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BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 24

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Ss. Juvenaly & Peter of Alaska

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

Church School; Coffee Hour with

Question & Answer Period

TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 26

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/SEPTEMBER 27

St. Anthimus the Georgian of Wallachia

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 28

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *"The Meaning & Method Of Healing in the Orthodox Church; St. Silouan's Teaching on Healing"*

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 30

St. Michael of Kiev

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Michael on his Names Day at Holy Transfiguration Church in Peal River, NY

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/OCTOBER 1

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Protection of the Holy Theotokos

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

Coffee Hour



Offerings Week of September 24

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia, and Ivanna; in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Marie & Bob (birthday and anniversary); for the health of Theodosia and Jeffery (birthdays).

Wine: for the health of Susa; for salvation, health and protection.

Flowers: thanksgiving for safety.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Sept. 25, 1937 Evdokia Philmiuchuk

Sept. 25, 1937 Kuzma Trushko

Sept. 25, 1959 Marie Dezko

Sept. 25, 1997 Olga Semergieff

Sept. 28, 1963 Thomas Lisowski

Sept. 29, 1929 Demetrius Berdar

Sept. 30, 1954 Wasyl Kluchnik

Sept. 30, 1966 Anna Gnointsky

Sept. 30, 1983 Anna Motoviloff

Sept. ?, 1930 Stephen Chemeris

Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts please prepare foods that are simple enough, so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy. It is only after Communion, that we should leave the church to attend to food preparations.

Sept. 24 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Oct. 01 Sokol, Naseledysheva, Staina & Sarchisian

Oct. 08 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue

Counters Schedule

Sept. 24 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Oct. 01 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.

Oct. 08 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

Sept. 24 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Oct. 01 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Oct. 08 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Sunday Readers Schedule

Sept. 24 Daniel T. / Oct. 01 John Z.

September 24, 1794

It was on this date that the Orthodox Mission to the Western Hemisphere began, with the arrival

on Kodiak Island in Alaska of 8 Missionary Monks from Valaamo Monastery in Russia.

Adult Study Thursday Evenings

There will be 5 consecutive classes, beginning Sept. 28th, with four classes to follow on the Thursdays of October. 7-8:30p.m. Classes are held in the Conference Room, and all are encouraged to participate. The theme for the series is "The Science of Spiritual Medicine"

Help us Get Back on Track

During the Summer months, our Sunday Envelope offering was off budget by \$5,000. If you were away and did not make your offerings, please consider in making them up if possible. Thanks!

IOCC – Emergency Kits

We are collecting items to create emergency kits to be used in places damaged by natural catastrophes. A listing of items sought is on the Parish Bulletin Board or speak to Rebecca Oliver.

The Annual Conference of St. Moses the Black at Mother of God Church in Princeton

The Conference will take place Oct. 6-8, Friday 12:00p.m. to Sunday 12:00p.m. See posted flyers on the Parish Bulletin Board for more information.

The Christian Writer Tertullian (3rd c.) "On the Holy Cross"

"In every successful undertaking, at every arrival and departure, while dressing, putting on one's shoes, in bath or at table, at lamp lighting, in bed or on seats, in a word: in all our activities, we trace the sign of the Cross upon ourselves, according to the tradition of the Apostles".

The Teen Class Was Cancelled Last Sunday

There were only 2 of 7 students at church. This is not good. Teen Class is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars for October 15th.

The Marriage of George Hadzitheodorou & Lily Mary Sue – Sunday, October 8th 3:00p.m.

At our church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Manville.



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September 14, 2017
Great Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Beloved in the Lord:
Christ is in our midst!

