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SUNDAY/OCTOBER 18

20th Sunday After Pentecost

S. Luke the Evangelist &

St. Peter of Montenegro

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

WEDNESDAY/OCTOBER 21

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Adult Study Class III:
"On Unceasing Prayer"

THURSDAY/OCTOBER 22

7:00p.m. Vespers

7:45p.m. Reception at Rectory on
occasion of Fr. James's Names Day
All are invited!

FRIDAY/OCTOBER 23

St. James, Brother of the Lord

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

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 24

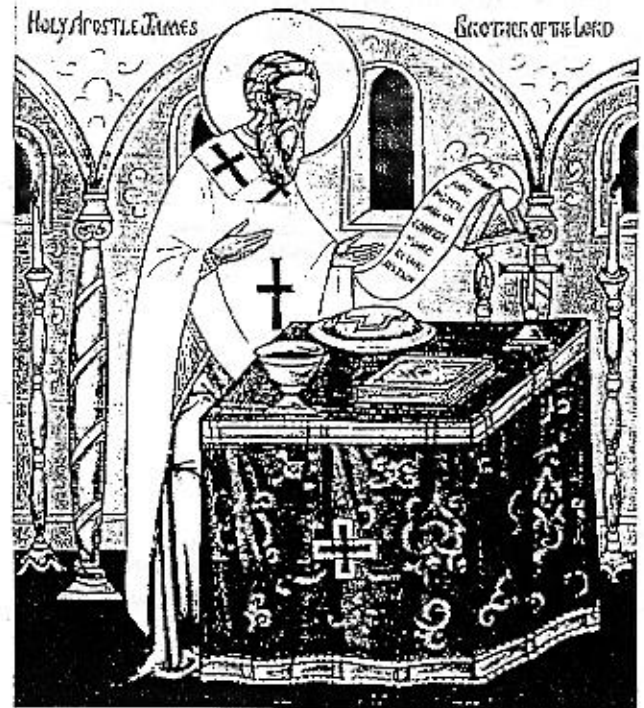
St. Demetrios Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service; Confession
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 25

21st Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School/Q. & A. Period



*Hymns to St. James, the Brother of the
Lord of the 70 Apostles*

Tropar Tone 2

As a Disciple of the Lord, O Righteous one
you did accept the Gospel;
As a Martyr you have a boundless Gift;
As a Brother of God you have boldness before Him;
As a Hierarch it is yours to intercede for us;
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion Tone 4

The Word of God, the Only-Begotten of the Father
which has come to us in the latter times;
has shone you to be the first pastor and teacher of
Jerusalem and a faithful director of spiritual
Mysteries; Therefore we honor you, O Holy
Apostle James

Offerings Week of October 18

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Luke; for the health of Kaitlyn, Anne and Camdyn Eve (birthdays).

Wine: for the health, protection and salvation of Simon and Kurt (anniversary); for the health of Justine Dao (birthday); for the health of Nicole and Julia & Thomas (birthday and anniversary).

Flowers: for the health of Michael (birthday) for the health of Bob and Marie (anniversary).

The Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Oct. 17, 1916 Yerzhy Golombus

Oct. 18, 1976 Paul Kuntzevich

Oct. 18, 2009 Mary Holovach

Oct. 19, 1951 Peter Putyrsk

Oct. 19, 2002 Julie Pribish

Oct. 20, 1988 George Huzinec

Oct. 20, 2005 Ann Lopec

Oct. 24, 1924 Isidore Ubrimovich

Oct. 24, 1949 Damian Zeban

Coffee Hour Hosts

Oct. 18 Motoviloff, Torrissi, Kachek & Stone

Oct. 25 Mantzafos, Sokol, Staina, Arpastean, Nasledysheva & Sarchisian

Nov. 01 Dunaenko, Wypych, Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu & Nemes

Usher Schedule

Oct. 18 Dennis F. & Peter B.

Oct. 25 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Nov. 01 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Counters

Oct. 18 Inga G. & Peter B.

