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BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 19, 2014

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 19

19th Sun. After Pentecost

St. John of Ryla, Bulgaria

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

2:00p.m. Baptism of Julia M.

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 22

6:30p.m. Vespers

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *"Deification,
Part Two: Qualifications and Place of
Deification"*

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 23

St. James, Brother of the Lord

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
6-9:00p.m. Open House at the Rectory
on occasion of Names Day of Fr. James
All are invited!

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 25

St. Demetrius Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service;
Confessions

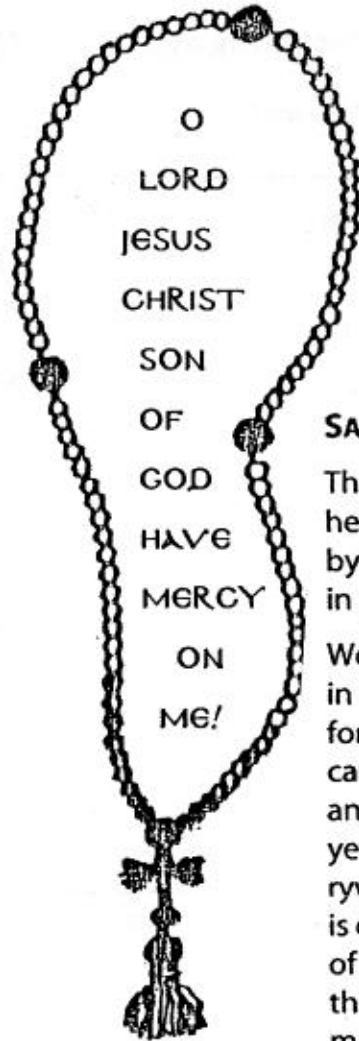
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 26

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Great-Martyr Demetrius

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



SAINT SILOUAN ON PRAYER

The soul that loves the Lord cannot help praying, for she is drawn to Him by the grace she has come to know in prayer.

We are given churches to pray in, and in church the holy offices are performed according to books. But we cannot take a church away with us, and books are not always available, yet interior prayer is always and everywhere possible. The Divine Office is celebrated in church, and the Spirit of God dwells therein, but the soul is the finest of God's churches, and the man who prays in his heart has the whole world for a church.

When we love someone, we like to think about that person, talk about him, be with him. Now the soul loves the Lord, as her Father and Creator, and stands before Him in awe and love; in awe because He is the Lord; in love because the soul knows Him for her Father – He is all merciful and His grace sweeter than anything else.

Offerings Week of October 19

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for a safe journey; for the health of Michael (birthday).

Wine: for the health and protection of Vera (birthday); in memory of Gabriela, Flarea, Gheorghe, Elena, Petre, Aurelia, Ilie, Maria, Valeria, Alexandru, Sasinca, Margareta, Ion, Mihail, Anicuta and Alexandru; in honor of St. James.

Flowers: for the health of Justine Dao (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 20, 1988 George Huzinec
Oct. 20, 2005 Anna Lopec
Oct. 24, 1924 Isidore Ubrimovich
Oct. 24, 1949 Damian Dzyban
Oct. 24, 2002 Dolores Barnosky
Oct. 25, 1961 Nicholas Harasmiuk
Oct. 25, 1966 John Lopatka
Oct. 26, 1956 Steven Max
Oct. 26, 1985 Michael Motoviloff

Coffee Hour Hosts

Oct. 19 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
Oct. 26 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone
Nov. 02 Team Number 5

Usher Schedule

Oct. 19 Dennis F. & Charles D.
Oct. 26 Edward S. & Arian M. & Kakha K.
Nov. 02 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Reliable Worker Available

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

99th Anniversary Celebration of Parish and International Food Festival Will Be Held on Sunday, November 9th

Sign-Up Sheets on the Vestibule Stand. Please sign-up. Questions? Speak with Jill Peterson or Pam Stone.

Sheet A-1 - Food Team - Russian, Polish, Georgian

Sheet A-2 Food Team - Middle East/Greek, Romanian, Italian, Beverages

Sheet B - Advertising and Outreach; Silent Auction, Solicitation of Donations and Set-Up; Set Up on Day of Event; Ticket Sales.

Cemetery Gate Closing

Please be aware that the Cemetery Gates are locked at 4:30p.m. (now thru end of April) and are opened 9:00a.m. Please be mindful of this when pulling into the cemetery driveway.

Church Media - Keeping in Touch

- Parish website: www.ssppoc.org
- Diocese website: 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.)

Study Classes- Wednesdays 7-8:30p.m.

October 22, 29 and November 5. See posted flyer for topics.

