

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## *BULLETIN AUGUST 14, 2016*

### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 14**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

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

5:30p.m. Vigil & blessing of flowers

### **MONDAY/AUGUST 15**

#### **DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS**

9:10a.m. Hour; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
blessing of flowers

### **SATURDAY/AUGUST 20**

9:00a.m. Memorial for Helen Perry  
(one year anniversary +Aug. 19)

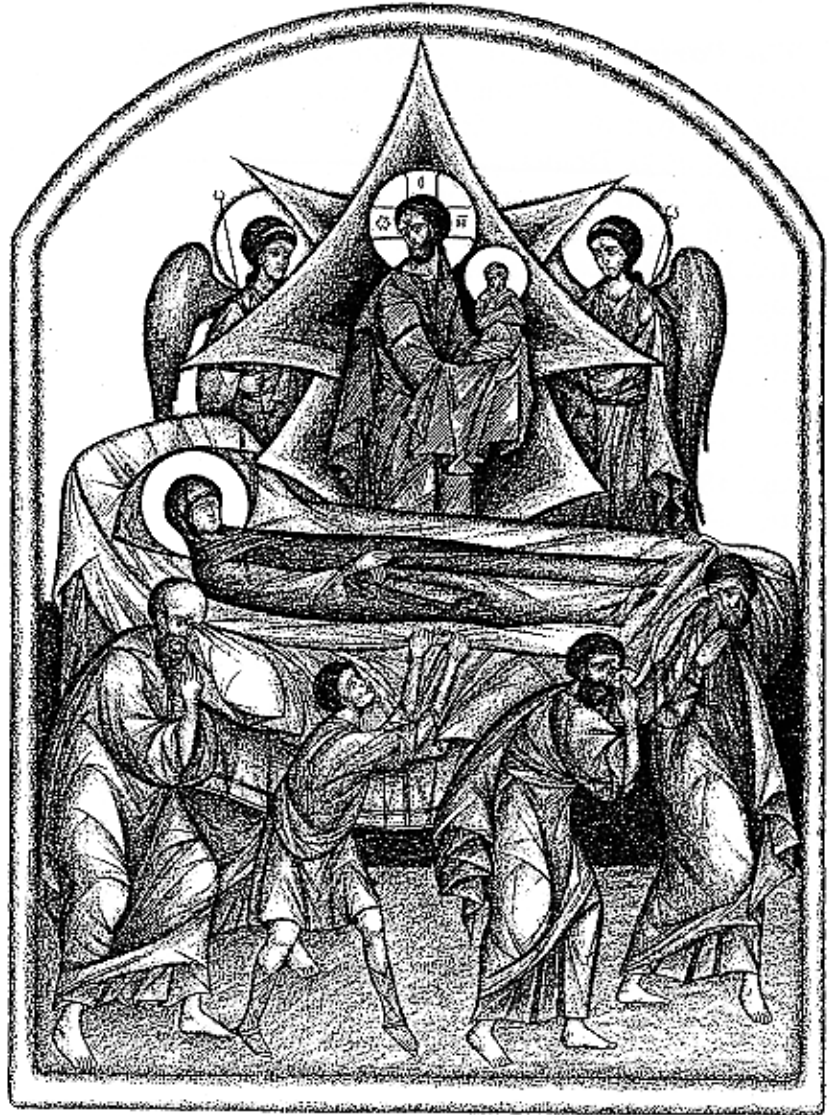
9:30a.m. Akathist to the Holy Dormition;  
Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### **SUNDAY/AUGUST 21**

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Prayers For Academic Year;  
Coffee Hour; Q. & A. Period



### **Offerings Week of August 14**

**Olive Oil:** in memory of Michael, Justina, Michael, and Rosalie; in memory of Jacob, in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Gabriela, Elena, Petre, Alexandru, Maria, Alexandru, Grigore, Maria, Iosif, Aurelia, Ilie and Valeria

**Litya Breads:** for the health of Katherine.

**Flowers:** in memory of Archpriest Michael for health and protection.

**Wine:** for salvation, health and protection during travel for Mariana.

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

Aug. 15, 1955 Katherine Greunther  
Aug. 15, 1972 John Nedelka  
Aug. 15, 1991 Demetrius Skwarla  
Aug. 15, 2000 Olga Gorbaturk  
Aug. 16, 1954 Stella Gromack  
Aug. 16, 1968 Lazar Padlo  
Aug. 16, 1975 Michael Marchuk  
Aug. 16, 1989 Barbara Putyrskye  
Aug. 16, 1992 Julia Specian  
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. 19, 2015 Helen Perry

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

Parishioners are welcome to bring food anytime they wish, but be mindful of fasting days.

