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BULLETIN JULY 10, 2016

SUNDAY/JULY 10

Martyrs of Turkish Yoke

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

12:00p.m. Parish Picnic at Kita's Residence

MONDAY/JULY 11

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to the Icon
"Of the Three Hands"

TUESDAY/JULY 12

Icon "Of the Three Hands"

St. Paisios of Mt. Athos (+1994)

9:30a.m. Akathist to St. Paisios

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

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

THURSDAY/JULY 14

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY/JULY 16

9:30a.m. Akathist to our Lord; Confessions

10:00-4:00p.m. Afro-American Workshop

5:00p.m. (not 5:30) Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JULY 17

4th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Blessing of Things Mobile; Coffee Hour



Mother of God
"Three-handed" Icon

The origins of the "Three-handed" Wonder-working Icon go back to the 8th century when the iconoclastic heresy was the Sanctified (†532, commemorated 5 December) and gave the Icon to the monastery. In gratitude for the miracle which happened to him, Venerable John of Damascus had a hand made of silver and as a gift attached it to the Icon — some sources claim that John simply "wrote" (painted) the third hand on the Icon. It is from this event that the Icon received its name "Three-handed." According to Church tradition, Venerable John Damascene composed the thanksgiving prayer to the Most Holy Theotokos, "In Thee rejoiceth all creation, Thou full of Grace..." which is sung at the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great in place of "It is truly meet..." following the epiklesis.

Later, the "Three-handed" Icon of the Theotokos was given as a blessing to Saint Sabbas, the Archbishop of Serbia (†1237, commemorated 12 January). When the Turks invaded Serbia, the precious Icon was given to the Holy Mount Athos Monastery of Hilandar (Serbian). The decision to give the holy shrine to the monastery located on Mount Athos is attributed to the intervention of God's Providence.

Offerings Week of July 10

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Michael and Rosalie; for the health of Emma; for the health of Amanda & Scott (anniversary); for the health of Robert (birthday).

Flowers: for the health and protection of Torrissi family and birthday of Maria.

The Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

July 11, 1928 Elias Chromoho
July 12, 1978 Antonia Salamander
July 12, 1979 Chariton Perogoff
July 13, 1975 John Kachorsky
July 14, 2015 Charles Specian Jr.
July 15, 1951 Wojciech Bogusiewsky
July 16, 1968 Pelagia Holovach
July 16, 1982 Stephen Kulina
July 17, 1928 Elias Kozich
July 17, 1958 Elias Bartushak
July 17, 2005 Barbara Tutolo

Coffee Hour Teams

Number One: Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone.

Number Two: Nevitt, Kita, Keller, Turri, Torrissi & Kachek.

Number Three: Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Number Four: Sokol, Arpastean, Nasledysheva Staina & Sarchisian

Number Five: Wypych, Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue.

Other parishioners are welcome to bring food anytime they wish. Thank you!

Coffee Hour Schedule

July 10 (No Coffee Hr. – Picnic Instead)
July 17 Wypych, Chirnoaga, Sue, Moldoveanu & Vajda
July 24 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Usher Schedule

July 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
July 17 Dennis F. & Peter B.
July 24 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Counter

July 10 Ciprian C. & Larissa M.
July 17 Ekaterini M. & Irinia S.

July 24 J. Peterson & Paulina N.

Sunday Readers Schedule

July 10 Austin K.
July 17 John Z.
July 24 Peter G.

The Holy Mysteries of Confession & Communion

Are offered all year, if we missed these in Great Lent, we should avail ourselves of these Holy Mysteries without delay.

Reminder – if you miss Sunday Divine Liturgy for 3 consecutive weeks, and you are a regular communicant, you have broken the primary discipline of preparation for Holy Communion and must go to Confession before receiving the Holy Gifts.

Prayers for Those Going on A Journey

For those wishing a prayer and blessing for a safe trip, they are offered every Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. Let Father know when you venerate the Cross and go by the Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow."

The 100th Anniversary Video of our Parish may be viewed now on our Parish website

If you have relatives, friends and neighbors who would be interested in learning about our parish – and have not the video DVD – they can now view the 77 minute presentation on our website. Share this information – it is a form of "outreach."

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If the Child needs to be on time for school, the Child needs to be on time for church

There is a pervasive bad habit of parents bringing their child or children late to church. By school age (and even before school age), children ought to be in church before the bell rings (9:30a.m.). Discipline, a sense of the holiness of time and place, as well as fervent participation are all factors on being on time. Oftentimes lateness to the Sunday Divine Liturgy means that the Epistle, Gospel and Sermon are missed and instruction and inspiration are lost both for the adult parent and child/children. Lateness to church is a sin and ought to be confessed, and more importantly, corrected.

