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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

100th Anniversary Celebration – October 3 & 4

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 6

14th Sun. After Pentecost

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

MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 7

7:00p.m. Vigil for Nativity of Theotokos

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Holy Theotokos
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")

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

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 10

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to
St. Silouan of Mt. Athos (Sept. 11)

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 12

9:30a.m. 100th Anniversary Celebration at
St. Spyridon Church in Perth Amboy
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 13

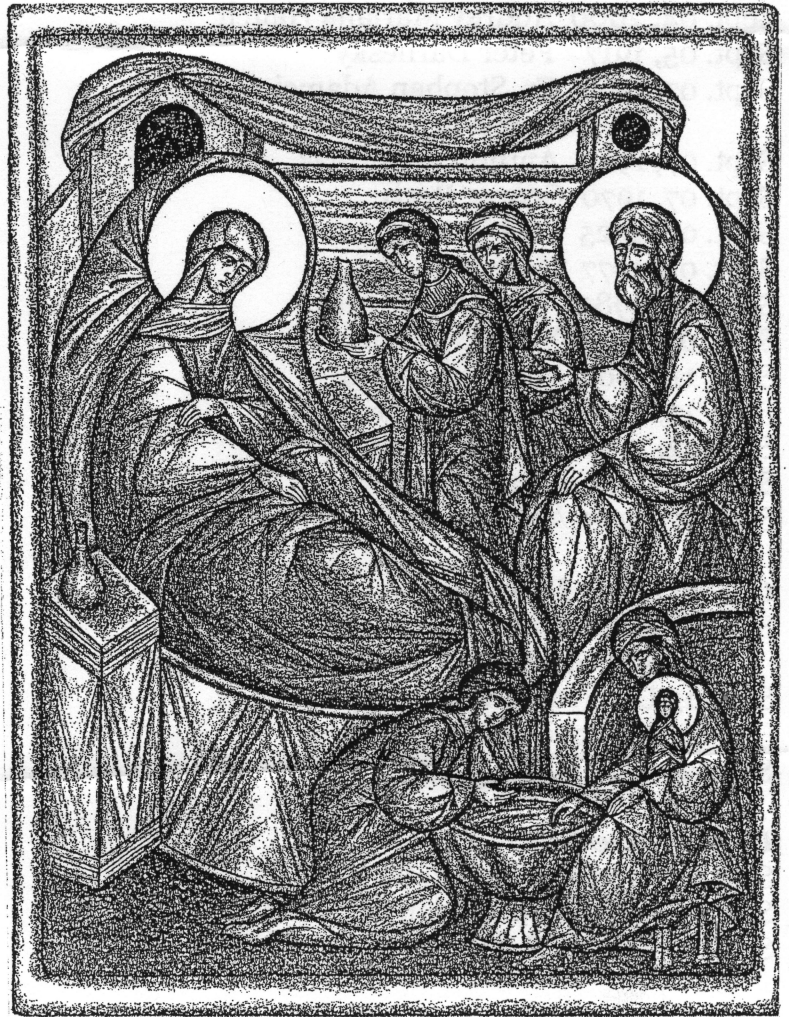
Sunday Before the Holy Cross

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
5:30p.m. Vigil of the Holy Cross

MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 14

Elevation of the Holy Cross – Strict Fast Day
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. 40th Day Memorial for Peter La Verne Mickel



Icon of the Nativity of the Virgin.

Offerings Week of September 6

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen, Emilia and Valentina; for the health of Kristabelle; in memory of Julia; for the health of Wendy.

Wine: for health, protection, salvation and enlightenment of Simona-Georgiana (birthday).

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 14 40th Day for Peter LaVerne Mickel

Sept. 27 40th Day for Helen Perry

Sept. 03, 1956 Maria Schander

Sept. 04, 2000 Audrey Mariana Haitch

Sept. 05, 1917 Peter Darnesky

Sept. 07, 1966 Fr. Stephen Adamcio
(rector 1953-1962)

Sept. 07, 1967 Anthony Cherniak

Sept. 07, 1970 George Rech

Sept. 08, 1925 Paul Petsur

Sept. 08, 1977 Mary Mahalick

Sept. 08, 1985 Adam Rzeszowski

Sept. 09, 1978 Xenia Seminuk

Sept. 11, 1964 Michael Grenther

Sept. 12, 1929 Helen Kotliarchik

Sept. 12, 1971 Pauline Kravitsky

Sept. 12, 1974 Anna Naruta

Sept. 12, 1995 Ann Rudzina

Coffee Hour Hosts

Sept.06 Mantzafos, Sokol, Arpastean,
Nasledysheva & Sarchisian, Staina

Sept. 13 Dunaenko, Wypych, Chirnoaga,
Moldoveanu & Nemes

Sept. 20 Paterson, Bakaletz, Mattei & Erkman

Usher Schedule

Sept.06 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Sept.13 Jerry S. & Adrian M.

Sept.20 Dennis F. & Peter B.

Counters

Sept.06 Rebecca Oliver & Edward S.

Sept.13 Lisa K. & Daniel T.

Sept.20 Inga G. & Peter B.

Parish Council Meeting

September 17th, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

Names Day Greetings

St. Anna/Sept. 9: Anna Diana Chirnoaga

Many Blessed Years!

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 Mysteries of Confession & Communion

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 first.

Hall Manager Sought

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

The 100th Anniversary Banquet Invitations

The Invitations have been mailed out. **RSVP by September 8th**. 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 or Katherine Mantzafos.

The Parish Calendar: Sept. thru Dec.

On the Parish website are listed the planned services, education classes, parish events and other activities. Please make reference to it when making plans.

