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BULLETIN OF MAY 28, 2017

SUNDAY/MAY 28

Fathers of the First Council

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Question & Answer Period

MONDAY/MAY 29

Pilgrimage to Monastery of St. Tikhon

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
St. Luke of Crimea (May 29)

WEDNESDAY/MAY 31

7:00p.m. Vespers

THURSDAY/JUNE 1

St. Justin of Serbia

7:40a.m. Hours; 8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY/JUNE 3

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. Memorial at Cemetery
(if rain – 10:00a.m. in church)

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(One of the "12 Great Feasts")

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

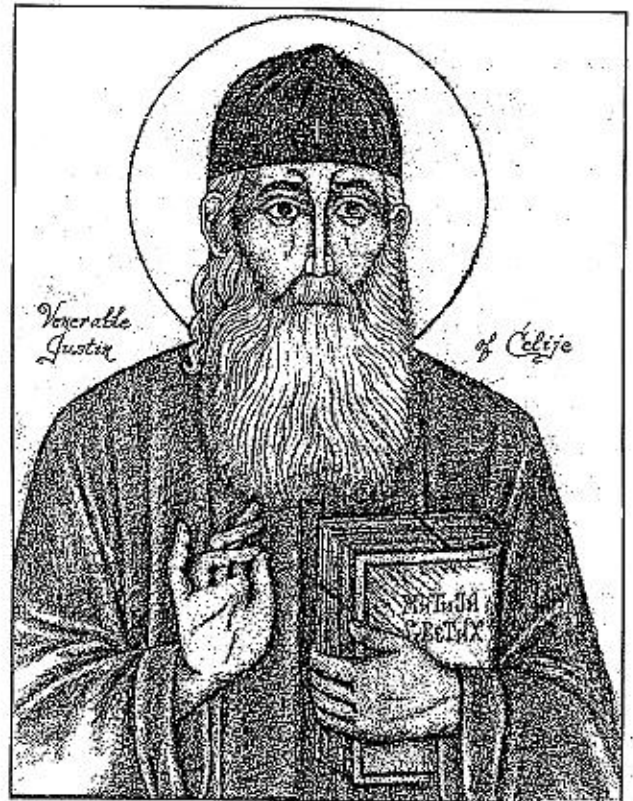
With Vespers & Kneeling Prayers; Coffee Hr.

MONDAY/JUNE 5

Day of the Holy Spirit

10:30a.m. Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost
Church, Manville – All invited

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
the Holy Spirit



TROPARION, Tone 4

As Orthodox sweetness and divine nectar, Venerable
Father* thou dost flow into the hearts of believers as a
wealth;* by thy life and teachings thou didst reveal thyself to
be a living book of the Spirit, most wise Justin;* therefore
pray to Christ God the Word* that the Word may
dwell in those who honor thee.

Offerings Week of May 28

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, and Anastasia; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Matthew (birthday); for protection during travel Mariana and Stefan; for the health of Christine and John anniversary).

Wine: for safe travel of Zachary.

Flowers: for the health of Rachael (birthday).

Litya Breads: for health of Katherine.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 28, 1970 Mary Szwala
May 29, 1942 Elizabeth Bulat
May 29, 1953 Emil Wilhousky
May 30, 1939 Dominick Stokolovsky
May 30, 1949 Anna Kuchner
May 30, 1963 William Marchision
May 31, 1963 Michael Dziga
June 1, 1961 Alex Horbel
June 2, 1929 John Senko
June 2, 1951 Wasyl Bondarenko
June 3, 1952 Michael Tacak
June 3, 1985 Alice Susko

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 28 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrisi & Kachek
June 04 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
June 11 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina & Sarchisian

Counters Schedule

May 28 Larissa M. & Paulina N.
June 04 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.
June 11 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

May 28 Edward S. & Kahka K.
June 04 Timothy S. & Peter B.
June 11 Jeroem S. & Adrian M.

