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***The Blessing of Homes: January 7th thru February 24th:
To have your home blessed, make an appointment with Father James***

SUNDAY/JANUARY 22

31st Sunday After Pentecost

Apostle Timothy

Sanctity of Life Sunday

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School; Coffee Hour with Q. & A.

MONDAY/JANUARY 23

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to St. Xenia of Petersburg

TUESDAY/JANUARY 24

6:30p.m. Compline; 7-8:30p.m. Adult Study: *The Compost of a Person –
The Natural and the Normal*

FRIDAY/JANUARY 27

March For Life in Washington DC.

SATURDAY/JANUARY 28

9:30a.m. Akathist to Icon, "Joy of All That Sorrow" Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JANUARY 29

Sunday of Zacchaeus

New-Martyrs & Confessors of Russia

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

Offerings Week of January 15

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, and Anastasia; for the health of Amanda Sarah (birthday); for safe travel for Mariana and Stefan; in memory of Colin Charles

Wine: for the health and protection of Maria on her Names Day.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Jan. 22, 1923 Tarasius Lasin

Jan. 23, 1936 Paul Dzioba

Jan. 24, 1960 John Lapa

Jan. 24, 1963 Fr. Stephen Podlusky
(rector 19

Jan. 24, 1976 Jacob Mogilevsky

Jan. 24, 1985 Anna Putyrske

Jan. 25, 1976 Simon Leich

Jan. 25, 1976 Fr. Constantine Suchostovsky
(rector

Jan. 26, 1982 Joseph Wilhousky

Jan. 27, 1937 Helen Popko

Jan. 27, 1972 Mary Sandago

Jan. 27, 1987 Alexander Kulina

Jan. 28, 1985 Olga Small

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Coffee Hour Hosts are reminded to prepare foods that are simple enough that you leave the church only after Communion.
- Coffee Hour Hosts, please place trash in the garbage cans outside, or if the cans are full, on top of the cans, but not on the ground.
- Please allow church school teachers and students to be first in line so they can prepare for classes.

Jan. 22 Wypych, Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue

Jan. 29 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Usher Schedule

Jan. 22 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Jan. 29 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Counters

Jan. 22 Jill P. & Paulina N.

Jan. 29 Jill P. & Lisa K.

Sunday Readers Schedule

Jan. 22 Daniel T. / Jan. 29 Peter G.

Names Day Greetings

Many Blessed Years!

St. Timothy/Jan. 22: Timothy Smith, Timothy Gorbatak

St. Xenia/Jan. 24: Xenia Bodenchuk

St. Mary/Jan. 26: Marie Torrisi

The Calendar

- All Printed Reports for Annual Meeting Deadline, Jan. 31st.
- Meeting of the Lord Feast, Feb. 2nd.
- Souper Bowl of Caring Sundays will be Feb. 5th and 12th.
- Scout Sunday, Feb. 5th.
- Fast Free Days: Feb. 8th & 10th, Wed. & Fri.
- NY-NJ Diocese Altar Servers Retreat, Feb. 10th thru 12th, Garrison, NY
- Winter Teen Retreat in Canadansis, PA
- Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, Feb. 12th at 12:30p.m.

Positions to be Filled

The Parish Council seeks 3 new members. The Ushers Ministry seeks 2 new members. Individuals are also sought to expand the Sunday Coffee Ministry Teams.

Winter Weather Alert

If it is necessary to cancel or delay a particular event happening at the church due to weather, this will be posted on the website at least 1 hour before the scheduled time. Posting will also be on Face Book. Those on the Parish E-Mail List will receive a notification. Please share this information with anyone not using social media.

Deposit Box in Vestibule For Icon Prints

A box for icon prints from wall calendars, Christmas cards and other sources is in the vestibule. Icon prints ought not to be put in the trash. Cut out your prints and bring them to the church.

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AT CHURCH



Some time ago, I was approached by a new parishioner, after Liturgy, with a question, "How do I become closer to the people at church?" Shocked and saddened that she even had to ask that question (such implications!), I hurriedly mumbled something about her volunteering. And then I thought, and thought, and thought, through the night, the next day, weeks passed. How does one make friends, true friends? Sometimes life is so superficial. We kiss and say, "Hello. How are you?" But we don't mean it. Or maybe we even do, but only on the surface. How do you break through that barrier and truly get someone to care about you? Well, you need to do several things.

First, pray. God loves you. He cares about you. If you ask him, and it will benefit you spiritually, he will grant your request. So if you want a friend, ask him.

Second, care. People care about others that care about them. Really care about them and their desires and needs. The following recommendations will be meaningless, if you don't really, truly care about the person.

Third, listen. How can you get to know someone if you don't listen? If someone is speaking, don't be thinking about how you can mention a similar experience you had, or what you can say next that will sound amusing or knowledgeable. Show compassion. Let them know you care. You never learn anything while you are talking. Think about what you can do to help them. Not in a way that fulfills what YOU think they need, but in a way that would really help them. If you don't know, say so. "I really would like to help you, but not in a bothersome way. What do you really need?" Keep a record of people and what their interests are. If Helen likes horses, next time you read an article about horses, send it to her. If Peter's mother was hospitalized, next time you see him, ask how she is doing.

Fourth, talk. You can't become closer to someone without talking to them. Call them. The telephone is a two way instrument. If they don't call you, call them. My first job in customer service was very difficult. Every telephone call was horrible; full of anger from my customer and manipulation on my part. After a couple years, I developed an aversion to making telephone calls. I love to talk on the phone, but I have a hard time placing a call. Maybe they have a similar background, there may be a legitimate reason they aren't calling you. However, remember, people are busy. When you do call, don't spend too much time on the phone. That is not being a caring friend. You can also invite them to get together for coffee, lunch, dinner, breakfast. I used to know a woman who loved to meet her friends for breakfast. Then they could chat and still have the rest of the day to do things.