Oct. 25 Ekaterina M. & Cirpian C.

Nov. 01 Rebecca O. & Edward S.

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. The average increase for the last 8 months was a base of only \$1.61. This is far short of the need.

100th Anniversary On-Line Photos & Video

May be viewed on the parish website, the diocesan website and Face Book.

Wednesdays of October Study Classes Conference Room – 7-8:30p.m.

On Wednesdays of this month we will hold a series of classes on the subject of "The Path of Prayer." Why, when, how we prayer? Types of Prayer? How can we enrich our prayer lives? October 21: Unceasing Prayer / October 28: A Life of Prayer.

The Calendar

- Nov. 1/Sun. -- Synaxis of Unmercenary Healers and Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries.
- Nov. 10/Tues. – NY-NJ Diocesan Assembly in So. River, NJ
- Nov. 15/Sun. – Beginning of 40 Day Nativity Lent
- Nov. 19/Thurs. – Parish Council Meeting
- Nov. 21/Sat. – Feast of Entrance Into Temple
- Nov. 26/Thurs. – Thanksgiving Day and Akathist to God, Glory For All Things.
- Dec. 06/Sun. – Feast of St. Nicholas with Festal Luncheon and Showing of Film, "100th Anniversary of Ss. Peter & Paul" (Film 1 hour and 20 minutes).

Pray As If Beginning For The First Time by St. Theophan the Recluse

You must never regard any spiritual work as firmly established, and this is especially true of prayer; but always pray as if beginning for the first time. When we do a thing for the first time we come to it fresh and with a new enthusiasm. If, when starting to pray, you always approach it as though you had never prayed properly, and only now for the first time wished to do so, you will always pray with a fresh and lively zeal. And all will go well.

Our prayer reflects our attitude to God, and our attitude to God is reflected in our prayer.

The essence of prayer is the spiritual lifting up of the heart towards God.

Findings from the Study: "Exploring Orthodox Generosity: Giving in the US Orthodox Parishes"

Based on the national survey of 2,825 Orthodox members (lay parishioners) representing all US Orthodox jurisdictions (2014)

- When donations to a parish are measured as a percentage of income, higher income households are less generous than lower-income households. A typical (median) Orthodox household earning between \$30,000-49,000 gives 3.75% of its income to the parish, whereas households in the \$90,000-109,999 income category give 2.5%.
- Converts to Orthodoxy give almost twice as much annually to their churches (4.9%) as "cradle" Orthodox (2.2%).
- The tendency to be generous to one's parish is statistically strongly related to being a generous giver to causes and organizations outside of the parish community. That is, parishioners who are more generous contributors to their parishes are also more generous givers to causes outside the parish.
- The degree of involvement with a parish is a very strong predictor of how much people give to their parish: a) those less involved give about 1% of their income; those more involved give 3% of their income.
- Why give to the Church? 60% believe it is what God expects them to do; 40% contribute because of the necessity to pay the bills.
- Nearly half of converts to Orthodoxy support the concept of tithing 10% or proportionate giving, self-determined percentage. Less than 30% of cradle Orthodox support this idea.
- How we address contributions to the church is important. In parishes where talks about money are "mostly about vision for the parish's mission, future and opportunities for spiritual growth the household contribution is \$2,400. In parishes where talks about money are "mostly about people's responsibility to address the needs of the parish" the amount is \$1,650.
- Three characteristics of an Orthodox parish have the strongest positive influence on greater giving. These three are: a) being a parish that cares about and supports members in times of need; 2) engaging the whole parish membership in discussion, deliberation and actual decisions; 3) being a parish that is successful in engaging its members in various volunteer positions and tasks.

Choosing One's Cross

Narrator: Once upon a time there lived a man, who was very unhappy and poor. He couldn't find any work. Some of his friends had turned away from him. His health began to fail.

Man: I am being tried too hard. My cross is too heavy to bear. It is unfair. Why do I have to have such a difficult life?