It is with great joy that I invite you to be part of a very special upcoming event, hosted by the newest mission parish community of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey – Saint Simon of Cyrene Orthodox Mission:

Akathist Service to the African Saints: Prayer for Racial Reconciliation

Sunday, October 1, 6:00 PM

Hosted by Saint Simon of Cyrene Orthodox Mission

80 Livingston Avenue

New Brunswick, New Jersey

(in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church)

Following the Akathist Service, I will give a brief address, together with other invited speakers who will reflect on themes of racism, prejudice, and reconciliation. It is my hope that this event may bring together Orthodox Christians with other people of faith and good will, in a spirit of unity – giving a worthy witness of “the love of God in Christ Jesus” to a world urgently in need of that love and reconciliation.

In order that we may plan accordingly, I ask that you kindly RSVP to Deacon Samuel Davis, at 732-277-0854 or e-mail samuel.davis339@gmail.com, with the number of people attending, by Wednesday, September 27. However, all guests will be warmly welcomed, whether you have sent an RSVP or not.

Thank you for considering this invitation. I ask the Lord’s blessings on you and your loved ones; and I look forward to seeing you on October 1.

Devotedly yours in His service,

+ Michael

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Archbishop of New York and the
Diocese of New York and New Jersey



A PATTERN IN MAKING DISCIPLES

- 1) Christ teaches the Word of God, and the Word of God 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.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

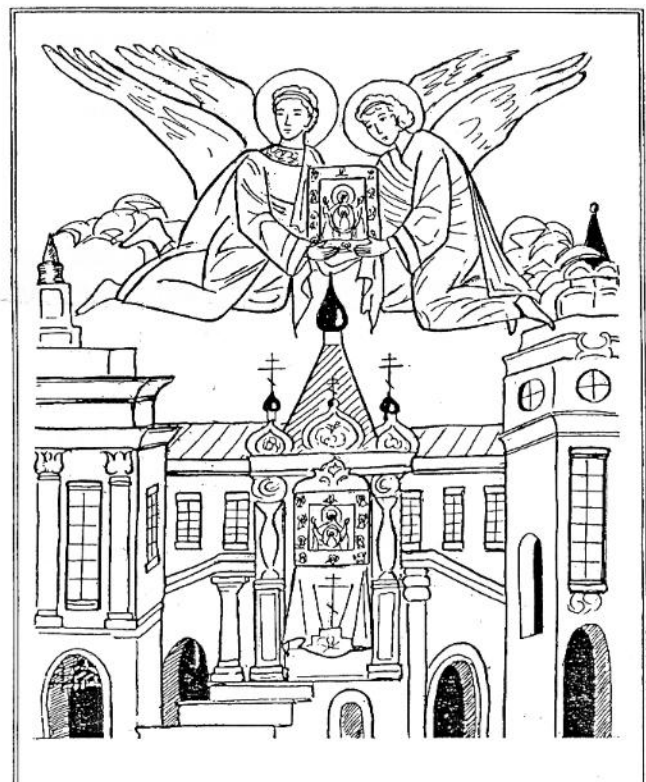
Abba David said, "Abba Arsēnius told us the following, as though it referred to someone else, but in fact it referred to himself. An old man was sitting in his cell and a voice came to him which said, 'Come, and I will show you the works of men.' He got up and followed. The voice led him to a certain place and showed him an Ethiopian cutting wood and making a great pile. He struggled to carry it but in vain. Instead of taking some off, he cut more wood which he added to the pile. He did this for a long time.



Going on a little further, the old man was shown a man standing on the shore of a lake drawing up water and pouring it into a broken receptacle, so that the water ran back into the lake. The voice said to the old man, 'Come and I will show you something else.' He saw a temple and two men on horseback, opposite one another, carrying a piece of wood crosswise. They wanted to go in through the door but could not because they held their piece of wood crosswise. Neither of them would draw back before the other, so as to carry the wood straight; so they remained outside the door. The voice said to the old man, 'These men carry the yoke of righteousness with pride, and do not humble themselves so as to correct themselves and walk in the way of Christ. So they remain outside the Kingdom of God. The man cutting the wood is he who lives in many sins and instead of repenting he adds more faults to his sins. He who draws the water is he who does good deeds, but mixing bad ones with them, he spoils even his good works. So, everyone must be watchful of his actions, lest he labor in vain.'



