

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF AUGUST 16, 2015

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – October 3 & 4

#### SUNDAY/AUGUST 16

##### Icon, "Not-Made-By-Hands"

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

2:00p.m. Marriage of Stephen Varney &  
Svetlana Malenkova

#### SATURDAY/AUGUST 22

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Dormition;  
Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

#### SUNDAY/AUGUST 23

##### 12<sup>th</sup> Sun. After Pentecost

##### Leave-Taking of Dormition

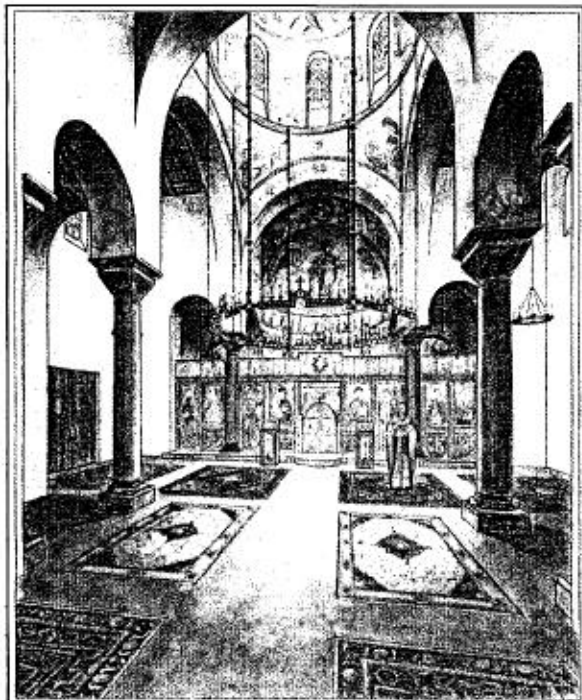
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Prayers for New Academic Year

Coffee Hour

#### ON THE BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE LITURGY St. Maximos the Confessor

It is necessary for every Christian to spend time in the holy church of God, and never to miss the celebration of the Divine Liturgy – for here, the holy angels have custody – they register the people going in each time and offer their angelic intercessions on their behalf. Each person who is found present at the Divine Liturgy, the grace of the Holy Spirit transforms, remolds, and truly remodels into a more divine image, conforming to Himself.



#### SOME INSTRUCTIONS OF ST. TIKHON OF ZADONSK

##### Seek a blessing from God when eating and drinking

When you wish to eat or drink, call on the Name of the Lord and ask for a blessing of Him for your food and drink, saying: "Lord, bless!" And then you will taste and enjoy the good things of your Lord. For everything that is God's is good, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (Psalm 23:1)."

##### On Clothing

Do not adorn your body with stylish clothes, as some are accustomed to do, but let your clothing be appropriate to your station. A Christian's garment is the clothing of the Spirit. It should adorn the soul and not the body. The beauty of the soul is the image of God in which we were created. Seek this beauty and it shall be enough for you.

##### On the Conduct of a Pure Heart

Treat every man, not with flattery, but simply, just as you do yourself. As you appear outwardly, be so inwardly as well; and what you say to one person let the same be in your heart also.

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

Aug. 22 40<sup>th</sup> Day for Charles Specian  
Sept. 14 40<sup>th</sup> Day for Peter LaVerne Mickel  
Aug. 17, 1977 Theodore Kucheruk  
Aug. 17, 1985 Anna Tarangul  
Aug. 18, 1922 Demetrius Bathusak  
Aug. 18, 1968 Peter Patson  
Aug. 19, 1925 Helen Wawrenchuk  
Aug. 19, 1942 Constantine Yancevich  
Aug. 19, 1948 John Shander  
Aug. 19, 1957 Samuel Barnosky  
Aug. 20, 1965 Natalie Laga Salevanik  
Aug. 20, 2008 Sophie Wassel  
Aug. 21, 1980 Mary Pegene  
Aug. 21, 2001 Anna Cherniak  
Aug. 22, 1978 Anna Recketz  
Aug. 23, 1926 John Mlinets  
Aug. 23, 1938 Semeon Dutko

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Aug. 16 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri  
Aug. 23 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona  
Aug. 30 Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachgek & Stone

### **Usher Schedule**

Aug. 16 Dennis F. & Peter B.  
Aug. 23 Edward S. & Khaka K.  
Aug. 30 Dennis F. & Peter B.

### **Counters**

Aug. 16 Inga G. & Peter B.  
Aug. 23 Ekaterini M. & Ciprian C.  
Aug. 30 Ekaterini M. & 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. May the Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail in.

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

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

### **The Mysteries of Confession & Communion in the Month of August**

- If you are a regular communicant on Sundays and have not been to Confession anytime after Pascha (April 12), to continue to receive Holy Communion, you must go to Confession in the month of August. This includes children of Confession age.
- The Dormition Lent is a favored time for everyone to avail themselves of Holy Confession and Communion.
- Extended Confession Times are listed on the August printed out monthly calendar or you may make an appointment.

### **Hall Manager Sought**

The Parish Council is seeking a person to manage parish hall rentals. Anyone interested should speak with Peter Bakaletz.

