

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF JULY 5, 2015

### 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1915-2015 Weekend of October 3 & 4

#### SUNDAY/JULY 5

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

St. Sergius of Radonezh (+1392)

St. Elizabeth of Moscow (+1918)

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

Coffee Hour

#### WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

7-8:00p.m. Lemonade & Conversations at Gazebo

#### THURSDAY/JULY 9

6:00p.m. Pirohi Making at Holy Ghost Church

#### SATURDAY/JULY 11

9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Vladimir Church  
in Trenton with Archbishop Michael, celebrating  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### SUNDAY/JULY 12

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Icon, "Of the 3 Hands"

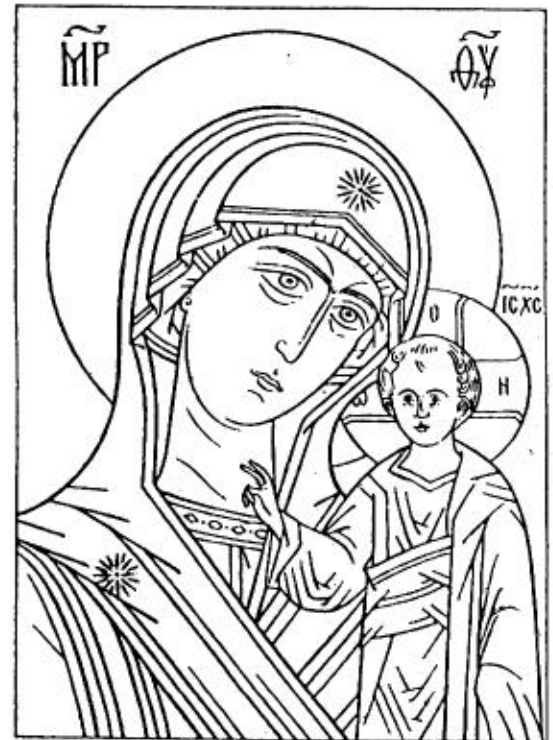
St. Paisius of Athos (+1994)

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

No Coffee Hour

Parish Picnic at Kita Residence in Manville

312 No. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. – All are Invited!



"Our Lady of Kazan"  
Icon

*"No matter what happens to you, accept everything as good, knowing that nothing happens without God."*

- St. Symeon the New Theologian (+1022)

### **Offerings Week of July 5**

**Olive Oil:** in memory of Michael, Justina, Mary, Rosalia and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health and protection of Nicholas and Todd Matthew; for the health of Amanda and Scott (anniversary).

**Wine:** for the health and salvation of John and Vera.

**Flowers:** in thanksgiving to our Lord and Mother of God and for health and protection on birthday of Maria.

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

July 09, 1971 Kuzma Savich  
July 09, 2010 Tatiana Onuschak  
July 09, 2011 Atopere Filippini  
July 10, 1951 Vassily Fetchina  
July 11, 1928 Elias Chromoho  
July 12, 1978 Antonia Salamander  
July 12, 1979 Chariton Perogeff

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

July 05 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri  
July 12 (No Coffee Hour)  
July 19 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek & Stone

### **Usher Schedule**

July 05 Timothy S. & Peter B.  
July 12 Jerome S. & Adrian M.  
July 19 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.

### **Annual Parish Picnic – July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our Annual Picnic will be at the Kita residence here in Manville. Mark your calendar and join us for a day of fellowship, swimming, and foods.

### **Appreciation Is Expressed**

Thanks to all for your donations for the Ss. Peter & Paul Day Appeal; for the foods for our patronal feast day celebration and for your cooperation and participation in the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary interviews.

### **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. Oftentimes this is forgotten.
- If part of a Coffee Hour/usher/counter Team – be sure to let other members know.
- 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.

### **Small Projects/Landscaping/Etc.**

Our part-time worker, Javier is available. Speak with Fr. James.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial at Holy Ghost Church**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m., a 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial will be served at Holy Ghost Church for Olga Buchman and her daughter, Linda Mann. Both, mother and daughter and Manville residents perished in a tragic fire on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Memory Eternal!