Sunday Readers Schedule

May 28 – Daniel T. / June 04 – John Z.

Names Day Greetings:

St. Theodosia/May 29: Tessie Nevitt
St. Luke/May 29: Luke Weber
Many Blessed Years!

The St. George Gazebo

Is a great place to sit, talk, read, pray or rest. It is NOT a place for eating. Parents please advise your children.

The Holy Fire From Jerusalem

The Holy Fire is available after any service. Ask.

Recognition of Graduates 2017

On Sunday, June 11th, we will honor our graduates. Please be sure that Fr. James has the particulars as soon as possible

Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon Monastery

May 27 thru May 29th. See schedule on Bulletin Board.

The Holy Apostles Lent – June 12-28

This is one of the Four Lents of the year. The length of the Fast depends on the date of Pascha. In this year, the fast is 17 days. In this time we fast from meat, dairy and fish. Modifications are indicated on your parish wall calendar.

Patronal Feast Day – June 28/29

On this the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Archbishop Michael will be with us for the celebration. Try to take June 29th off to observe the feast.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Reader Samuel

On Saturday, July 1st, Reader Samuel will be ordained at 10:00a.m. at the Mission of St. Simon of Cyrene in new Brunswick by Archbishop Michael. You are all invited.

Why Are You Talking In Church? Listen to the words of St. John Chrysostom

“It is not allowed to say a word in church to the person next to you, even if one has met a friend he has not seen for a long time – this is done outside the walls of the church. The Church is not a barber shop, not a shop with incense, not a workplace, but a place for the Angels and Archangels, the Kingdom of God, Heaven Itself.”

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.

Religious landscape of Central and Eastern Europe

% who identify as ...

	Orthodox	Catholic	Muslim	Unaffiliated	Other
Orthodox majority					
Moldova	92%				2 6
Greece	90				2 4 4
Armenia	89				2 7
Georgia	89				9
Serbia	88				4 2 4
Romania	86				5 8
Ukraine	78			10	7 5
Bulgaria	75			15	5 4
Belarus	73			12	3 11
Russia	71			10	15 4
Catholic majority					
Poland		87%			7 5
Croatia	4	84			2 7 3
Lithuania	3	75		6	17
Hungary		56		21	22
Religiously mixed					
Estonia	26%		45		29
Bosnia	35		8	52	3
Latvia	31		23	21	25
Majority religiously unaffiliated					
Czech Republic	21%			72	6

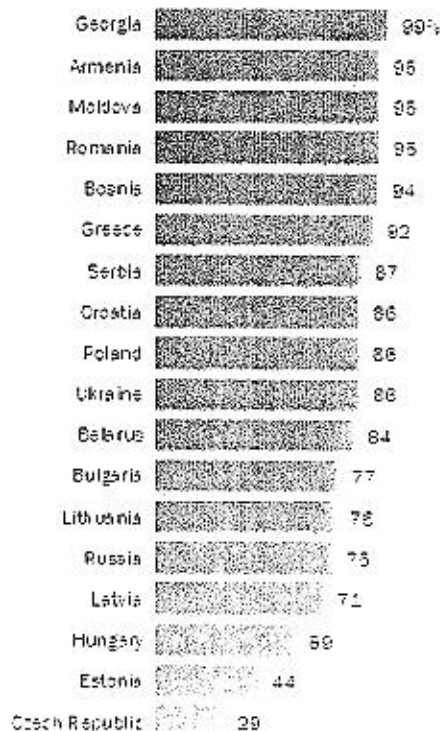
Relatively low shares of Orthodox across Central and Eastern Europe attend church weekly

% who identify as ...

