

## SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF APRIL 15, 2018

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

#### NEW SUNDAY/APRIL 15

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy;  
Coffee Hr.; Church School and Teen Class

#### MONDAY/APRIL 16

6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at Cemetery  
(rain date: Tuesday, 6:30p.m.)

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 19

6:30p.m. Compline  
7-8:30p.m. Study Class: *What Happened in Hades,  
on earth and in Heaven on the Three Days of  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday?*

#### FRIDAY/APRIL 20

7:00p.m. Compline; Confessions

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 21

10:00a.m. Divine Liturgy with Abp. Michael and  
ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Samuel Davis  
at St. Simon of Cyrene Mission in New Brunswick  
5:30p.m. Vespers & Compline; Confessions

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA/APRIL 22

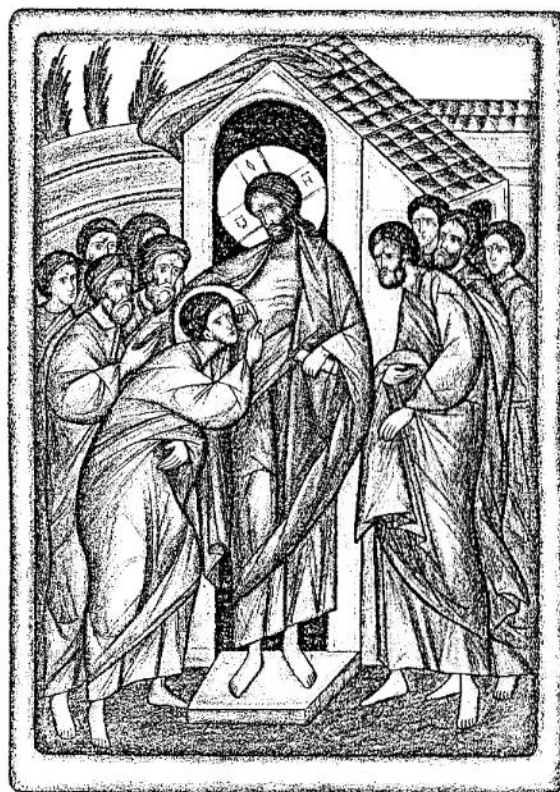
##### Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women

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

#### MONDAY/APRIL 23

##### St. George the Great-Martyr & Alexandra

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



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA:  
St. Thomas the Apostle

*Troparion* \*7

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy disciples, O Christ God! Renew in us, through them, an upright spirit, by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

*Kontakion* \*8

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when Thou didst come to Thy apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: Thou art my Lord and my God!

### **Offerings Week of April 15**

Relics Candle: in memory of Infant Ivanna; for parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia, Rosalie, Mary & Ivanna;

Wine: for the health and protection of Nicholas (birthday).

Flowers: in memory of William Davidovich and Kuntzevich family members; in thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus and Christ and the Holy Theotokos; for the health of Ronald and Paulina (wedding anniversary) and for the health of Vasilisa Sophia.

### **Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

May 16<sup>th</sup> – 40<sup>th</sup> day Fr. John Nehbrebecki

April 15, 1961 Lazar Elik

April 15, 2012 Helen Gregovitch

April 16, 1991 Vassily Seminuk

April 17, 1957 Peter Dutko

April 18, 1936 Martha Dzioba

April 18, 2001 Mary Spotts

April 20, 1934 Metropolitan Platon

April 20, 1947 Charles Lazaruk

April 21, 1919 Eva Chkhta-Zydiak

April 21, 1935 Peter Chromoho

April 22, 1986 Julia Andrews

April 22, 1997 Olga Verkon

April 22, 1999 Anna Tacak

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

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

Apr. 15 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Apr. 22 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrisi & Kachek

### **Counters Schedule**

Apr. 15 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Apr. 22 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

### **Ushers Schedule**

Apr. 15 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Apr. 22 Edward. & Kahka K.

### **Readers Schedule**

Apr. 15 Ciprian C. / Apr. 22 Daniel T.

