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BULLETIN OF February 8, 2015 **1915 – 2015 CELEBRATING OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 8

Prodigal Son

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
11:45a.m. Annual Parish Meeting

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 11

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
Iveron Icon (Feb. 12th)

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 14

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service;
Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 15

Meat-Fare Sunday

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School and Teen Class

MONDAY/FEBRUARY 16

Cheese-Fare Monday

With this day we abstain from all meats
until Holy Pascha, April 12



The prodigal son.

*Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from
the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (Eph. 5:14).*

This comparison of sinners with sleepers provides a starting point for a thorough examination of their conversion to God. For example, a sleeper awakens, gets up and gets ready to go to work. A sinner who turns to God and repents *is roused* from the lullaby of sinfulness, reaches a decision to *change* (he gets up), and, at last, *puts on strength* for his new life in the Mysteries of Repentance and Holy Communion (preparation for work). These moments are described in the parable of the Prodigal Son in this way: *When he came to himself* means he has come to his senses; *I will arise and go* indicates he has decided to cease his former life; *I have sinned* is repentance, and his father clothes him (forgiveness and absolution from sins) and prepares him a meal (Holy Communion) (cf. Lk. 15:11-32).

Thus, there are three stages in the conversion of sinners to God: 1) arousal from the slumber of sin; 2) reaching the decision to give up sin and devote oneself to pleasing God; 3) vestment with power from on high for doing this in the Mysteries of Repentance and Communion.

Offerings Week of February 8

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

Wine: for the health of Zachary and for a safe journey; in thanksgiving to God and for the health of Stefan (birthday).

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Feb. 08, 1953 John Andreosky
Feb. 09, 1972 Fr. Nikfor Besmertnuk
(rector 1925)
Feb. 09, 1988 Anna Karel
Feb. 09, 2007 Vincent Chwat
Feb. 10, 1962 Fr. Michael Tidik
(rector 1922 – Fr. Tidik was also the priest who baptized Bishop Michael)
Feb. 10, 1988 Ruth Michaelovsky
Feb. 10, 2001 Mary Spotts
Feb. 11, 1993 Josephine Hriniaik
Feb. 11, 2007 John Jackowlew
Feb. 12, 1972 John Wislosky
Feb. 12, 1988 Xenia Fedarka
Feb. 13, 1929 Gregory Stepaniuk
Feb. 13, 1948 Christian Kozar
Feb. 13, 1957 Clement Mc Closkey
Feb. 13, 1970 Alexander Pawlik

Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb. 08 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman
Feb. 15 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri
Feb. 22 (meat fast) Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Usher Schedule

Feb. 08 Timothy G. & Jerome S.
Feb. 15 Dennis F. & Charles D.
Feb. 22 Edward S., Adrian M. & Kahka K.

Names Day Greetings

St. Charalampus/Feb. 10: Charles Dunaenko
St. Valentina/Feb. 10: Valentina Gorbunova
Many Blessed Years

2015 Home Blessing Season

The Blessing of Homes began on from January 7th and continue thru February 20th. If you wish to have your home blessed please arrange this (as soon as possible for as early a date as possible) with Father James.

Winter Weather Conditions

Due to weather it may be necessary to make changes in the parish schedule of services, meetings and events. Changes are posted on website, Face Book and the Parish E-Mail. Please share any changes with other parishioners who may not be engaged in these communication forms.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Sundays – Feb. 1st and 8th

- An IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) sponsored annual event.
- \$1 or more for our Local Charity (Great Expectations – for Unwedded Mothers - in Raritan, N.J).
- 1 Canned Good or more for the Local Food Pantry in Bridgewater, NJ.

Meat-Fare Sunday, Feb. 15th

Last day for meat products until Pascha, April 12.

Cheese-Fare Sunday, Feb. 15th

Last day for dairy products until Pascha, April 12.

Entrance Into Great Lent

The 40 Day Great and Holy Fast begins Monday, February 23rd. The first and important service is the Vespers and Rite of Forgiveness, to be held at 12:00p.m. Sunday, February 22nd (after the Coffee Hour). Hopefully all of our parishioners will participate in this holy service.

Sunday of Orthodoxy – March 1

The Vespers for this Sunday will be held at our church at 2:00p.m. At 1:00p.m. a short prayer service will be held at St. Grigol Georgian Church on So. 3rd Avenue with a procession to Holy Ghost Church on So. 6th Ave. for a short prayer service and procession to our Church. After the Vespers a reception will be held at our Parish Hall, hosted by Ss. Peter & Paul Parishioners. Please reserve the date and join in the processions and visitations to our Manville churches and help out in food preparations. The Vespers will be sung by our choir.

“Adopt a College Student”

“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are full”.

What:

Our parish will be starting a program where parishioners, from SS. Peter and Paul, will have the opportunity to “adopt” a college student from our parish. By doing this, the parishioner, or family, will be responsible for staying in contact with their student and doing any of the following:

- send a care package
- send a bulletin
- send an icon or gift for a name’s day
- send a birthday card or gift
- send a gift card
- send an inspirational note for finals

How You Can Start:

Please see Rebecca Oliver to sign up. You will be given a survey to better know your college student.

Thank you for your support with our college ministry!

HOW TO USE THE PARISH LIBRARY

The parish library is organized like a traditional library with a card catalog to help you find books. The catalog has a title card and an author card for every book on the shelves. The cards include a number (Dewey decimal number), which allows you to find the book on the shelves. If you know the author's name, you can search the author cards, and if you know only the book title, you can search the title cards. For example:

Title card: Everyday Saints and Other Stories (248.4819)

Author card: Sheevkunov, Archmandrite Tikhon (248.4819)

Please sign your name on the check out card and date taken out and place in the appropriate box on the table; books are for a 30 day period and may be renewed.

We are fortunate to have a great number of books in the library on a wide variety of subjects. Please come in and browse and you'll find something to your liking. The beginning of Great Lent is a particularly good time to explore. Here are a few titles that might be of interest:

Becoming Icons of Christ, Mother Raphaela (248.4)

Father Arseny 1893 – 1973: Priest, Prisoner, Spiritual Father, translated from the Russian by Vera Bouteneff (281.9092)

Light in the Darkness, Recollections and Reflections of an Orthodox Christian in Russia Today, Sergei Fudel (281.947)

Liturgy and Life, Father Alexander Schmemmann (264.019)

Poems on Scripture, St. Gregory of Nazianzus (881.01)

Suffering and the Nature of Healing, Daniel B. Hinshaw, M.D. (233)

Turning East: Contemporary Authors and the Ancient Christian Faith, edited by Rico Vitz (248.24)

If you need assistance, Kathryn Motoviloff will be glad to assist.