THE BELLS OF SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH, MANVILLE



The Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul are blessed to have three bells named after the Archangels Uriel (600 pounds), Salaphiel (300 pounds) and Jegudiel (225 pounds). These bells were installed in 1957 and re-dedicated in 2004.

In this year of 2015, as a 100th anniversary gift, the electric ringing system of our bells, dating from 1957 has been up-dated. Through the generosity of a benefactor, a 21st century computer based system is now operable, enabling for a great variety of bell ringing that previously was not possible. The old system originally made to function for time based automatic ringing had been inoperable for decades and replacement parts no longer manufactured. May the Lord bless the benefactor of this honorable gift.

ON THE RINGING OF BELLS

The ringing of bells is "a summons for worship." There is the "first" ringing to beckon us and the "second" bell to commence the service. By the time the of the "second" ringing church discipline requires us to already be in our places in the church. Bells are also rung during certain parts of certain services. Additionally, bells are rung not only as a call to services but as "a spiritual proclamation." At certain times bells may be rung to invite to pray the faithful wherever they find themselves. The sound of the bells, coupled with prayer may strengthen our piety and faith. Bells are often referred to as "singing icons." Bells establish acoustic space, as icons visual space. As the holy icons are grace-filled and have spiritual power, so "bells are alloyed with divine grace to disperse and destroy the forces of cruelty and of demonic suggestion."

THE NOONDAY RINGING OF BELLS

An appropriate time for the ringing of bells outside of divine services is 12:00noon, or in the language of the scriptures, "the 6th hour." We are presently ringing the bells everyday at 12:00p.m. There are a number of theological reasons for this.

First: that by the voice of the bells ringing all destructive winds, storms, thunder and lightning, and all harmful weather and destructive things of the air may be appeased, calmed and ceased to be.

Second: that the sound of the bells may drive away very power, craft and slander of invisible enemies from all the faithful people who will have heard the voice of its ringing, and arouse them to the observance of the teachings of the Lord.

Third: that the faithful may be mindful that 12:00noon was the time Christ was affixed to the Cross (Luke 23:44 and Mark 15:33) to take away the sins of the world. A liturgical prayer for this hour reads: *“O Thou who on the 6th day and 6th hour has nailed to the Cross the sin that Adam committed in Paradise: tear up the record of our trespasses, O Christ our God and save us!”*

Fourth: that the 6th hour (12:00p.m.) is the time of the day the Lord encountered the Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s Well (John 5: 1-42) and evangelized her. We the faithful are reminded our daily task is to bring the Good News to those who do not know Christ. *“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest.”* (John 4:35).

Fifth: that 12:00noon is an hour of prayer, as indicated in Psalm 53, the appointed psalm for this time of day, *“O God hearken unto my prayer, give ear unto the words of my mouth.”* Again in Psalm 54, also appointed for this hour: *“As for me, unto God have I cried, and the Lord hearkened unto me. Evening, morning and noonday, will I tell of it and will declare it, and He will hear my voice.”*

Sixth: High noon is the time especially when the devil is at work. The third appointed psalm for this hour – Psalm 90 – speaks of this. *“With a shield will His truth encompass you; you will not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day. Nor for the thing that walks in darkness, nor for mishap and demon of the noonday.”* The noonday demon stalks those that are burnt out, inattentive, weary, disappointed, frustrated and stressed. The noonday demon “makes hay while the sun shines.” Hence, the call at 12:00noon, by the ringing of bells to arouse us from spiritual lethargy and falling prey to the devil.

Seventh: the ringing of bells in the middle of the day, announces to the non-believer the reality of the presence of the Christian Church. By the grace of God, the bells may be music to their ears, a remembrance of Christian Faith present in their locality, a consolation of soul, a joy to the spirit and a blessing as the Lord so imparts. To all who hear the bells, the Lord bestows according to their needs.

Eighth: The ringing of the bells at high noon is a prophecy in sound of the “Unending Day of the Kingdom.” In the Age to come the sun and moon will not give forth light (Revelations 21:23). The zenith of the Day (High Noon in earthly terms) will reign supreme without evening, night, darkness, eclipse or shadow. It is this “Day” that is illuminated with the glory of God, *“for the Lamb is the light.”* The noonday bells anticipate and remind us of the “Day of the Lord,” to be bathed in His Uncreated Light.

At the 6th Hour, (12:00noon) whether we hear the bells or not, let these pious thoughts be in our minds and raise our lips and hearts in prayer to the Lord.