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BULLETIN OF MAY 6, 2018

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 6

The Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine liturgy
Food Basket Day for Manville Food Pantry
Coffee Hour

TUESDAY/MAY 8

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY/MAY 10

6:30p.m. Study Class: *"On the Necessity of Guarding our Thoughts – the First Step in Spiritual Action and of Spiritual Defense"*

SATURDAY/MAY 12

9:30a.m. Akathist to Risen Jesus; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 13

The Blind Man

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

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN



ON THE SAVING WORK OF CHRIST

He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, but when he rose from the tomb he laid aside the shroud ... He asks where Lazarus has been laid, for he is man; but he raises him to life, for he is God. He is sold, dirt cheap, for thirty pieces of silver, but he redeems the world, at great cost, with his own blood ... He was weak and wounded, but he cures all infirmity, and all weakness. He was nailed to the wood and lifted up, but he restores us by the tree of life ... He dies, but he brings to life, and by his own death destroys death. He is buried, but he rises again. He descends into hell, but rescues the imprisoned souls.

—St. Gregory the Theologian

Offerings Week of May 6

Relics Candle: for parishioners; in honor of St. John Maximovitch; in memory of Emilia and Amy-Marie.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Michael, Justina, Leon, Anastasia, Rosalie, & Ivanna; for the health of Stephanie (birthday).

Wine: in memory of Emilia and Amy-Marie; in memory of Constantin and Irina.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 16th – 40th day Fr. John Nehbrebecki

May 08, 1917 Demetrius Polegonsky

May 09, 1972 Pauline Lasin

May 10, 1984 Ignatius Chwat

May 11, 1962 Olga Kluchnik

May 11, 1999 Peter Grenther

May 12, 1990 John Yalsh

May 13, 1993 Maria Yaskovsky

May 13, 1958 Jacob Popko

Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts prepare foods that are simple so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy.

May 06 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina & Sarchisian

May 13 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue

Counters Schedule

May 06 Rebecca O. & Ekaterina M.

May 13 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

May 06 Timothy S. & Peter B.

May 13 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Readers Schedule

May 06 John Z. / May 13 Austin K.

Parish Council Meeting

May 24th, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

Time Change of Some Weekday Liturgies

All of the 12 Great Feasts Day Liturgies are at 9:30a.m. Some minor feast day Liturgies are celebrated at 8:00a.m. Check the parish website and your monthly calendar and weekly bulletin for the times.

New Church Flooring Donations Received

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

Total As of April 29th is \$20,720.00

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

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

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

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

(7 Offerings on 4/08) \$500, \$100, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$35, & \$20.

(6 Offerings on 4/15) \$500, \$250, \$500, \$200, \$300 & \$800.

(2 Offerings on 4/22) \$175 & \$100.

(2 Offerings of 4/29) \$100 & \$500.

Names Day Greetings

St. Argyra/Apr. 30 - Argyra Lapchuk

St. Emilia/May 8 - Emilia Fedechko

Many Blessed Years!

Flowers Are Always Welcome!

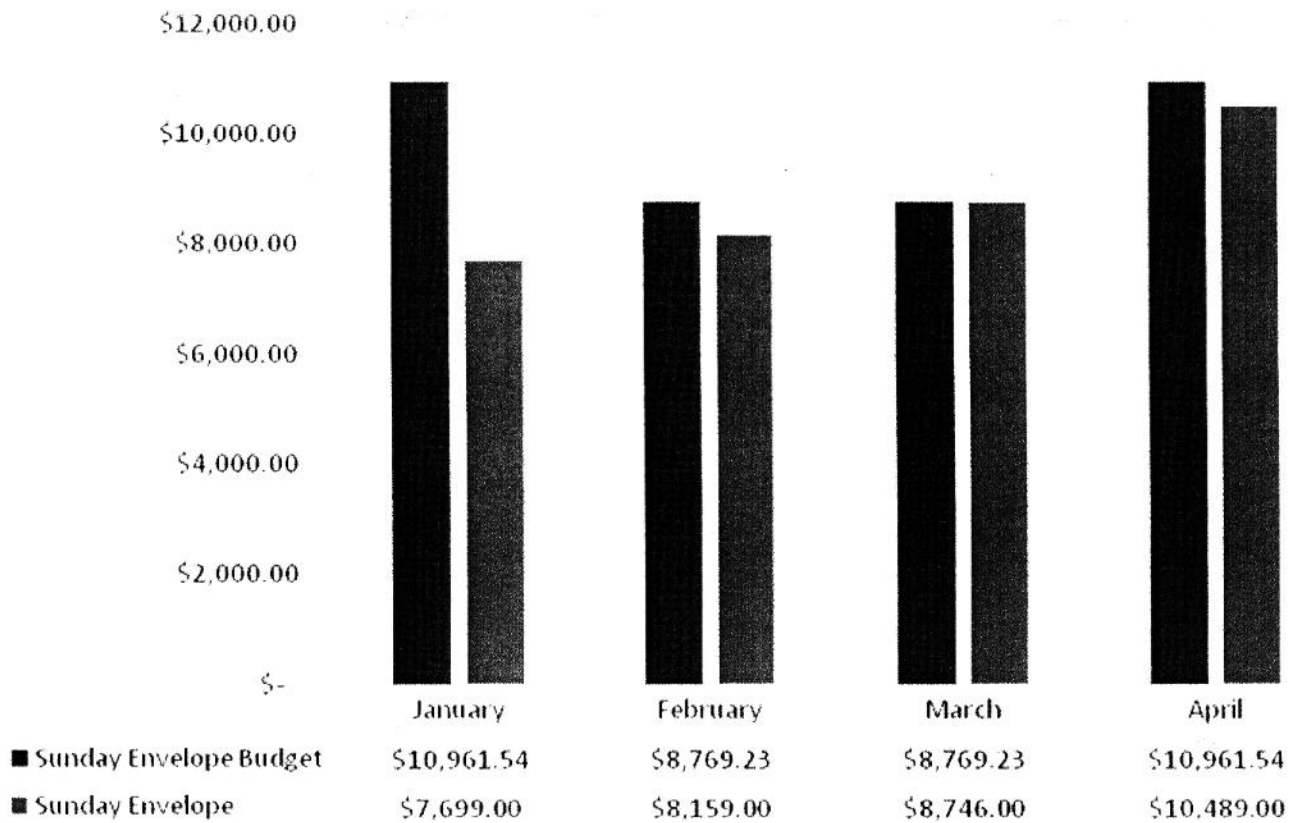
You may subscribe to offer flowers (\$25) on the Offering Sheet on the vestibule stand and/or you may bring flowers yourself. Ask an usher (before the service) to fill a vase from the coat room with water and he will place it where you wish.