Fifth, be kind. Send a card once in a while. Buy them a book. If you come across a tea that they like, buy some for them. Remember their birthday. 'Like' their Facebook posts. Remember their Name Day. If they have an operation, visit them in the hospital with flowers and a funny magazine. If they're sick, bring them some chicken soup. (Studies have actually shown that it can speed recuperation time.) Babysit their children. Give them a big smile when you see them. Luke 6:31 "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." Think of what you would appreciate and do that.

Sixth, share. Share your life with them. Tell them your hopes and dreams. Tell them about your struggles and triumphs. Tell them about your childhood. Once I volunteered to help make kulich with a woman from church, Olga. We got on the subject of food and childhood. Olga told me about when she was growing up they would have a celebration in her village where they would dig a big pit and put in wood and roast a pig. And along with the pig, they would put in potatoes. The potatoes would get all black on the outside, but be delicious on the inside. She remembered it so fondly, because not only did the potatoes taste good to a hungry child, but she remembered how they would all get black streaks on their faces because of eating the blackened potatoes. I will never forget that moment. I felt like I was with the young Olga, waiting for the food to cook and laughing at the blackened faces of my friends.

Seventh, do things together. Find a common interest and plan activities around it. Do you both like art? Go visit an art museum. If you both like poetry, go listen to a poetry reading. Perhaps you like astronomy. If so, grab a telescope and go stargazing. Don't forget the hot tea. Are you both Godly people? Do something together to help others, give sweets to the children at an orphanage, pull weeds at a monastery, visit prisoners, have a dinner to raise money for the church, etc.

Lastly, pray. Pray for them. For their health. For their family. For their friends. For their neighbors. For them financially. For a good night's sleep. For their spiritual growth. For their salvation. Pray for whatever seems right. We can all use more prayer. And isn't it something that a caring friend would do?

THE HOLY THINGS ARE FOR THE HOLY

By VRev. Victor Potapov

Just before the Communion of the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ, standing in the sanctuary facing the Holy Table, the priest raises the Holy Lamb, the Bread of the Bloodless Sacrifice, which has become the body of Christ, and says these words: "the Holy Things are for the holy." These words have the sound of a mystery, which indeed is contained within.

Apostle Peter, in his First Epistle General speaks to the still young Christian Church: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation . . . the people of God" (I Peter 2:9-10). This is how Apostle Peter describes the members of the early Church and all of us together with them. There is no doubt that the early Christians consisted of sinners as well as saints. There are quite a few sinners in today's Church, starting with ourselves. And yet the apostle calls all of them and all of us the chosen nation, the royal priesthood, the holy people, the people of God. This sets the standard for the attitude of God and the Church toward man, toward the people of the Church. Through the Mystery of Baptism, every person receives the absolute guarantee of holiness. From the font, the baptized individual arises holy, washed clean of all sin, all untruth, and all defilement. This holiness is sealed with Chrismation. Thus all newly baptized are given the fullest potential of holiness which the Church recognizes in them through their entire life.

The onus of responsibility for the preservation of this gift lies no longer on the Church but on the conscience of the individual, on his or her treatment of the gift of free will, freedom of choice between good and evil. The holiness is lost, it is dissipated on the roads and crossroads of life, but it is also restored through the mysteries of Confession and Communion. And the Church continues to stand by her original estimation: she continues to believe in us, in . . . A chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people . . . [of God] (I Peter 2:9-10). And the Church invests not only her priests but all her members with the great gift of the royal priesthood. According to the Orthodox teaching, the great mystery of the Eucharist is performed not by the priest alone, but by the entire Church, the entire "royal priesthood," the entire "people of God."

Therefore, as he raises the Holy Lamb, the Body of Christ, presenting it to the entire Church, the priest says: "The Holies for the holy." "The Holies" are what he holds in his hands at this moment; the Holy Mysteries. "For the holy" means that the Mysteries are intended for all of us, all members of the Church, in whose eyes we are all holy since we are the people of God. And we, in full and humble recognition of our sinfulness and unworthiness, respond: "One is holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ!"



PRAYERS OF SAINT PHILARET OF MOSCOW

For the Coming of the New Day

O Lord, grant me to greet the coming day in peace. Help me in all things to rely upon Thy holy will. In every hour of the day reveal Thy will to me. Bless my dealings with all who surround me. Teach me to treat all that come to me throughout the day with peace of soul, and with firm conviction that Thy will governs all. In all my deeds and words guide my thoughts and feelings. In unforeseen events let me not forget that all are sent by Thee. Teach me to act firmly and wisely, without embittering and embarrassing others. Give me strength to bear the fatigue of the coming day with all that it shall bring. Direct my will, teach me to pray, pray Thou Thyself in me. Amen.

For the Acceptance of God's Will

O Lord, I know not what to ask of Thee. Thou alone knowest what are my true needs. Thou lovest me more than I myself know how to love. Help me to see my real needs which are concealed from me. I dare not ask for either a cross or blessed consolation. I only desire whatever Thou dost choose to send me. My heart is open to Thee. Visit and help me, for Thy great mercy's sake. Chastise me and help me, cast me down and raise me up. I worship in silence Thy holy will and Thine inscrutable ways. I offer myself as a sacrifice to Thee. I put all my trust in Thee. I have no other desire than to fulfill Thy will. Teach me how to pray. Pray Thou Thyself in me. Amen.