Narrator: Exhausted and unhappy, he fell into a deep sleep and dreamt of a young stranger standing by his bed, who looked like an angel.

Angel: My friend, you feel that your cross is too heavy. Let me help you choose another one. Come with me. Let's see if we can find one less hard to bear.

Man: *(They go into a large and majestic hall full of crosses.)* My, my, all these crosses! Which one to choose? Stones ones, wooden ones, golden and silver ones, large and small ones, plain and beautifully decorated ones.

Angel: You can choose any cross you want. Make sure you choose the one that fits you best.

Narrator: So the man gladly dropped his old wooden cross and started looking.

Angel: Here's a nice small decorated golden cross.

Man: *(Trying it on.)* But it's too heavy. And the jewels set in it cut into my neck.

Angel: There's a nice cross - it's a well polished wooden one.

Man: *(Trying this one on.)* It's not too heavy, but it keeps slipping off my shoulders. It's hard to carry.

Narrator: The man went round and round trying out this cross and that one. At last he came to a medium sized wooden cross.

Man: This is the cross. It's not too light to carry, but it sets comfortably on my shoulders. It's just the right size to hold on to. I'll take this one. This is the one that fits me best.

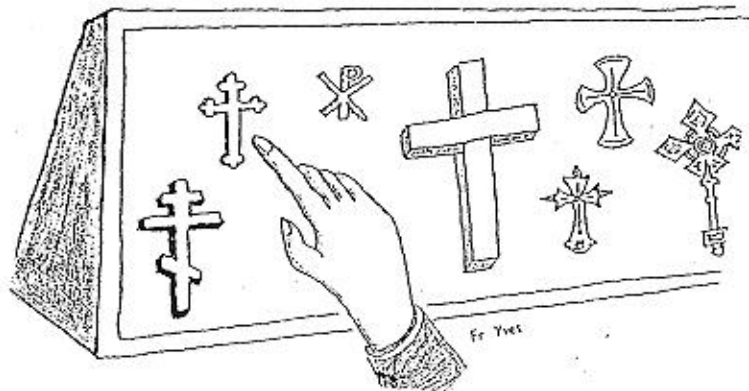
Angel: Do you know what cross this is?

Man: Did I try it on before?

