

SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

605 Washington Avenue, Manville, New Jersey 08835-1856

Voice: 908-685-1452 / fax: 908-685-1074 Email: frjames@ssppoc.org

Parish Website: www.ssppoc.org Diocese of NY-NJ: www.nynjoca.org

Face Book: "Friends of Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church"

BULLETIN OF JUNE 7, 2015

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1915-2015

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour & Question/Answer Period
2:00p.m. Marriage of Scott Michael Kloss
and Catherine Rose Weissman

MONDAY/JUNE 8

Beginning of Ss. Peter & Paul Lent: June 8th thru 28th

A fast is observed from eat, dairy, fish, wine
and oil. Your parish wall calendar and the
monthly printed calendar indicate modifications.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to
New-Martyrs of China of Boxer Uprising

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

9:00a.m. Akathist & Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Honoring of 2015 Graduates
Coffee Hour & Presentation of Alzheimers



TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS

All you Apostles and Martyrs, you prophets —
hierarchs with the holy men and women
of all times — valiantly have you fought, per-
severing in the faith. For this the Lord is sure
to hear your prayer. Remind Him of His loving-
kindness, and beg Him to save our souls.

Offerings Week of June 7

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

Flowers: for Lauren Elizabeth.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 7, 2009 Fannie Huzinec
June 7, 2004 Helen Kulina
June 8, 1976 Nadezhda Soroka
June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla
June 11, 1953 Chariton Mishalenko
June 12, 1979 Nadezhda Lebedz
June 12, 2009 Julia Yadlowsky
June 14, 1978 Anna Williams
June 14, 2012 Theodore Zydiak

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 7 Motoviloff, Torrasi, Kachek & Stone
June 14 (*Fast Foods*) Mantzafos, Sokol,
Arpastean, Nasledysheva & Sarchisian
June 21 (*Fast Foods*) Dunaenko, Wypych,
Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu & Nemes

Usher Schedule

June 7 Timothy S. & Peter B.
June 14 Jerry S. & Adrian M.
June 21 Dennis F. & Peter B.

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 in.

Coffee Hour Presentation – June 14th

On this date at Coffee Hour an informal presentation will be given on "Alzheimers." A representative of the Alzheimers Association will be our guest. This is an important topic and all of us should have some basic understandings

Annual Parish Picnic – July 12th

At the Kita residence here in Manville. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of fellowship

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.

Vacation Planning: A Check List

- Location of nearby Orthodox Church for Sunday Divine Liturgy.
- Prayer book and small icon.
- Some spiritual reading material.
- Make your parish offerings before you go away.
- Obtain a blessing for traveling, offered at the end of Sunday Divine Liturgy.
- Observe the fast days as best you can.
- Vacations are meant to be a time to "recreate" ourselves. Attentiveness to spiritual living is part of who we are, where we go and what we do.
- Enjoy!
- Upon returning, thank the Lord for a safe and relaxing vacation.

Patronal Feast Day: Ss. Peter & Paul

Sun. June 28th: 6:30p.m. Vespers & Confessions
Mon. June 29th: 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy,
Procession and Festal Meal.

Serbian Patriarchate canonizes two new American Saints: Sebastian and Mardarije

Two new Serbian-American Saints: Sebastian of Jackson (+1940) and Mardarije of Libertyville (+1935) (source)

On May 29, 2015, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchate of Serbia glorified two new Serbian Saints who spread the faith in Christ in America:

"St. Sebastian Dabovich (1863-1940) has the distinction of being the first person born in the United States of America to be ordained as an Orthodox priest, and also the first native-born American to be tonsured as an Orthodox monk. His greatest distinction, however, lies in the tremendous apostolic, pastoral, and literary work that he accomplished during the forty-eight years of his priestly ministry... St. Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zhicha, Serbia, who buried Fr. Sebastian at the Zhicha Monastery when the latter reposed there in 1940, called him "a viceless man" and fittingly designated him "the greatest Serbian missionary of modern times." (for a fuller life of St. Sebastian, see [here](#)) His feast has been designated as November 30th.

St. Mardarije Uskokovic (1889-1935) was the first Serbian Bishop of North America, and founded the famous Monastery of St. Sava in Libertyville, one of the center-pieces of Serbian Orthodoxy in America. His feast has been designated as December 12th. (see [here](#) for more info)

St. Mardarije of Libertyville with St. Sava of Serbia, depicted as founders of the Monastery, standing before Christ and the Theotokos (source)

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us! Amen!



"He who discovers the immensity of the love of Christ, knows and accepts that his work will be incomparable, never ending, and exhausting. We have been called to serve the Church of God, so first of all let us give thanks thinking of and begging for the grace of Jesus Christ. At the same time, with faith and devotion, let us walk on the way of God, helping our brothers to find the same. Because we know that the malice and discord of many will make us stumble, but let us be sure that the inspiring force of our faith will raise us up again and again, as many times as needed. Let us remain firm and united, focused on our own objective, away from the distractions that darken our sight and our heart. Let us forget all our interest in the temporary and material things, and extend our hands to every brother and sister who may need us. Therefore, if the peace is among us, if we are firmly united in the faith and in our hearts, nothing shall be impossible for us in our work to expand the mission of the Orthodox Church."

His Eminence Alejo, Archbishop of Mexico City and the Diocese of Mexico

Posted on June 2, 2015



Baptismal sponsors

Question

My wife and I recently made enquiry concerning having our new born son baptized. When we enquired as to whether my wife's cousin, who believes in Jesus Christ but is not a member of the Orthodox—or any—Church, could serve as a baptismal sponsor, we were informed that this would not be possible. This may cause problems within our family as we had hoped to honor her cousin in this capacity. Why must a baptismal sponsor be of the Orthodox Christian faith?

Answer

As clearly implied by the term itself, a "baptismal sponsor" is a pious, practicing Orthodox Christian who would be "sponsoring," in this case, your infant son as he is initiated into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist. As such, the sponsor "sponsors" the child into a reality—the worshipping faith community, the very Body of Christ—that the sponsor himself or herself already embraces in its fullness. Hence, the sponsor, at the outset of the Rite of Baptism, speaks on behalf of the child in denouncing Satan, professing the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, and acknowledging belief in and acceptance of Jesus Christ "as King and God." Properly speaking, then, one cannot "sponsor" someone into "something" that one does not fully acknowledge and embrace himself or herself.

The focus in selecting a baptismal sponsor must always be on ensuring the spiritual growth and formation of the child, who surely will benefit from the example of a pious sponsor as he or she grows in "life, faith and spiritual understanding." When choosing a baptismal sponsor, "honoring" a family member or close friend should never be a determining factor. What is crucial is selecting a sponsor who can stand as a model with regard to living a faithful Orthodox Christian life, not only in word, but also by example.