Prochor Moshnin (St. Seraphim of Sarov) receives healing from the Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God.



Current residence of the Kursk Icon: the Cathedral of the Sign, New York City, USA.

Tropar Tone 4 – Kursk-Root Icon

*As an invincible wall and source of miracles,
Your servants have you, O Most Pure Theotokos!
As you over come our enemies, grant grant peace
To our land and to our souls great mercy!*

A DANGEROUS TUMOR HEALED AFTER PRAYER BEFORE THE MIRACLE-WORKING ICON

I took a month-long vacation during August of 1974. For several weeks before my departure for this vacation I noticed a swelling on the right side of my chest. This swelling grew more and more serious during my stay in San Francisco. This made it necessary for me to visit a doctor. He saw me on a Thursday after lunch and said the cause of the swelling could either be an infection of the gland or a tumor. The doctor said that an infection of the gland is rare and usually takes place with growing boys and men more than sixty years old. I was only 26 years old, so the doctor was quite worried. He advised me to undergo an operation, in order to remove a specimen from the tumor and find out whether or not it was malignant. It was agreed that I come for the operation on the following Monday.

On Friday, the feast of St. Herman, I went to the Cathedral of Our Lady the Joy of All Who Sorrow, where the wonder-working Kursk Icon was staying. I had always had a love and veneration for this icon. In New York I had always visited the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign on its feast day. And now I met again with the icon. I felt that this was no coincidence. It was as if the icon had crossed the country from New York to San Francisco in order that I, in my time of need, might pray before it. And so I prayed fervently to the Heavenly Queen for healing.

When I woke the next day, I joyfully noticed that the swelling on my chest had considerably lessened. By Monday, it had completely disappeared.

On Monday the doctor was no less amazed and told me that he could not explain the cure by any process known to medical science.

A year has gone by and I remain completely healthy. I believe that the Mother of God healed me during the time of fervent prayer before her wonder-working icon.

James Parsells
New York, 1975

“The Healing Power of Faith: How Belief and Prayer Can Help Triumph Over Disease” by Harold Koenig

- Recent and lifetime alcohol problems were lower among those who attended religious services regularly. Those attending weekly had less than one-third the rate of alcohol abuse of those who attended less frequently.³⁰
- People who regularly attend church, pray individually and read the Bible were 40% less likely to have diastolic hypertension than the less religious (1 in 10,000 probability of being explained by chance alone) *This was true even after controlling for differences in body-mass, socioeconomic status and smoking.*
- People who attend church regularly are hospitalized much less than people who never or rarely participate in religious services (e.g. an average of 14 more days at \$4,000 per day at Duke Hospital = \$54,000 per person savings) than persons with no religious affiliation.
- People with strong religious faith are less likely to suffer depression from stressful life events, and if they do, they are more likely to recover from depression than those who are less religious (n=87; this takes into account 28 different variables, including quality of life, family history of psychiatric illness, severity of physical illness, social support, anti-depressant Rx, etc.).
- For every 10-point increase on intrinsic religiosity score, there was a 70% increase in speed of recovery from illness.
- People of strong faith suffering from physical illness have significantly better health outcomes than less religious people.
- People who attend religious services regularly have stronger immune systems than their less religious counterparts (e.g. churchgoers had significantly lower blood levels of interleukin-6, which tends to rise with unrelieved chronic stress).
- Religious people live longer, are healthier in later life and have less cardiovascular disease and cancers (n=5,286, 1965–1994). Frequent church attendees had more health problems than average, but a 23% reduced risk of dying during the same period than those not attending church.
- Children in disrupted families were nearly twice as likely as those in mother-father families to have developmental, learning or behavioral problems
- 83% of regular church attendees were still married to their first spouse.