### **Congratulations & Many Blessed Years!**

Today, Stephen Varney and Svetlana Malenkova are united in Holy Marriage. The blessings of the Lord be upon them!

### **Memory Eternal!**

Our prayers for the newly-departed Peter LaVerne Mickel of Bound Brook, who reposed on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is expressed to his wife of 56 years, Anastasia and his children Tatiana Hansen of Middlesex and Kent Mickel of Houston, Tx.

### **Many Thanks to All!**

The 4 H Fair and participation of our 3 Orthodox churches in Manville has taken place. A full report will be forth-coming of the event. Special thanks to Jill Peterson our chair-person and to all who gave many hours of labor.

### **The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet Invitations**

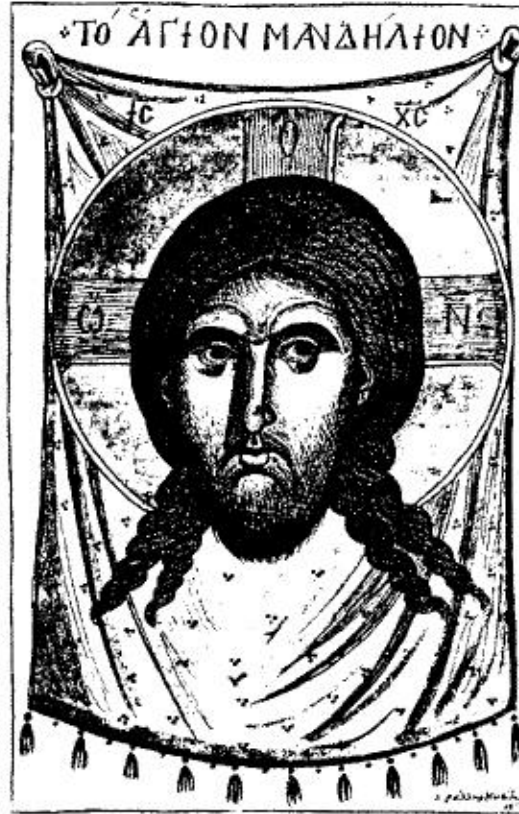
The Invitations have been mailed out. RSVP by September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive the invitation or wish to have an invitation sent to someone not on our mailing list, please see Pam Stone.

## ABOUT THE ICON NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS

*From the Prologue of Ochrid – August 16<sup>th</sup>*

At the time when our Lord preached the Good News and healed every illness and infirmity of men, there lived in the city of Edessa on the shore of the Euphrates Prince Abgar who was completely infected with leprosy. He heard of Christ, the Healer of every pain and disease and sent an artist, Ananias, to Palestine with a letter to Christ in which he begged the Lord to come to Edessa and to cure him of leprosy. In the event that the Lord was unable to come, the prince ordered Ananias to portray His likeness and to bring it to him, believing that this likeness would be able to restore his health. The Lord answered that He was unable to come, for the time of His passion was approaching took a towel, wiped His face and, on the towel, His All-pure face was perfectly pictured. The Lord gave this towel to Ananias with the message that the prince will be healed by it, but not entirely, and later on, He would send him a messenger who would erase the remainder of his disease. Receiving the towel, Prince Abgar kissed it and the leprosy completely fell from his body but a little of it remained on his face. Later, the Apostle Thaddeus, preaching the Gospel, came to Abgar and secretly healed and baptized him. The prince then destroyed the idols which stood before the gates of the city and above the gates he placed the towel

with the likeness of Christ attached to wood, framed in a gold frame and adorned with pearls. Also, the prince wrote beneath the icon on the gates: "O Christ God, no one will be ashamed who hopes in You." For many years after King Abgar's reign, Edessa remained a faithful Christian city.



However, when one of Abgar's great grandsons restored idolatry, the bishop of Edessa came by night and secretly walled up the miraculous icon over the gates. Many believed the icon to have been destroyed by the new idolatrous king and the icon was soon forgotten; even though it was to remain safely hidden within the walls for nearly 400 years. In 545 AD, during the reign of Emperor Justinian, the Persian King Chozroes attacked Edessa and the city was in great hardship. It happened that Eulabius, the Bishop of Edessa, had a vision in which was revealed to him the mystery of the sealed wall and the forgotten icon. The icon was discovered and, by its power, the Persian army was defeated. After that it stayed in Edessa for a long time, and many famous people from history came to see it. In the year 944 AD, it was taken to the city of Constantinople and placed in a church, where it remained until 1204 AD, when the Crusaders carried it off. The miraculous icon was never seen again.

### **Troparion - Tone 2**

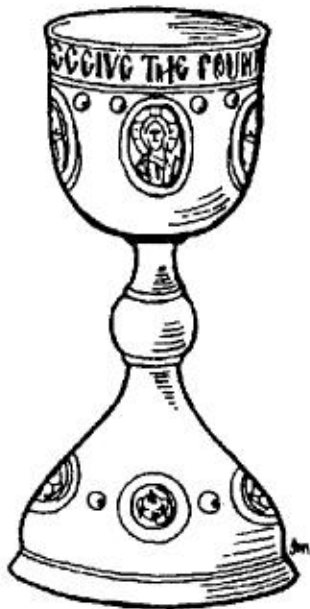
We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world!