Aug. 14 (Fast Foods – no meat or dairy)  
Aug. 14 Sokol, Arpastean, Nasedysheva, Staina & Sarchisian  
Aug. 21 Wypych, Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue  
Aug. 28 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

### **Usher Schedule**

Aug. 14 Jerome S. & Adrian M.  
Aug. 21 Dennis F.  
Aug. 28 Edward S. & Kahka K.

### **Counter**

Aug. 14 C. Chirnoaga & Larissa M.  
Aug. 21 Ekaterina M. & Irina Staina  
Aug. 28 Jill Peterson & Paulina N.

### **Sunday Readers Schedule**

Aug. 14 Austin K.  
Aug. 21 Ciprian C.  
Aug. 28 Daniel T.

### **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.

### **On Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ**

- If you are a regular communicant and have not been to Confession any time after Holy Pascha (May 1) to continue to receive the Holy Gifts (Communion) **you must go to Confession no later than Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>**. This discipline is for both adults and children of Confession age.
- The Dormition Lent, a season of Repentance is an appropriate time to make a Confession and receive Holy Communion for all Orthodox Christians.

### **The Calendar**

Aug. 20/Sat. Church School Conference for NJ Deanery at Mother of God Church in Skillman  
Aug. 21/Sun. Prayers for New Academic Year  
Aug. 28/Sun. Special Parish Meeting (12:00p.m.) On Hall Roof  
Aug. 29/Mon. Beheading of St. John the Baptist (fast day)  
Sept. 01/Thurs. Church New Year Molieben At 7:00p.m. & Ice Cream Party

### **The Church School and Youth Group**

Parents have received the 2016-2017 calendar for the year. Please incorporate it into your family agenda. September 11 & 25<sup>th</sup> are church school sessions and the Youth Outing for Ball Game is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Rebecca Oliver for more information.

### **Church School Supplies Wish List**

On the Bulletin Board are posted a list of supplies that are sought for our church school year. You can place them in the boxes in the entrance of the hall.

### **Parish Center Hall Roof Donations Received To Date**

- 1) \$5,000.00 2) \$1,000.00 3) \$1,000.00
- 4) \$2,000.00 5) \$100.00 = Total of \$9,100.00

### **Fall Adult Study Classes**

5 Classes, Thursdays, Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13 & 20. November 16<sup>th</sup> Class and December 8<sup>th</sup> Class. Time: 7-8:30p.m. All are invited. Topics are to be announced. Please make suggestions to Fr. James.

### **The Parish Website Calendar**

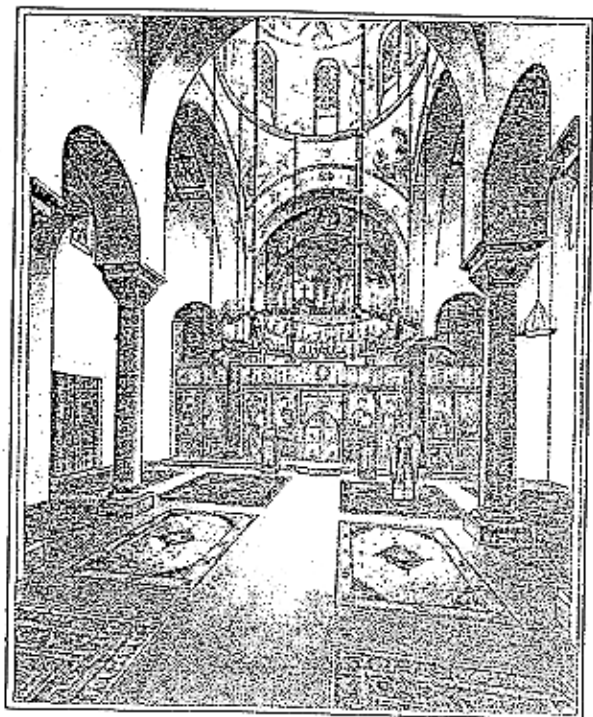
On our website calendar: [www.ssppoc.org](http://www.ssppoc.org) you will find the complete calendar for the rest of 2016 of services, events, classes, fasting norms, feast days, etc. Please make reference to it when planning your own home calendar.