### **New Church Flooring Donations Received**

**The Total Cost of the Project is \$30,000**

**Total As of April 1st is \$16,440**

**(8 offerings on 3/11)** \$500, \$1,000, \$300, \$700, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$500 and \$50.

**(11 Offerings on 3/18)** \$50, \$25, \$1,500, \$100, \$100, \$200, \$2,000, \$100, \$1,000, \$300 and \$500.

**(12 Offerings on 3/25)** \$100, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$200, \$25, \$15, \$100, \$200, \$25, \$1,000 and \$500.

**(3 Offerings on 4/01)** \$1,000, \$100 and \$50.

### **Liturgical Notations for Paschal Season**

- The Paschal Season is 50 days, ending with the Feast of Pentecost, this year on May 27.
- During the first 40 days, that is to the eve of Ascension Thursday (May 17); we greet each other with the Paschal Salutation: "Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!"
- We do not kneel or make prostrations at church services or in our homes until Pentecost.
- The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is Risen from the dead..." is sung or said at the beginning and ending of all prayers, as well as at meals until Ascension Day.
- The Prayer, "O Heavenly King," is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and later of Ascension.
- Wine and oil are permitted on all Wednesdays and Fridays.

### **Sincere Thanks to All!**

In the celebration of Great & Holy Week and Pascha, there were many tasks and ministries To be performed. Thanks to Proto-Deacon Paul and altar servers, readers, Diaconissa Patricia and choir; to ushers, counters, church School teachers, parish council members, all that helped in food preparation, serving and clean-up; those that kept Vigil Watch; those who donated their gifts, time and talent to the parish. The Lord bless you all!

## ***6 SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST THAT ADORN OUR ICONOSTASIS HERE IN MANVILLE***

Symbols are an important part of our faith and are very evident within our churches. The icons, the three parts of the church building, the iconostasis, the candles, the vestments, are all symbols of various types. Each holds a meaning that must be understood if the symbol is to touch our lives with more than its mere external appearance.

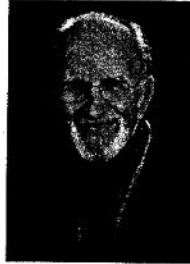
There are many symbols that speak of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps, the **Red Egg** is the most well known. Just as the egg appears to be lifeless, so too did the body of Christ appear to be a mere corpse. But just as the egg can contain life, so does Christ contain the life we receive through His Resurrection.

- (1) The **Butterfly** is a symbol of the springtime of new life. At the caterpillar stage, the creature represents the earthly life of Jesus Christ. The cocoon stage reminds us of the crucifixion and burial of our Lord. The butterfly comes forth from the cocoon (the tomb) with an entirely new and glorious body.
- (2) The **Peacock**. From the earliest times this image was found upon the walls of the ancient catacombs of the Church. This creature was used as a symbol because of its unusually beautiful tail. Each year, however, the bird loses the beauty during the molting season to such an extent that the apparent intrinsic worth of the beauty is greatly diminished. Yet the value of the bird is enhanced as the molting season comes to an end and a new and more beautiful tail appears. In the eyes of men, the mystery, the awe, the greatness of Christ is enhanced countless times over through the Resurrection.
- (3) The **Phoenix** is an ancient bird from Greek mythology. This bird is said to have fallen to the ground dead and burned. It rose from the ashes as a new bird and soared aloft. In this image we see the Phoenix aflame in the fire. As Christ's life in an earthly form was destroyed through the crucifixion, but a new and more glorious life came about as a result of the Resurrection.
- (4) The **Lion** is a symbol of Jesus Christ, found both in the Old and New Testaments. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The Lion is kingly and full of strength. As a Resurrection symbol, the Lion is said to sleep with one eye open. The Fathers of the Church – St. Hilary and St. Augustine – see this to represent the divinity of Christ, which was not “asleep” in the tomb. While the human nature of Christ died, His divine nature was alive. The Scriptures also speak of Christ as a lion's whelp (puppy). The ancients believed that the young new born lion on the third day after birth being still inactive, needed to be awakened by the roar of the Father Lion. Here, we understand that God the Father raised up His Son from the tomb.
- (5) The **Lily** is a symbol of immortality. The bulb decays in the ground, yet from it a new life is released.
- (6) The **Pomegranate** fruit, bursting or broken open is a symbol of the fullness of the sufferings and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. A 4<sup>th</sup> century Christian symbol.