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.

2018 Saints Peter & Paul Parish Fiscal Summary	Total Income	Total Expense	Year to Date Profit (Loss)	Sunday Envelope Budget	Sunday Envelope Actual	Surplus/Loss
January	\$9,743.37	\$15,215.00	(5,472)	\$10,961.54	\$7,699.00	(3,263)
February	\$11,136.95	\$12,701.96	(1,565)	\$8,769.23	\$8,159.00	(610)
March	\$10,270.00	\$15,017.07	(4,747)	\$8,769.23	\$8,746.00	(23)
1st Quarter	\$31,150.32	\$42,934.03	(11,784)	\$28,500.00	\$24,604.00	(3,896)
April	\$19,003.00	\$9,888.57	9,114	\$10,961.54	\$10,489.00	(473)

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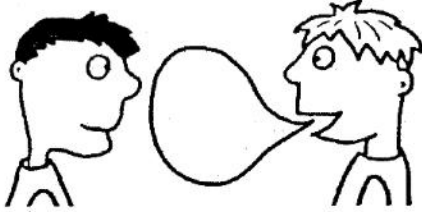


ASK FATHER: 3 QUESTIONS / 3 ANSWERS

Question: How should I respond to people's questions about the Faith?

Answer: It is always good to remember the words of Scripture. The Apostle Peter says: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason of the hope in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience..." (1Pe 3:15-16)

St. Peter gives us three practical things to do: 1) to seek the Lord's help; praying fervently to Him from the heart that He might inspire both us and those we are speaking with; 2) to have the courage to share the reasons why we believe; and 3) to speak, "with meekness and fear; having a good conscience".



Why meekness, fear, and a good conscience? Meekness because the Lord Himself is humble and doesn't force anything on anyone. Fear because we ourselves are mere human beings and the things of God are mysterious and beyond our full comprehension. And a good conscience because we ourselves must be seeking to do what is right, seeking to follow the way of the Lord, if we are going to lead others in the same. If we can pass along the spirit of meek-

ness, fear, and a good conscience, to the person we are speaking with, then they will have all the necessary prerequisites to learning the true Faith. Without this spirit, even the most perfect teaching from the most perfect Teacher will not be enough. We recall how some even departed from the Christ because they lacked meekness, fear of God, and a good conscience.

Question: But how can I help the person, if I don't really know what to say?

Answer: Even if we can't fully answer every question (and really, who can?), we can still help people by referring them to someone who might know a little more than us or to some profitable book on the subject. By so doing, they will be assured that what we are telling them is not our own personal belief but the universal teaching of the Church. And even if they never speak with the person we referred them to or never open the book we suggested, at the very least they will know that Orthodox Christianity is not about personal opinions but instead a common and universal witness to the Truth.

Question: But what if the conversation starts to turn argumentative?

Answer: Arguments about the Faith seldom bear fruit; the Christian life is communicated better by example than by argument. And so, if the conversation seems to turn argumentative, it might be best to follow the above advice and humbly refer the person to someone else or to some pertinent material on the subject in question.

By humbly removing ourselves from the conversation, we can actually help the person more than if we continued to debate them. This is because the person will more easily accept the answer to their question if they don't have to swallow their pride by "giving in". We all know how once a conversation turns into an argument, it can be less about the question and its answer than about who is going to "win" the debate. We should try to avoid this at all costs. Even if we might full well know the answer to the question, it could be that the person needs to hear the answer from someone other than us. Humbling taking ourselves out of an argument is not losing; it is giving a chance for the other person to be won over by the Lord.

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

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All of us are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not all men and women realize this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care. Yes, you are a caretaker... God's caretaker!

Think of time as a priceless gift; develop an awareness of its incomparable value and examine your conscience in this light. Are you using your time according to God's plan, or are you throwing it away? If tomorrow were never to dawn, what would you do for God today?