Sunday, November 2 - Feast of All Unmercenary Healers

On this day we will have special prayers for all those in the medical, healing and supportive ministries.

Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church - Face Book

There are daily postings of spiritual, educational, social content. You are encouraged to join.

Visitation of Bishop Michael - Nov. 8 & 9

Sat., Nov. 8th: 5:30p.m. Vigil with Bishop Michael and anointing with oil from tomb of St. Nectarios; 7:30p.m. Parish Council Supper Meeting with Bishop Michael.

Sun., Nov. 9th: Feast of St. Nectarios of Aegina. 9:10a.m. Entrance of Bishop Michael; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with short coffee hour to follow; 2:00p.m. Akathist with Bishop Michael and anointing with holy oil; 2:30p.m. Children's Concert; 3:00p.m. International Food Festival at VFW (across the street).

The afternoon liturgical and social programs are ways of sharing our Faith. Bring guests with you!

THE IMMORALITY OF MORALISM

By Archimandrite Paul Papadopoulos

Moralism is the cancer of general morality. The "letter" of moralism kills the "spirit" of life in man. In this way moralism kills the ethos, because it fossilizes life. This is why eventually moralism negates morality. General morality is one thing while moralism and moralizing is quite another.

Unfortunately such phenomena occur mainly within the bosom of the Church, where people confuse the Christian life with the "moral" life, as they interpret it. People who consider themselves Christians move through Christianity as devotees who honor the ethos of Christ, without even approaching Him in the least. Without ever coming to know Him.

Moralists with a look are ready to rebuke other people; they are people who completely lack humility and self-reproach, looking for their next "victim" to confirm by their condemnation of others their own immaculate morality.

Morality becomes deified. How you dress plays a bigger role than talking to and saying "good morning" to others. How you style your hair is more important than the sense of your sins. How your external importance looks is more important than your inner state. Words are spoken about "modest" clothing while little is said about prayer, repentance and watchfulness. Attention is paid to manners, to showcase interpersonal relations without any depth or substance.

The morality of moralists is much more immoral than the immorality of those considered immoral.

"You must" and "do not" are give and take in families of these people who have deified the "external good testimony", for no other reason than "what will people say?"

Talk about sin is intense. Sin is everywhere. They are acts that lead to hell. Lives are condemned by God because some of their own inviolable moral rules were overstepped, and they claim to be cultivating the youth.

Talk about virtue? Almost non-existent. Virtues for them are women who wear long skirts and men who iron their suit jackets.

The faith of moralists in God is primarily based on the fear of death and not love for God, and to say you believe in someone or something because you fear something worse is immoral.

Have I said too much? Perhaps. However one thing that is certain is that God does not have morals. He has love, or rather He is Love.

A Christian is not simply someone who reads Holy Scripture and knows it by heart, taking every opportunity to show off his knowledge, for the devil also knows it by heart and shuffles it around. A Christian is not

someone inhibited by the other sex. A Christian is not someone who does missions in distant lands yet does not forgive others for their mistakes.

A Christian is erotically in love with the One and not a killjoy stuck in types and forms. They are a blooming rose that is watered and nourished out of their love and freedom that has been offered to them by God.

A Christian woman was the "immoral prostitute" that washed the feet of the Lord with myrrh and the tears of her repentance.

A Christian man was the "immoral bandit" who stole paradise while on the cross by saying "Remember me, O Lord...."

A Christian is a sinner who lives in repentance and humility, who moves within the security of obedience to their spiritual father. A Christian lives within the Church of Christ, as a member of the Body of Christ. As a member who needs healing. And they do not find healing outside the Church, but within it. This is done with the synergy of the entire Body, with the help of the Grace of the Paraclete who "heals the sick and completes what is missing".

Christian morality is the freedom of love and forgiveness and not the illegitimate morality of immoral moralism.



ON THE THOUGHTS OF THE HEART

Saint John of Kronstadt

All my happiness and unhappiness are in the thoughts and desires of my heart. If the thoughts of my heart are in accord with God's truth, with the will of God, then I am at rest, filled with divine light, joy and blessedness; if not, I am uneasy, filled with spiritual darkness that corrupts the soul, with heaviness and despondency. If I replace the false and ungodly thoughts of my heart by true and godly ones, then rest, blessedness and joy return.

LIVE IN GRATITUDE

"Live in gratitude, and you will never be disappointed. See that your afflictions are not there to punish you, but to purify you and cleanse you of the delusions of this world. You all are being prepared each day for great things. Be wise, and prepare for the future, but do not be worried about it. Be prudent, but not obsessed. The man who constantly worries achieves nothing but stress and anxiety. Instead, pray and draw close to God. Believe that He will help you, and suddenly, you will see how He has already."