OBITUARY

# Mitred Archbishop John Nehrebecki

MAY 4, 1928 – APRIL 7, 2018



**N**EHREBECKI, MITRED ARCHPRIEST JOHN, in his 90th year, ended his earthly sojourn and fell asleep in the Lord on April 7, 2018. The youngest of 11 children, Father John was born on May 4, 1928 to Michael and Veronica (Korsh) Nehrebecki. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his 10 brothers and sisters, Susanna, Dimitri, Basil, Gregory, Simeon, Mary, Peter, Anna, Paul, and Joseph. Father John graduated from Donora High School in Donora, Pennsylvania in 1946, where he played football and acted in his school plays. Following in his parents' footsteps of faithfulness and doing God's work, he attended St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary, graduating in 1950. Also deciding to pursue his love of learning and education, he continued on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Davis and Elkins in West Virginia. He earned his Master's Degree from City University of New York, and began his doctoral studies at Columbia University where he served as chaplain. Father John also completed course work at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, New York and Fordham University, in the Bronx, New York. Father John spent over 65 years with his loving wife, Eugenia "Gencha," daughter of Archbishop Elias and Euphrosinia (Trembach) Yankovsky. They met as young children in her aunt and uncle's grocery store, where he gave her the prize from his Cracker Jack box—a fact they only discovered when they returned to the store after they were crowned in marriage on May 22, 1952 at Holy Resurrection Church in West Brownsville, Pennsylvania. Together, their marriage brought about the start of their "little kingdom." They had six children, Vladimir (Elena), Mariam (V. Rev. David Vernak), Tatiana (Louis Evangelista), Olga (the late V. Rev. Dr. David Alexander Atty), Anastasia (Mark Jacobs) and Theodora (Richard Gramkow). Papa John and Baba Eugenia share 20 grandchildren—Matthew (Kimberly), Christopher (Charlene), Jonathan (Stephanie), Fr. Stephen (Anna), Anastasia (Fr. Victor), Christina (Marc), Michael (Leslie), Alexandra (Patrick), John (Cassie), Justin (Stephanie), Stephen (Amanda), Katherine (Nicholas), Jason, Melanie, John, Alexander, Alexander, Juliana, Joseph and Diana—and have also been blessed to have seen 29 great grandchildren—Timothy, Larissa, Ava, Nicholas, Mary, Catherine, Sophia, Zoe, Jacob, Grace, Elizabeth, Katherine, Alexander, Cassiana, Matthew, Mark, Michael, Laila, Faith, Viviana, Josephine, Christian, Gabriel, Anna, Nina, Penelope, Basil, Bridgette, and Luke. Father John was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on July 4, 1952 by Archbishop Dimitri (Magan) in Lynn, Massachusetts. His first parish assignment was St. Mary Orthodox Church in Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania. The next year, he was appointed rector of Three Saints Church in Garfield, New Jersey. In 1960, he organized and founded Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Paramus, New Jersey, where he faithfully served his God-given flock until his retirement in 2003, and served as Pastor Emeritus until his repose. Throughout his nearly 66 years of priesthood, Father John also served for 40 years as a peer-elected Dean of the New Jersey Deanery, and organized 10 additional parishes in the area. In 1970, he was among those chosen to travel to Moscow to receive the Tomos of Autocephaly granted to the Orthodox Church in America by the Russian Orthodox Church. In 2017, he was granted the dignity of wearing the Mitre by the Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America. Services and visitation will be held at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey. On Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Vespers and Paschal Panikhida will be served. On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, visitation will be from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a Paschal Funeral service beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated. The interment will follow at 4:00 p.m. at St. Tikhon's Monastery and Cemetery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Father John's memory to Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652. Arrangements by Becker Funeral Home, Westwood, NJ. Becker-funeralhome.com