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BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 7, 2014

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 7

26th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Ambrose of Milan

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

THURSDAY/DECEMBER 11

7:00p.m. Compline with Akathist to
St. Spyridon (Dec. 12) and anointing
with oil from his tomb; Confession

FRIDAY/DECEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY/DECEMBER 13

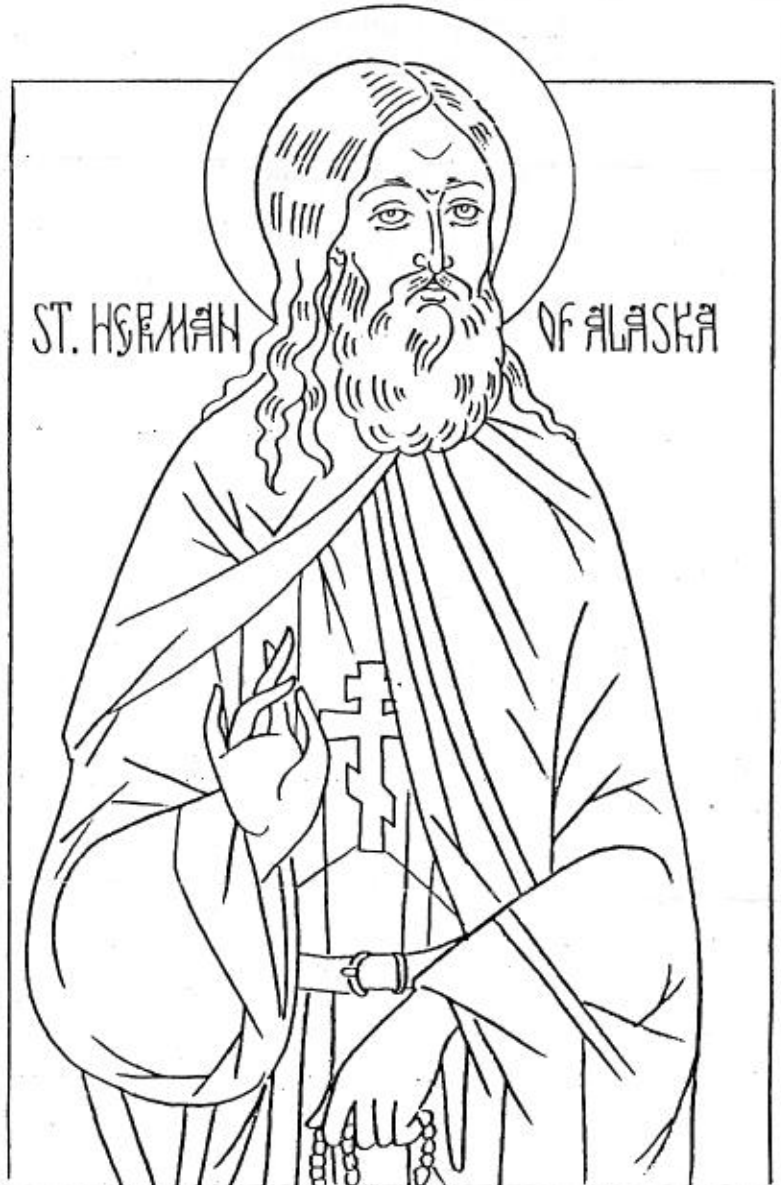
St. Herman of Alaska

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:30p.m. 40th Day Memorial for Valentine
Gorbunov
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 14

Holy Forefathers Sunday

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:20a.m. Christmas Cookie Walk
5:30p.m. Vigil at St. Gregory Palamas
Church in Glen Gardner with Bp. Michael
and deanery clergy (**St. Hilarion
of Moscow – Dec. 15**)



Offerings Week of December 7

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia and Anna; in memory of William; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Helen.

Wine: for the health of Alexander (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Dec. 14th (40th Day) Valentine Gorbunov
Dec. 07, 1929 Felix Kshanovsky
Dec. 07, 1972 Gregory Hriniak
Dec. 07, 1999 Fr. Jaroslav Roman
Dec. 09, 1965 Max Horbel
Dec. 09, 1970 Helen Horbel
Dec. 10, 1946 David 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 Hosts

Fasting Foods

Dec. 07 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone
Dec. 14 Mantzafos, Sokol, Arpastean & Nasledyesheva
Dec. 21 Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Wypych

Usher Schedule

Dec. 07 Timothy S. & Peter B.
Dec. 14 Timothy G. & Jerome S.
Dec. 21 Dennis F. & Charles D.

Glen Gardner Church Celebration – Sunday, December 14

In honor of St. Hilarion of Moscow (+1927), whose portion of relics is to be found in the Glen Gardner Church of St. Gregory Palamas; at 5:30p.m. a Vigil will be held with Bishop Michael and clergy and faithful of the NJ Deanery. You are invited to participate.

