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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 09, 2014 **99th Anniversary Celebration**

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 9

99th Anniversary Celebration Day

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

St. Nectarios of Aegina

9:10a.m. Entrance of Bishop Michael

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

2:00p.m. Akathist and Anointing with Oil

2:30p.m. Children's Concert in church

3-6:00p.m. International Food Festival
at the VFW (across the street from church)

TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 11

NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly in Endicott, NY

WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 12

NY-NJ Clergy Conference in Endicott, NY

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 13

6:30p.m. Memorial for Vaschen & Emilia Sarchisian

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 15

St. Paisius of Moldavia

Beginning of 40 Day Nativity Fast

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Paisius; Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 16

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Apostle St. Matthew

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

Coffee Hour; Teen Class



Offerings Week of November 9

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, John, Rosalia, Anastasia, Justina and Alexandra; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; health of Derek (birthday); in memory of Gabriela, Floarea, Gheorghe, Elena, Petre, Maria, Alexandru, Sasinca, Aurelia, Ilie and Elena; in honor of St. Nectarios.

Wine: for the health, salvation and wisdom of Gabriel and Gabriela Tabitha (names day); for the health of Nectarios (names day). For the health and protection of John (birthday).

Flowers: in memory of the parishioners of parish of Ss. Peter & Paul; for the health and salvation of parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul; for the health of Sarah (birthday) in memory of Ann Marie (40th day commemoration).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 10, 1918 Maria Ishchuk
Nov. 10, 1921 Julia Bushinsky
Nov. 10, 1960 Alexandria Kulina
Nov. 10, 1969 John Buday
Nov. 12, 1916 Peter Kliaga
Nov. 12, 2004 Olga Skopak
Nov. 13, 1963 Peter Chabra
Nov. 15, 1929 Fr. Nikita Borisoff
(parish rector 1920-1922)

Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov. 09 Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych
Nov. 16 (fast) Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei
Nov. 23 (fast) Kita, Nevitt & Keller

Usher Schedule

Nov. 09 Timothy G. & Jerome S.
Nov. 16 Dennis F. & Charles D.
Nov. 23 Edward S, Adrian M. & Kahka K.

Reliable Worker Available

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

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.)

The Holy Nativity Lent of 40 Days

- Begins on November 15th and ends after the Divine Liturgy on December 25th.
- Your Parish Wall Calendar indicates days when the fasting is lessened by usage of fish, wine or oil. Otherwise a fast is observed from meat, dairy and fish.
- The discipline for receiving Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, December 25th, requires a recent Confession in the time period of November or December before December 25th.

General Church Cleaning Days

Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 10:15a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6th at 11:00a.m.
Please reserve these dates to help out.

Coffee Hour Supplies – New Location

All Coffee Hour and food supplies are now kept in the storage room by the small stove/sink in the lower hall. Coffee team members and all others are reminded where to store and look for plates, cups, napkins, coffee and other non-perishable items for coffee hour. Thanks.

Memory Eternal!

On November 5th, Valentine Gorbunov, a parishioner reposed in the Lord. May his memory be eternal! Our sympathy is expressed to his spouse, Valentina and to all members of the family.

Parish Directory On- Line

Our Parish Directory of parishioners may be viewed on-line on our website. If the information needs correction, please let Father James know.

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Malachi 4:2)



Introduction:

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield" (Ps. 84:11). The Lord is compared to the Sun and more specifically, Jesus Christ is called the day - spring (Lk. 1:78). The sun that shines in the sky, some 93 million miles from the earth, is full of types of the triune Godhead. We will observe several demonstrations of these types.

I. THE TRINITY

A. The components of the sun

About three-fourths of the sun's mass consists of hydrogen, the lightest known element. Almost a fourth of the sun's mass consists of helium. Because the sun is made up entirely of gas it is invisible, yet it is visible. God obviously has both characteristics as (1 Tim. 3:16 and Jn. 1:18) reveal to us.

B. The rays of the sun

Since the Godhead can be clearly seen (Rom. 1:20) and Jesus Christ is likened to the "sun," we may conclude that He is the source of all spiritual life, all spiritual warmth, all spiritual growth, and all spiritual sight in this world. The sun has alpha, beta, and gamma rays (rays which can be seen, but not felt; felt, but not seen; and rays which can be neither felt nor seen!)

II. THE LOVE OF GOD

Since God is love (1 Jn. 4:16), it is reasonable to conclude that all blessings come from Him (Jam. 1:17). It is universally recognized that without the sun, like as we know it, would not exist on the earth.

A. The sun provides our food

All living things - both plants and animals - are part of a process called the food chain. The food chain starts with green plants. These plants make their own food through the process of photosynthesis.

During photosynthesis, plants combine energy from sunlight with carbon dioxide from the air, and water from the soil, to make food. In the process, the plants give off oxygen. Some plants are eaten by animals, which in turn are eaten by larger animals, Man eats both animals and plants. Man and animals breath the oxygen that the plants release during photosynthesis. They exhale the carbon dioxide that, in turn, is used by plants (Phil. 4:19).

B. The sun provides our energy

Plants use sunlight for photosynthesis. Animals eat the plants, and man uses both plants and animals for food, clothing, and shelter.

Even the artificial light we use comes from the sun, for that is manufactured by power

plants that use fossil fuels; coal, oil, and natural gas. These fuels come from plants and animals that lived long ago.

In addition, man uses sunlight for power in other ways. For example, the effects of sunlight cause wind, which man uses to power windmills. Sunlight also evaporates water which falls as rain and snow,

The water forms rivers. Hydroelectric power plants on the rivers use the power of moving water to generate electricity. Solar energy is also becoming more and more popular. In the plainest possible words - energy is power, that we cannot live without, (Matt. 28:18).

C. The sun regulates our weather

Sunlight has a great influence on the earth's weather. For example, it evaporates water from rivers, lakes, and oceans, and this water later falls as rain or snow.

When the water is suspended in the atmosphere clouds appear. They reflect sunlight back into space. Sunlight also comes to the earth at various angles during different seasons. Clouds, and the angle at which sunlight reaches the earth, result in uneven heating of the earth's atmosphere. This uneven heating causes differences in air pressure. Air moves from high pressure areas to low pressure areas, causing wind and changes in weather.

Weather can be a blessing, (Deut. 28:12) or a curse, (Deut. 28:24) depending upon our obedience to God. (See Job 37:22 and 1 Kings 17:1)

III. THE GLORY OF GOD

The glory of God is demonstrated through the sun several ways:

A. Its vastness

The diameter of the sun is about 865,000 miles, about 109 times the diameter of the earth. The sun is 740 times more massive than its nine major planets together. These figures remind us of the insignificance of man in the light of God's attributes. (See Jer. 23:23,24; Hab. 3:3; Ps. 139:7-12; Ps. 19:1; Job 25:3, 22:12; Ps. 113:4)

B. Its colors

According to "World Book" encyclopedia, "The sunlight given off by the sun's surface is made up of many colors. These colors are not all equally bright. Various elements in the photosphere absorb some of the colors and prevent the sun from giving off those colors. Scientist can see what colors are absorbed by passing sunlight through a glass prism to form a spectrum." Various colors have always been used to describe the glory of God. (See Eze. 1:26-28; Rev. 4:3; 10:1)

A prism, be it natural (rainbow) or man made allows us to see a small part of the color of the sun.

The part that we can actually see is so small - "For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face:" (1 Cor. 13:12) that we can have little appreciation for all that will someday be made available. The earth only receives about one two billionth of the sun's light and heat. The prism that God has given us to get a better picture is **HIS WORD**.