### **Kontakion - Tone 2**

Word of the Father, Who cannot be circumscribed, as we behold the victorious image of Thy true Incarnation, not made by hands, but divinely wrought in Thine ineffable and divine dispensation towards us, we honor it with veneration!

## A PATTERN IN MAKING DISCIPLES

- 1) Christ teaches the Word of God, and the Word stirs listeners to initial faith.
- 2) Christ involves the new believer in a specific challenge, and the new believer personally experiences the grace of God; he or she feels unworthy, yet amazed.
- 3) Christ calls the new believer to become a permanent disciple and co-worker with God. The new believer freely and totally gives over his or her life to the Lord and has a new sense of mission as Christ's disciple.



## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Orthodox Church offers certain guidelines for the faithful to prepare themselves for the joyous partaking of Holy Communion. These are:

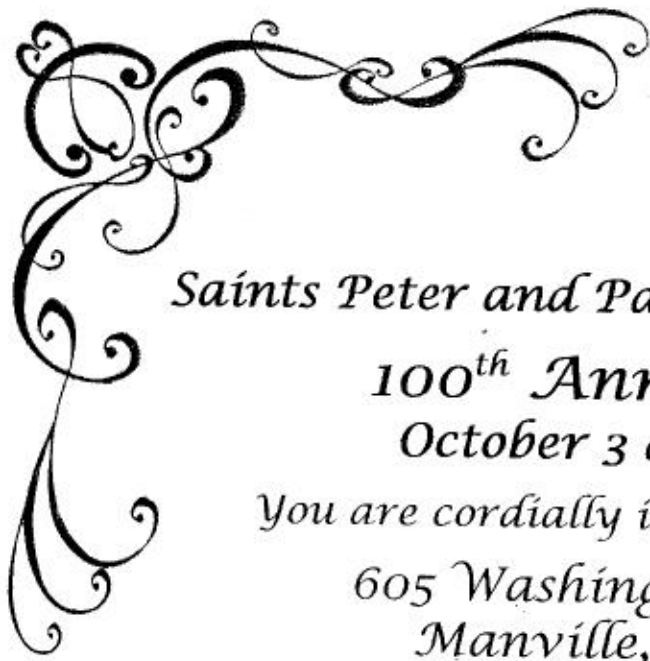
1. Attendance at Church services the night before Liturgy. If not possible, then one should keep the evening with prayer, study and/or charity.
  2. Observance of the fasting days and seasons of the Church.
  3. A recent confession of sins and absolution from a priest.
  4. Fasting from food and drink (including water), and smoking from midnight on the day which Holy Communion is to be received. **NOTE:** Do not fast from medications, or food or drink recommended by a doctor.
  5. Abstinence from sexual relations the night before Liturgy and on the day of receiving Holy Communion.
  6. Reading of the appointed prayers before and after receiving Holy Communion. These are found in one's prayer book or Liturgy book.
  7. Being at peace, or at least seeking peace, with one's neighbor.
- Questions or special circumstances? Please speak with your priest.

## FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

Abba David said, "Abba Arsenius told us the following, as though it referred to someone else, but in fact it referred to himself. An old man was sitting in his cell and a voice came to him which said, 'Come, and I will show you the works of men.' He got up and followed. The voice led him to a certain place and showed him an Ethiopian cutting wood and making a great pile. He struggled to carry it but in vain. Instead of taking some off, he cut more wood which he added to the pile. He did this for a long time.

Going on a little further, the old man was shown a man standing on the shore of a lake drawing up water and pouring it into a broken receptacle, so that the water ran back into the lake. The voice said to the old man, 'Come and I will show you something else.' He saw a temple and two men on horseback, opposite one another, carrying a piece of wood crosswise. They wanted to go in through the door but could not because they held their piece of wood crosswise. Neither of them would draw back before the other, so as to carry the wood straight; so they remained outside the door. The voice said to the old man, 'These men carry the yoke of righteousness with pride, and do not humble themselves so as to correct themselves and walk in the way of Christ. So they remain outside the Kingdom of God. The man cutting the wood is he who lives in many sins and instead of repenting he adds more faults to his sins. He who draws the water is he who does good deeds, but mixing bad ones with them, he spoils even his good works. So, everyone must be watchful of his actions, lest he labor in vain.





*Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church*

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*October 3 and 4, 2015*

*You are cordially invited to celebrate.*

*605 Washington Avenue*

*Manville, NJ 08835*

*Saturday*

*10:00 am Memorial Service*

*Orthodox Christian Cemetery of Ss. Peter & Paul*

*To be held at the church in case of rain.*

*Brunch to follow at Ss. Peter and Paul Fellowship Hall.*

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*5:30 pm Vigil Service*

*Sunday*

*9:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy*

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*3:00 pm Dinner and Reception*

*Bridgewater Manor*

*1251 US 202/206 N*

*Bridgewater, NJ 08807*