### **Pirohi Making & Further Planning Night**

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00p.m., the first pirohi making for the Somerset County Fair will be held with a meeting about future dates and Fair planning. Jill Peterson is our parish contact for this event.

### **Blessing of Things Mobile – July 19<sup>th</sup>**

After the Divine Liturgy this Sunday we will hold the annual blessing of vehicles or transportation and leisure: cars, bikes, motorcycles, hot air balloons, horses, sleds, skate boards, etc.

### **Lemonade & Informal Talks – Wed. of July**

From 7-8:00p.m. a refreshing beverage and informal conversations at the Gazebo. Come!

### **Keep Informed, Things Happen Rapidly**

The best way to keep abreast of news and information of importance in the life of our parish is by visiting our website and subscribing yourself to our parish email (you do this on our website).



## Response of Assembly of Bishops to Obergefell v. Hodges

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Thursday, July 02, 2015

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America strongly disagrees with the United States Supreme Court decision of June 26, Obergefell v. Hodges, in which the Court invents a constitutional right for two members of the same sex to marry, and imposes upon all States the responsibility to license and recognize such “marriages.”

The Supreme Court, in the narrowest majority possible, has overstepped its purview by essentially re-defining marriage itself. It has attempted to settle a polarizing social and moral question through legislative fiat. It is immoral and unjust for our government to establish in law a “right” for two members of the same sex to wed. Such legislation harms society and especially threatens children who, where possible, deserve the loving care of both a father and a mother.

As Orthodox Christian bishops, charged by our Savior Jesus Christ to shepherd His flock, we will continue to uphold and proclaim the teaching of our Lord that marriage, from its inception, is the lifelong sacramental union of a man and a woman. We call upon all Orthodox Christians in our nation to remain firm in their Orthodox faith, and to renew their deep reverence for and commitment to marriage as taught by the Church. We also call upon our nation’s civic leaders to respect the law of Almighty God and uphold the deeply-rooted beliefs of millions of Americans.

## Churches are the left’s next target in the gay-marriage war

By Rich Lowry

June 29, 2015 | 8:31pm

Everyone knows where the debate over gay marriage is going next.

Now that the Supreme Court has imposed its edict on the land, the question is whether religious institutions and people of faith will still be permitted to act on moral beliefs that the court has portrayed as bigoted and deeply wounding.

In his long prose-poem about love masquerading as a judicial opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy made a bow to these concerns.

He cited the First Amendment for the proposition that religions and those who adhere to them “may continue to advocate with utmost sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.” Gee, thanks, Mr. Justice.

This assurance is about as convincing as the rest of Kennedy’s airy majority opinion with little or no connection to the Constitution or law — which is to say, people of faith ought to brace for the worst.

Kennedy's statement was carefully hedged to include only advocacy and teaching, a lawyerly wording that the other lawyers on the court were quick to pick up on. The First Amendment, Chief Justice John Roberts pointed out in his dissent, actually protects the freedom to exercise religion.

That means people of faith acting on their beliefs, not merely advocating them or teaching them.

It's easy to see the coming clash of moralities, one enjoying official favor, the other religious sanction. What Kennedy refers to as the "dignitary wounds" of the traditional definition of marriage are also inflicted by the private institutions and people who uphold that definition.

In oral arguments, Justice Samuel Alito asked Solicitor General Donald Verrilli whether, on the model of Bob Jones University a few decades ago when it banned interracial dating and marriage, a college that opposed same-sex marriage could be denied tax-exempt status. "It's certainly going to be an issue," Verrilli admitted. "I don't deny that."

At this juncture, most supporters of same-sex marriage do deny it, although they have a history of making whatever assurance seems necessary, before discarding it in due course. It used to be that prominent supporters of gay marriage pooh-poohed the idea of a judicial imposition of their view on the country.

