronze serpent lifted up on a pole by Moses in the desert (Num. 21:8-9) is everywhere recognized by the Fathers as "a type of the passion of salvation accomplished by means of the Cross" (St. Basil, *On the Holy Spirit*, 14). St. Cyril of Jerusalem writes in his *Catechesis* (XIII, 20),

*"This was the figure which Moses completed by fixing the serpent to a cross, that who so had been bitten by a living serpent, and looked to the brazen serpent, might be saved by believing. Does the brazen serpent save when crucified, and shall not the Son of God incarnate save when crucified also? On each occasion life comes by means of wood."*

The second century writer, Tertullian (before his apostasy) concurs with the Fathers and adds that the serpents to which Numbers refers are an image of the devil "and at the same time the type of the brazen serpent proclaims the cure of those wounds of sin, salvation to all those who looked upon the cross" (*Against Marcion* III, 18). In the first canticle of the canon of the Exaltation, we hear this troparion:

*"Moses set upon a wooden pole a cure against the deadly and poisonous bite of the serpents: for crosswise upon the wood — as a symbol of the Cross — he placed a serpent that creeps about the earth, and thereby he triumphed over calamity. Therefore let us sing to Christ our God, for He has been glorified."*

### **Offerings Week of September 7**

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emila; for the health of Jason (birthday); for the health of Ann Kristabele (names day).

Wine: for the health and protection of Maria and Daniel (wedding anniversary); for the health of Lucian.

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine.

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Sept. 07, 1966 Fr. Stephen Adamcio  
(rector 1953-1962)

Sept. 07, 1967 Anthony Cherniak

Sept. 07, 1970 George Rech

Sept. 08, 1925 Paul Petsur

Sept. 08, 1977 Mary Mahalick

Sept. 08, 1985 Adam Rzeszowski

Sept. 09, 1978 Xenia Seminuk

Sept. 11, 1964 Michael Grenther

Sept. 12, 1929 Helen Kotliarchik

Sept. 12, 1971 Pauline Kravitsky

Sept. 12, 1974 Anna Naruta

Sept. 12, 1995 Anna Rudzina

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Sept. 07 Inga, Eka, Marina and Nona

Sept. 14 (**fast day**) Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek and Stone.

Sept. 21 Mantzafos and Sokol

### **Usher Schedule**

Sept. 07 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Sept. 14 Timothy G. & Jerome S.

Sept. 21 Dennis F. & Charles D.

### **Names Day Greetings**

St. Ann/Sept. 9: Anna Diana Chirnoaga and

Anna Kristabelle Gorbatuk

Many Blessed Years!

### **Blue Liturgical Covers**

We have beautiful blue cover materials for the altar and proskomedia tables. If you know of anyone who can work on these covers please let Father James know.

### **Reliable Worker Available**

Small jobs, landscaping, painting, - Javier, contact through Fr. James.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Please have all reports ready.

### **99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Parish**

This celebration will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Saturday and Sunday, as a "pre-feast" of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Bishop Michael will be here for both our 99<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Please mark your calendars, spread the word and be part of our preparatory work.

### **Adult Study Classes Are Held on Evenings from 7-8:30p.m.**

The Fall Class Series will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Topic(s) to be announced soon. Suggestions, speak with Father James.

### **Church Media – Keeping in Touch**

- Parish website: [www.ssppoc.org](http://www.ssppoc.org)
- Diocese website: [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org)
- Parish Face book: Friends of Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
- Parish e-mail: Parish Mailing List (to be on the mailing list you must subscribe from your e-mail; we cannot simply add you.)

### **The Importance of Sunday – The Lord's Day**

- Our participation in the Sunday Divine Liturgy is the most blessed and important event of the entire week.
- If we cannot be at the Sunday Divine Liturgy – for "a cause worthy of a blessing" we ought to participate in the Saturday evening service, so as not to forfeit our encounter with the Lord.

### **Sunday Coffee Hour**

Please join us at our wonderful Coffee Hours on Sundays. There are delicious foods, conversations and sharing with one another!

# THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The faithful Orthodox Christian overshadows himself with the sign of the Cross before praying, when he enters the temple, during divine services, before and after eating or drinking, before and after the completion of work. The sign of the Cross testifies to our faith in Jesus Christ and the Most-Holy Trinity, and, thereby, to our submission to the will of the Lord.

We bow our heads during prayers, and by so doing we express a submissive attitude towards God, and our obligation towards Him.

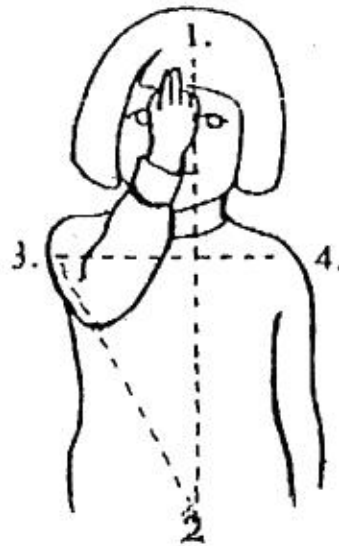
**This is how we hold our fingers to make the sign of the Cross. They should be clearly formed, according to the picture, and held together.**

Three fingers symbolize the Most-Holy Trinity: God, the Father; the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.

Two fingers symbolize the two natures of Jesus Christ: Divine, and human.



## The Sign of the Cross



1. In the name of – **forehead**  
the Father,
2. and the Son, – **belly**
3. and the Holy, – **right**  
**shoulder**
4. Spirit. – **left**  
**shoulder**
5. Amen. – as you  
pronounce  
this word,  
which means,  
"so be it,"  
**drop your**  
**hand, and**  
**bow your**  
**head.**

## Using the Sign of the Cross Every Day

The sign of the Cross is a great way to sanctify or bring to God every part of your busy day – whether good or bad! Here are just a few times during the day when you might want to make the sign of the Cross:

- Before you get out of bed, to thank God for protecting you through the night.
  - Before you prepare a meal for your family, to thank God for His bounty. (My grandmother, Mary, said a prayer and traced the sign of the Cross with the tip of her spoon whenever she opened a new sack of flour or sugar, opened a jar of jam or peanut butter, etc.)
  - Before and after meals, to thank God for the bounty He provides.
  - As you leave your home, to ask God to protect you on your journey and watch over your house or apartment while you are gone.
  - When you pass an Orthodox church building or monastery, to ask God to preserve it and guide its leaders.
  - As you bandage a “boo-boo” or take any kind of medicine, to ask that God will heal you both in body and spirit.
  - Over any new piece of equipment, tool, book, art supply, or toy, to ask God to guide you in using it wisely in His service.
  - Before, during and after any meeting or conversation you have – especially with someone you know to be “difficult” – that God will help you to approach them with Christian love and understanding.
  - As you begin any project, and before and after working or studying, to ask God to guide your efforts.
  - As you sign a contract, lease, or any other legal agreement – or even when you make a promise to someone – that God will protect and guide all involved.
  - As you mail or fax an important letter, that God will see it quickly to its destination and allow the reader to understand/not misinterpret its contents.
  - When you hear news of something wonderful (to thank God), or of something terrible (to ask for His mercy and protection).
  - When you witness any accident – big or small – to thank God for his protection, and ask His help in “setting things to rights” and recovering from it.
  - When you pass a cemetery, or are reminded of departed loved ones during the day, to ask God to forgive their sins and welcome them into His kingdom.
  - As you come through the door at night, to thank God for His protection and bounty.
  - Before reading the Bible, the writings of the Church Fathers, or the lives of the saints, to ask God for enlightenment.
  - Over your bed, before you get into it at night, to ask God to protect you as you sleep. (Many Orthodox prayer books include special prayers to say when blessing your bed, too!)
  - If you wake up in the middle of the night, after hearing a bump or screech, or having a bad dream. ✠ NTK
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