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BULLETIN OF MAY 3, 2015

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 3

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

Coffee Hour

3:00p.m. 100th Anniversary Children's Fiesta

TUESDAY/MAY 5

7:00p.m. Vespers

7:30p.m. Lesser Blessing of Waters

WEDNESDAY/MAY 6

Mid-Pentecost Feast (25th of 50 Days)

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

THURSDAY/MAY 7

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY/MAY 8

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
St. Nicholas of Myra; Confessions

SATURDAY/MAY 9

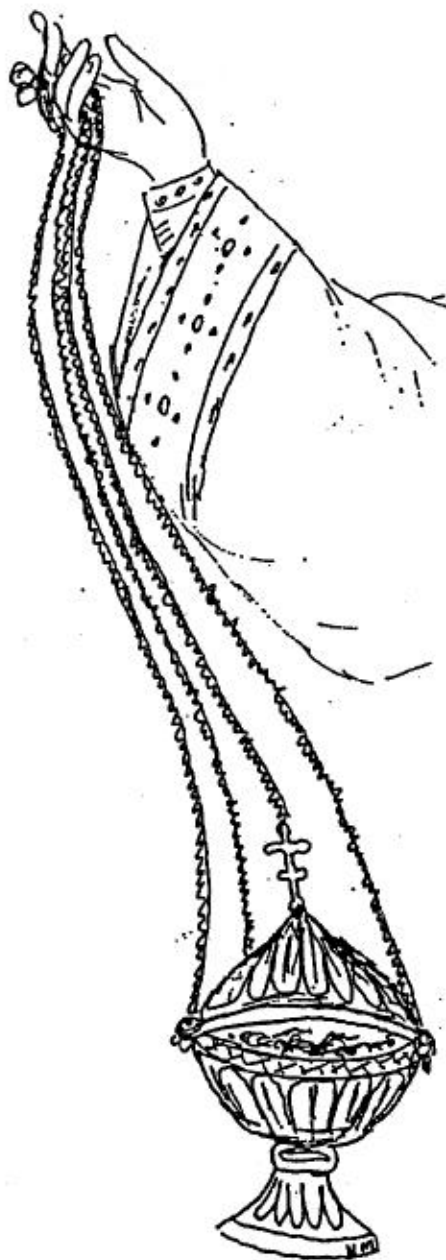
Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas

9:30a.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at
St. John the Baptist Church in Passaic;
Celebrating 5th Anniversary of the consecration
Of Archbishop Michael

5:30p.m. Vigil (*5th Gospel: Luke 24:12-35*)
Confessions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 10

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



Offerings Week of May 3

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.

Wine: in memory of Gheorghe, Floarea, Gabriella, Elena, Grigore, Maria, Mihail, Aniceta, Alexandru and Elena.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 04, 1979 John Holovach
May 05, 1961 John Ivaniec
May 05, 1970 Katherine Nebozinsky
May 05, 2012 William Basil Neudachin
May 06, 1971 Basil Pawlik
May 06, 1982 Philip Recetz
May 08, 1917 Demetrius Polgonsky
May 09, 1972 Pauline Lasin
May 10, 1984 Ignatius Chwat

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 03 Mantzafos, Sokol, Arpastean,
Nasledysheva & Sarchisian
May 10 Wypych, Chiroaga, Moldoveanu & Nemes
May 17 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman

Usher Schedule

May 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.
May 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
May 17 Dennis F. & Peter B.

5th Anniversary Celebration of the Consecration of Archbishop Michael

May 9th, Saturday at St. John the Baptist Church in Passaic at 9:30a.m. A Banquet to follow at the Brownstone in Paterson. See posted flyer for details.

2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail your offerings in.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Ads

Presently are being solicited. Forms (pink sheets) are on the vestibule table as well as posted on the

Bulletin Board in the Hall. Please return by **May 31st**.

The Cemetery Care Appeal – May Month

Every May Month we make an appeal for cemetery care. This appeal is of great importance for us to properly maintain the grounds. Thank you!

St. Tikhon's Monastery Pilgrimage – May 22-25

The schedule (and extra copies) is posted on the Bulletin Board. A beautiful place to visit and pray at.

On the Receiving of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

- You must be an Orthodox Christian;
- A recent Confession is in order, at least made in the time of this past Great Lent;
- Fasting from all foods and drinks from midnight;
- Medications may and ought to be taken and do not break the Fast;
- Pre-Communion Prayers on the day of or the evening before receiving;
- Participation at the Evening Service the day before;
- Being at peace with everyone;
- Free from any grievous sin;
- Not having been absent from Sunday church services for more than 3 weeks in a row – if absent, Confession is necessary to return to the cycle of regular Communion;
- Be sure the priest knows who you are “before” the Divine Liturgy.

The Memorial Service Held at the Cemetery will take place Sat. Morning not on Pentecost Sun. Afternoon

The custom of holding the Memorial Saturday Service (the day before Pentecost) will this year be held at the cemetery (weather permitting) at 9:30a.m. May 30th. Due to the lack of participation at the Saturday service, as well as the Sunday afternoon service at the cemetery, only the one service on Saturday will be served with the visitations to the graves. Please let others know of this change. As it is, Saturday is the proper day.

THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE AND THE RIGHT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: REAFFIRMING A SHARED WITNESS

An Open Letter from Religious Leaders to All in Positions of Public Service

Released April 23, 2015

Dear Friends:

At this significant time in our nation's history with the institution of marriage before the United States Supreme Court, we reaffirm our commitment to promote and defend marriage—the union of one man and one woman. As religious leaders from various faith communities, we acknowledge that marriage is the foundation of the family where children are raised by a mother and a father together. Our commitment to marriage has been expressed on previous occasions, including the Letter of Shared Commitment and Letter on Marriage and Religious Liberty. This commitment is inseparable from affirming the equal dignity of all people and the necessity of protecting their basic rights.

The state has a compelling interest in maintaining marriage as it has been understood across faiths and cultures for millennia because it has a compelling interest in the well-being of children. Every child has a mother and a father, and every child deserves the opportunity, whenever possible, to be raised by his or her own married mother and father in a stable, loving home. Marriage as the union of a man and a woman is the only institution that encourages and safeguards the connection between children and their mother and father. Although this connection cannot always be realized and sustained—and many single parents, for example, are heroic in their efforts to raise their children—it is in the best interests of the state to encourage and uphold the family founded on marriage and to afford the union of husband and wife unique legal protection and reinforcement.

The redefinition of legal marriage to include any other type of relationship has serious consequences, especially for religious freedom. It changes every law involving marital status, requiring that other such relationships be treated as if they were the same as the marital relationship of a man and a woman. No person or community, including religious organizations and individuals of faith, should be forced to accept this redefinition. For many people, accepting a redefinition of marriage would be to act against their conscience and to deny their religious beliefs and moral convictions. Government should protect the rights of those with differing views of marriage to express their beliefs and convictions without fear of intimidation, marginalization or unwarranted charges that their values imply hostility, animosity, or hatred of others.

In this and in all that we do, we are motivated by our duty to love God and neighbor. This love extends to all those who disagree with us on this issue. The well-being of men, women, and the children they conceive compels us to stand for marriage as the union of one man and one woman. We call for the preservation of the unique meaning of marriage in the law, and for renewed respect for religious freedom and for the conscience rights of all in accord with the common good.

Sincerely Yours:

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