2015 Parish Wall Calendars

The calendars are on a table in the back of the church. Please, only 1 calendar per household.

The Holy Nativity Lent of 40 Days

- Began 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.
- Dec. 07/Sun Fish, wine & oil
Dec. 08/Mon
Dec. 09/Tue Wine & oil
Dec. 10/Wed
Dec. 11/Thur Wine & oil
Dec. 12/Fri
Dec. 13/Sat Fish, wine & oil
Dec. 14/Sun Fish, wine & oil

Some Increase Adjustments beginning in 2015

The Parish Council being mindful of the increases in purchasing costs of candles, wine, flowers and olive oil had determined new 2015 prices. Small Candle (\$3), large candle (\$4), Olive Oil (\$7) Wine (\$15) and flowers (\$25).

2nd Annual Coat Drive – thru Dec. 14th

A bin is located in the lower hall for coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, boots and sneakers.

Winter Weather Conditions

Due to weather it may be necessary to make changes in the parish schedule of services, meetings, events, etc. Necessitated changes will be posted at least 1 hour prior to what time had been scheduled. Notifications will be found on 1) the Parish Email (subscribe on the parish website); 2) on the Parish Website Calendar; 3) on Face Book: "Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church." If you are not into "social media," please arrange with a parishioner who is, so that they can alert you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE – YEAR 2015

For Your Consideration: Ten Points

“The Theology of Stewardship” is a 19 page booklet, prepared by the Orthodox Church in America, you will find a complete examination of the method of proportionate giving. This is the key document that guides our parish understanding of financial offerings. The booklet may be found on the vestibule stand or picked-up in the office.

1. The Parish Church of Ss. Peter and Paul in Manville, is supported only by our parishioners. Of the total income, more than 85% is received by means of the Sunday Envelopes (52 in number).
2. All parishioners receive envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes, you are not registered as a parishioner.
3. In terms of financial support of the parish, there is no required or suggested amount in dollar value of your offerings.
4. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to adopt the proportionate giving model of offering that has been implemented in our parish since 2006.
5. In adopting the proportionate giving model, you self-determine what percentage (%) of your income you will offer as a “first-fruit offering,” on a regular basis, offered in thanksgiving using the Sunday envelope system.
6. The percentage of an offering may be the standard “tithe,” (10%) or it may be a “proportionate offering” of any meaningful self-determine percent as 3%, 5%, 7%, 12 % etc.
7. The Parish Church does not examine who is or is not a proportionate giver, this is between you and the Lord.
8. The concept of “first-fruit offering” means that we first dedicate to the Lord the first portion of our income as an offering of thanksgiving. We understand and separate this offering from “latter” obligations and needs, as food, shelter, mortgage, utilities, entertainments, etc. – which belong to the realm of bill paying.
9. Any gift offered to the Lord and His work through His Church is an acceptable offering inasmuch as the one offering the gift offers “oneself” as the primary gift. . What we offer as a tithe or proportionate offering, a special collection, almsgiving and the usual gifts of candles, wine, olive oil, flower and the like is received by the Lord as pleasing, if we offer ourselves with them.
- 10 An offering is pleasing to the Lord when it is offered in a true spirit of thanksgiving, is an expression of faith commitment and is genuine, (not a token gift).

**ABOUT BEING A PARISHIONER OF
SS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH
MANVILLE, NEW JERSEY**

Following the Tradition of the Church, the purpose of membership in the Parish is to seek the knowledge of God and union with Him through Jesus Christ by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and to express that unity with God in Christ in all religious, moral, family and social activities. Generally, this expression consists of an enlightened obedience to the teachings of the Orthodox Faith, and is manifested in regular attendance at the divine services of the Parish, in frequent reception of the Holy Gifts of the Body and Blood of Christ, in care for the Parish property and buildings, in regular contributions in fulfillment of the financial commitment, and in doing all that is possible to promote the Christian spirit of love, unity and brotherly concern among members of the parish and witnessing to our Faith commitment to those outside the Parish.

A church member must:

- a. Have been sacramentally received into the Orthodox Church and consciously uphold and profess the Orthodox Faith and Moral Teachings;
- b. Be eighteen years of age or older;
- c. Be a regular communicant, that is, participant in the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion;
- d. Fulfill the stewardship obligations established by the Parish:
 1. *Treasure*: All members of the Parish are urged to make a commitment to the Parish, using the envelope system, rendering back to the Lord a first portion of what God has entrusted to us.
 2. *Time*: All members of the Parish are urged to set aside the first portion of their time for worship, fellowship, charitable service, and education;
 3. *Talent*: All members of the Parish are urged to offer their talents in service to the Church, remembering that each member of the Body of Christ has been entrusted with gifts of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 12).
- e. Must be officially registered by the parish priest to be part of the Parish Census.

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