Church School Program

Instructors: Pre-K, K, Grades 1 & 2: Jill Peterson and Susan Gorbatuk; Grades 4 & 5: Peter Bakaletz; Grades 6-8: Rebecca Oliver; Teens: Fr. James

Sept. Schedule: Classes Sept. 6, 20 & 27. Teen Class: Sept. 20th. A full schedule for the Fall Season will be forth-coming.

Church Clean-Up Date in Preparation for 100th Anniversary

Saturday, September 19th at 10:30a.m.



THE LITURGICAL YEAR IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

By Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos

The Liturgy and all the sacraments in the Orthodox Christian Church begin with the prayer:

"Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, always, now and forever".

The aim of all Christian living -- praying, studying, working and resting is to bring us before the awesome and renewing reality of the kingdom of God. Although God's kingdom may be described by many words (God's will, rule, power, lordship, majesty, glory and grace), put simply it is God's personal holy presence. To live in the reality of God's kingdom is to live in the presence of God -- with a sense of wonder, joy and thanksgiving in all circumstances and for all things.

What is the significance of the liturgical year?

The liturgical year is a way of discipline in prayer, a pattern of worship, an anchor of support for the life of the Church. But it also has deeper significance. The late George Florovsky, an eminent Orthodox theologian of blessed memory, has taught us that worship is a response to the call of God who has already made known His redeeming love to us through decisive events culminating in the person and ministry of Jesus Christ. Worship has two major aspects: remembrance (anamnesis which means not only historical remembrance but also re-living the events commemorated) and thanksgiving (including praise and doxology).

Thus the liturgical year, by bringing unceasingly before us God's mighty deeds of salvation and the reality of God's kingdom in our midst, is the sanctification of time and thereby the true fulfillment of both personal and corporate aspects of our lives as Christians. Far from being simply a calendar, the liturgical year in the life of the Church -- the life of

Christians living in community as brothers and sisters -- in awareness of God's kingdom, remembering the entire communion of Prophets, Apostles, Saints and all of God's people on earth and in heaven, being renewed by God's saving love, helping one another, witnessing to Christ's good news, and waiting for the fullness of the coming kingdom according to God's timing.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord" (Rom. 14:8)

Orthodox worship proclaims the centrality of Christ. The liturgical year celebrates the presence of the mystery of Christ in the life of the Church and seeks to make the living Christ a renewing life-source for every Orthodox Christian.

Do not the most important feastdays of the year celebrate the good news of the life and work of Christ, the Annunciation, His Birth, Presentation in the Temple, Baptism, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Passion Week, Easter, Ascension and His gift of the Spirit on Pentecost day, all of which are based on the New Testament? Do we not remember and re-live His death and resurrection on each Sunday (Kyriake, that is, the Lord's Day) and in each Liturgy? Do we not continuously hear about Jesus' teachings, miracles and encounters with men and women from all walks of life? Even the Feastdays of the Prophets, the Apostles, the Theotokos and the Saints, properly understood, point to the centrality of Christ, the Saviour and Lord of all.

This is the essential message of the Orthodox faith: Christ lives and desires to be one with us in a union of holy love. He is the Leader of our life and the Celebrant of the sacraments. He is the Good Shepherd who continues not only to seek out the lost but also

to feed those who are already in His flock. Are we prepared to hear His call? Are we willing to open our hearts to Him? Do we seek Him as eagerly as He seeks us? I would like to end this preface with the image of Christ the Pursuer from the conclusion of St. John Chrysostom's 15th Homily on 1 Timothy, a passage to which George Florovsky has pointed. In the final part of this Homily, St. John Chrysostom meditates on Christ's love for us and exhorts Christians to glorify Christ for His countless material and spiritual gifts -- the same Christ that we often neglect and perhaps even secretly dislike for pursuing us and seeking to change our lives. Then St. John has Christ speaking to us in these words:

"But what shall I say? It is not in this way only that I have shown my love to you, but also by what I have

suffered. For you I was spit upon, I was scourged. I emptied myself of glory, I left my Father and came to you, who hate me, and turn from me, and are loath to hear my name. I pursued you, I ran after you, that I might overtake you. I united and joined you to myself, "eat me, drink me," I said. In heaven above I hold you, and on earth below I embrace you. Is it not enough for you that I have your pledge of salvation in heaven? Does this not satisfy your desire? I again descended on earth (through the Eucharist): I not only am mingled with you, I am entwined in you. I am eaten, broken into tiny particles, that the fusion, intermingling, and union may be more complete. Things united remain yet (sometimes) in their own limits, but I am interwoven with you. I would have nothing separating us. I will that we both be one".



ASK FATHER: 1 QUESTION / 1 ANSWER

Question: Is it better not to show up if I know I'm going to be late to church?

Answer: It's always better to show up late to church rather than not at all. That being said though, it is always better to be not just on time for church, but even a little early. We should try to be a little early so that we can gather our thoughts from the cares of the world and redirect them to God. By doing this before the service begins we will be ready to receive Christ who tells us that when two or three are gathered together in His Name, He is in their midst. (Matt.18:20)

Even in the secular world, if we are expecting the visit of person of honor, we make sure that we not only arrive before they do but we also make sure that we are ready to receive them properly. This is why we should arrive in church early and then instead of conversing with our neighbor (which there is time to do after the service), we should set about our primary task, which is to turn our minds to God and warm our hearts in prayer.

September thru December Calendar – Plan to Participate

On our Parish Website you will find a full calendar covering September thru December.

Adult Study Classes: Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (Wednesdays) Nov. 12 (Thursday) and December 10 (Thursday).

Question & Answer Periods: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29 and Dec. 13 (Sundays during Coffee Hour).

General Church Cleaning Dates: Sept. 19 and Dec. 12 (Saturdays).

Parish Council Meetings: Sept. 17 and Nov. 19 (Saturdays).