### **101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

On October 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> we will have our celebration with Archbishop Michael present. Mark your calendars and keep this weekend open for celebration.

#### **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.



#### **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**

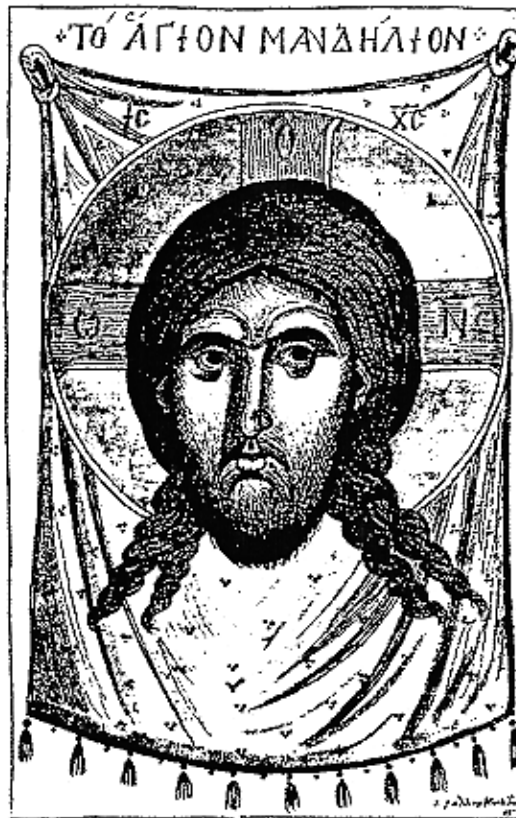
Treat every man, not with flattery, but simply, just as you do yourself. As you appear outwardly, be so inwardly as well; and what you say to one person let the same be in your heart also.

## 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!

# “Adopt a College Student”

“The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are full”.

## **What:**

Parishioners, from SS. Peter and Paul, will have the opportunity to “adopt” a college student from our parish. By doing this, the parishioner, or family, will be responsible for staying in contact with their student and doing any of the following:

- send a care package
- send a bulletin
- send an icon or gift for a name’s day
- send a birthday card or gift
- send a gift card
- send an inspirational note for finals

## **How You Can Start:**

Please see Rebecca Oliver to sign up! She is also available at (908) 672-2732 or [rebeccamoliver@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccamoliver@yahoo.com)

*Thank you for your support with our college ministry!*

(7 Students)



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August 1, 2016

Procession of the Holy Cross

Dear Parishioners and Friends,  
Glory to Jesus Christ!

It is with great joy and excitement that I write to invite you to attend an historic weekend this August 20-21 at Christ the Savior Orthodox Mission in which we welcome His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to celebrate the burning of the mortgage on our Parish Center.

Such a momentous celebration is actually happening some 15-years ahead of schedule as a supremely generous and anonymous donor has paid off the remaining \$318,000 left on the mission's only remaining mortgage! Such an act of love and sacrifice has not only pushed the mission years ahead in its material and institutional development but has also, and even more importantly, served to inspire us, not through mere words but by concrete deeds, to reconsider our own potential and high calling in Christ, by maximizing the talents entrusted to our care through authentic and full devotion to God, His Church, and the extension of His Kingdom.

We ask that you come and join us in giving thanks and praise to Almighty God, who continues to work in stunning fashion through His people, not only inspiring them with extraordinary visions of what could be, if we only open our eyes to His divine providence for our lives, individually and collectively, but also empowers us, through His creative grace, to make these heavenly dreams a reality.

The schedule for the weekend's events, will include, in addition to the Great Vespers (6pm on August 20<sup>th</sup>) and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (9:00am on August 21<sup>st</sup>), a special Molieben of Thanksgiving, a festive luncheon and a pool party to which everyone is invited. Please see our website, [orthodoxdelmarva.org](http://orthodoxdelmarva.org), or call the church at 302-537-6055 for additional times and details.

May the Lord God bless this generous donor, together with all of the founders, benefactors, beautifiers and supporters of Christ the Savior Mission throughout the years, granting one and all health, strength, salvation, a furtherance in every good thing, and many blessed years!

With love in Christ,

*Fr. John Parrella*