	Orthodox median	Catholic median
	10%	25
Among Orthodox ...		
Romania	21%	
Georgia	17	
Greece	17	
Moldova	13	
Belarus	12	
Ukraine	12	
Bosnia	10	
Armenia	9	
Russia	6	
Serbia	6	
Bulgaria	6	
Latvia	6	
Estonia	3	
Among Catholics ...		
Bosnia		54%
Poland		46
Ukraine*		43
Croatia		27
Belarus		25
Czech Republic		22
Hungary		12
Lithuania		10
Latvia		7

Large majorities of adults in most Central and Eastern European countries believe in God

% who say they believe in God



Religious landscape of Central and Eastern Europe

% who identify as ...

	Orthodox Christian	Catholic	Muslim	Unaffiliated	Other/DK/ref.
Orthodox majority					
Moldova	92%	<1%	<1%	2%	6%*100%
Greece	90	<1	2	4	4
Armenia	89	1	<1	2	7
Georgia	89	1	9	<1	1
Serbia	88	4	2	4	1
Romania	86	6	<1	1	8
Ukraine	78	10	<1	7	6
Bulgaria	75	1	16	5	4
Belarus	73	12	<1	3	11
Russia	71	<1	10	16	4
Catholic majority					
Poland	1%	87%	<1%	7%	6%
Croatia	4	84	2	7	3
Lithuania	3	75	<1	6	17
Hungary	<1	56	<1	21	22
Religiously mixed					
Estonia	26%	1%	<1%	46%	28%
Bosnia	35	8	52	3	1
Latvia	31	23	<1	21	26
Majority religiously unaffiliated					
Czech Rep.	1%	21%	<1%	72%	6%

55 MAXIMS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
By Father Thomas Hopko (+ March 18, 2015)

1. Be always with Christ and trust God in everything.
2. Pray as you can, not as you think you must.
3. Have a keepable rule of prayer done by discipline.
4. Say the Lord's Prayer several times each day.
5. Repeat a short prayer when your mind is not occupied.
6. Make some prostrations when you pray.
7. Eat good foods in moderation and fast on fasting days.
8. Practice silence, inner and outer.
9. Sit in silence 20 to 30 minutes each day.
10. Do acts of mercy in secret.
11. Go to liturgical services regularly.
12. Go to confession and holy communion regularly.
13. Do not engage intrusive thoughts and feelings.
14. Reveal all your thoughts and feelings to a trusted person regularly.
15. Read the scriptures regularly.
16. Read good books, a little at a time.
17. Cultivate communion with the saints.
18. Be an ordinary person, one of the human race.
19. Be polite with everyone, first of all family members.
20. Maintain cleanliness and order in your home.
21. Have a healthy, wholesome hobby.
22. Exercise regularly.
23. Live a day, even a part of a day, at a time.
24. Be totally honest, first of all with yourself.
25. Be faithful in little things.
26. Do your work, then forget it.
27. Do the most difficult and painful things first.
28. Face reality.
29. Be grateful.
30. Be cheerful.

31. Be simple, hidden, quiet and small.
32. Never bring attention to yourself.
33. Listen when people talk to you.
34. Be awake and attentive, fully present where you are.
35. Think and talk about things no more than necessary.
36. Speak simply, clearly, firmly, directly.
37. Flee imagination, fantasy, analysis, figuring things out.
38. Flee carnal, sexual things at their first appearance.
39. Don't complain, grumble, murmur or whine.
40. Don't seek or expect pity or praise.
41. Don't compare yourself with anyone.
42. Don't judge anyone for anything.
43. Don't try to convince anyone of anything.
44. Don't defend or justify yourself.
45. Be defined and bound by God, not people.
46. Accept criticism gracefully and test it carefully.
47. Give advice only when asked or when it is your duty.
48. Do nothing for people that they can and should do for themselves.
49. Have a daily schedule of activities, avoiding whim and caprice.
50. Be merciful with yourself and others.
51. Have no expectations except to be fiercely tempted to your last breath.
52. Focus exclusively on God and light, and never on darkness, temptation
53. Endure the trial of yourself and your faults serenely, under God's mercy
54. When you fall, get up immediately and start over.
55. Get help when you need it, without fear or shame.