In the Supreme Court's prior pro-gay-marriage decision, just two years ago, it said that domestic relations were exclusively a matter for the states — before turning around and throwing out state marriage laws not to its liking.

If supporters of same-sex marriage truly have no interest in punishing the exercise of religion they find objectionable, they can sign off on legislation to prevent it.

Utah Sen. Mike Lee, a Republican, has a bill called the First Amendment Defense Act — yes, it's come to that — protecting organizations from government retaliation over their opposition to gay marriage.

There is unlikely to be a rush on the left to endorse it, when the American Civil Liberties Union is heading in the opposite direction. It has just withdrawn its support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, on grounds that it can be used to protect organizations refusing to get on board with gay marriage.

Already, there are a few calls to remove the tax exemption of churches now opposed to what the Supreme Court has deemed a fundamental right.

These are only tea leaves. The move against religious groups will surely start small, with some isolated, unsympathetic Christian institution, and then grow until what once had been called unimaginable becomes mandatory.

The push for gay marriage is motivated by a moralistic zeal that sees only one point of view on the question as legitimate.

If its supporters weren't patient enough to see their cause through the inevitable fits and starts of the democratic process, they aren't going to let procedural niceties stand in the way of an effort to bulldoze their way to a more thoroughgoing conformity on the issue.

The gay-marriage debate isn't over; it's merely entered a new phase.



**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Immediately after Church until 4:00**

**The Kita's House  
312 North 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Manville**

**A Covered Dish Picnic**

**See Stacey at Coffee Hour**

**Sign up to bring your favorite dish, dessert or drink  
Can't cook?**

**Maybe you can help set-up, clean up or donate supplies**

***Bring your bathing suit and enjoy the pool and spa!***

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Robert 908.255-2656 or [rpkit@gmail.com](mailto:rpkit@gmail.com)**

**In case of rain we will "picnic" in the Church Hall**

**Directions:**

From Church

Make a Left on Washington Avenue towards South 13th Ave

Make a RIGHT at the stop sign at Firehouse # 2

Cross the railroad tracks and proceed through the traffic light at North 13th and Brooks Boulevard

Drive past Manville High School, Christ the King School and ABIS

Make a RIGHT turn on KNOPF STREET (3rd cross street on your RIGHT)

Make a LEFT on NORTH 10th AVE

312 is the Second House on the right. There are 2 very tall ivy-covered trees out front

The more the merrier!

You can sign up to bring something at coffee hour next Sunday or email Stacey.  
[staceyleekita@gmail.com](mailto:staceyleekita@gmail.com)

We hope everyone can attend!



## ATTITUDES THAT ENABLE THE CHURCH TO GROW

"Church growth involves spiritual as well as numerical growth."

•• "Orthodox Christianity is the faith for all mankind."

"As a steward, I must wisely manage the gifts God has given me and use them for the building up of the Church."

"I am called to work with Christ in reaching others."

"I want my parish to serve as the means by which others are brought to Christ and His Church."

"I must share God's love with others by sharing my faith with them."

"Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's life and experience."

"I am committed to Christ and His Church because I am convinced that he is truly the God and Savior of all."

"The Church is an organism made up of those who base their lives on Christ."

"I must help to make the Church more visible and to invite others to services and activities."

"Church growth begins with me."



## ... AND ATTITUDES THAT DON'T

"God is not concerned with how many members the Church has. All He cares about is quality."

"Orthodoxy is just for 'our' people, not for everyone."

"Stewardship is just another gimmick to get more money out of the parishioners."

"God does not need me to make the Church grow."

"My parish exists to serve the needs of 'our people' and to preserve our heritage and culture."

"Religion is a private matter which I never discuss because I might offend someone else."

"Evangelization is a non-Orthodox concept."

"Sure I'm committed to the Church. After all, I pay dues!"

"The Church is an organization made up of voting members."

"If outsiders are interested in the Orthodox Church, they will take the initiative to find one."

"Church growth is not my concern."