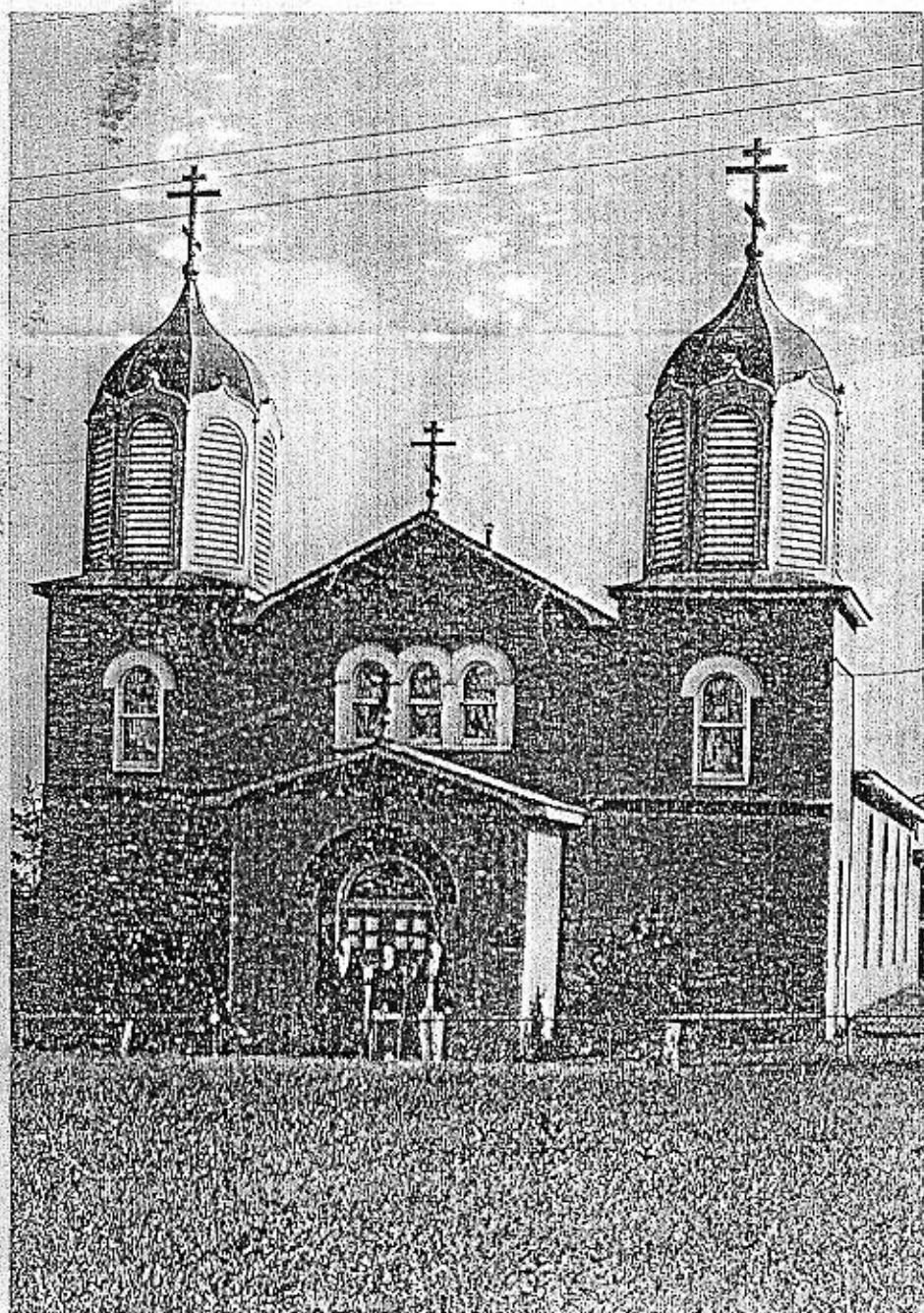
Angel: It is the one you were bearing before you came here, the one you said was too heavy to carry.

Narrator: The man awoke from the dream refreshed and rested.

Man: I see that God chose that cross for me with love and wisdom. He knew what was best for me. Now I will accept the difficulties of my life, until a happier time begins, and I will bear my cross.

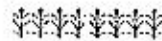


*From the 25th Anniversary Commemoration
Book of Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Manville
1915-1940*



Russian Orthodox Church of SS. Peter And Paul

90 Washington Street, Manville, N. J.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1940

7:00 P. M.

Evening Vespers and Matin Services



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1940

10:00 A. M.

Pontifical Services by His Grace, Most Reverend

METROPOLITAN THEOPHILOS

The Visiting Clergy and Proto Deacon Semoff



2:00 P. M.

Banquet

POLISH - AMERICAN HOME

The Lord's Prayer	Chant By Choir
Greetings	
Speakers	
Choral Singing by the Church Choir . . .	E. Wilhousky, Dir.



Dancing

Music by 8-Piece Hi - Hat Orchestra from Trenton

from 7:00 to 12:00 P. M.

The present church edifice was begun in the same year under the guidance of the Rev. Michael Lototzky and on June 7, 1936, dedicated services were held, attended by the Metropolitan Teofil.

In observance of this twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, the parish arranged to have extensive decorations cover the inside walls of the church structure. Artist F. Bodasyk was commissioned to perform the work, the cost of which will approximate one thousand dollars.

Dedication of the newly decorated church will take place on September 15, this year, together with the observance of anniversary service.

Coincident with the celebration of the SS. Peter & Paul's Russian Orthodox Church Twenty-fifth Anniversary, it is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the priesthood of the Rev. Michael Lototzky, who has been the pastor of the Manville Church since 1935.