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BULLETIN OF JUNE 3, 2018

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

All Saints Feast Day

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

MONDAY/JUNE 4

Beginning of the Apostles Fast: June 4th thru June 28th

A Fast is observed from meat, dairy,
fish, wine and oil.

June 05 /Tue. wine & oil permitted

June 07/Thurs. wine & oil permitted

June 09/Sat. fish, wine & oil permitted

June 10/Sun. fish, wine & oil permitted

- Check your parish wall calendar -

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

9:30a.m. Akathist to our Lord; Confessions

10:00a.m. Commemoration Memorial for
Gabiella (mother of Mariana Vajda)

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JUNE 10

All Saints of North America

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

Coffee Hour



The Fast of Ss. Peter & Paul

begins on Monday, June 4th (the day after All Saints Sunday) and extends until the celebration of the feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29th. During this fasting period we should seek to avail ourselves of Confession and Holy Communion.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.



ON UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

St. Silouan the Athonite

People don't understand the Scriptures; they find them almost incomprehensible. It's only when they're taught by the Holy Spirit that everything becomes clear and the soul feels it's in heaven. Because the same Spirit is in heaven and on earth, in the Holy Scriptures and in the souls of those who love God. Without the Holy Spirit, people go astray and are unable to know God truly and to be comfortable with Him, even if they study all the time. Believe in the Gospel and in the testimony of the holy Church. Then even here on this earth, you'll taste some measure of the bliss of Paradise. Truly the Kingdom of God is within us and His love grants Paradise to the soul. Many princes and rulers abandoned their thrones when they came to know the love of God. This is readily understandable, because God's love is a fiery flame. By the Grace of the Holy Spirit, the joy of the soul extends to tears, and nothing on earth can be compared to this joy.



Offerings Week of June 3

Relics Candle: for parishioners; in honor of St. John of San Francisco.

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

Wine: for health of Josephine, Aseel, Patricia and Jerome Sr.; for protection, salvation and forgiveness of sins for Mariana, Stefan (during travel) and for Simona, Gabriel, Tabitha, Kurt and Constantin.

Flowers: health of Matthew (birthday).

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

June 24, 40th Day of Fr. Vadim Pogrebniak

June 05, 1953 Eva Hnatuk

June 06, 1938 Eutyches Gumenuk

June 06, 1972 Charles Fetchko Jr.

June 07, 2004 Helen Kulina

June 07, 2009 Fannie Huzinec

June 08, 1976 Nadezhda Soroka

June 10, 1953 Nazar Skwarla

Coffee Hour Schedule

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

June 03 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

June 10 Sokol, Staina, Sarchisian & Nasledysheva

Counters Schedule

June 03 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.

June 10 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

June 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.

June 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Readers Schedule

June 03 John Z. / June 10 Austin K.

New Church Flooring Donations Received

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

Total as of May 27th is \$25,670

House Keeping Items in regard to Children

Parents please make sure your offspring are not eating in the Gazebo, or going upstairs during coffee hour, leaving foods and plates in the Conference Room and meandering about on stairs or in areas other than the Lower Hall. Thanks.

Recognition of Graduates – June 24th

On this Sunday we want to recognize our graduates. Please let Fr. James know as soon possible who they are and where they are graduating from.

Annual Cemetery Appeal

One a year, in the month of May we make an appeal for cemetery care to keep our cemetery grounds in good order. Please use the envelope. The Lord bless your offering!

June 19th, Tues. Study Class 7:00-8:30p.m.

Part Two: "Our Thoughts Direct our Lives." On How we Cope With Bad Thoughts and 8 Considerations of cultivating Good Thoughts.

One Year Memorial Anniversary for Infant Ivana Parsells – June 21st, Thursday

7:00p.m. Memorial at Cemetery and blessing of Cemetery Cross.

Welcoming New Parishioners!

A warm welcome to Cameron and Tamara Poluszek of Rartian, NJ.

2018 Parish Council Conference – June 30th, Saturday in Paramus, NJ 10:00a.m.-3:00p.m at Christ the Savior Church

The theme is "Breathing New Life Into Established Parishes." The Conference is open to all Parishioners, there is no cost (even a free lunch!) (See posted flyers). We hope for a good turn out from our parish. Offer a ride! Let Fr. James know by June 24th (food preparation count).

ON THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Faith and love which are gifts of the Holy Spirit are such great and powerful means that a person who has them can easily, and with joy and consolation, go the way Jesus Christ went. Besides this, the Holy Spirit gives man the power to resist the delusions of the world so that although he makes use of earthly good, yet he uses them as a temporary visitor, without attaching his heart to them. But a man who has not got the Holy Spirit, despite all his learning and prudence, is always more or less a slave and worshipper of the world.

St. Innocent of Alaska

Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven



Lord Have Mercy!
By St. Justin (Popovich)

Little grass, have mercy!
Little bird, have mercy!

Everything within me and around me, both the small and the great, things past and things infinite, the simple and the puzzling, the dark and the bright, the visible and invisible, the mortal and the immortal, the good and the evil, all things and everything in all worlds that I know and feel, they motivate me to blatantly pray: Lord have mercy!

Our pain summarizes all human words in one prayer and cry: Lord have mercy!

Turned toward Thee we are found to overflow within our whole being only one sigh: Lord have mercy!

We would like to speak of ourselves, but our tears are pouring and we tell Thee of our entire soul within these three words: Lord have mercy!

Every creation has its heart, and the heart is with this heart because it sighs and tends towards Thee: Lord have mercy!

In this sad world man has no greater need than to be granted mercy primarily from Thee: Lord have mercy!

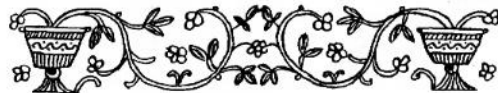
And together with Thee and behind Thee that all things and all creation grant him mercy: Lord have mercy!

Mother, have mercy!
Friend, have mercy!
Little grass, have mercy!
Little bird, have mercy!
All that is within the entire cosmos:

Have mercy! Have mercy! Have mercy!

SOME QUESTIONS ON THE GOSPELS

- 1) When Christ first began to preach, what was His first message?
 - a) "A new commandment I give to you that you love one another!"
 - b) "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
 - c) "My peace I give to you."
 - d) "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
- 2) According to the Gospel of St. Luke, about how old was Christ when He began His public ministry?
 - a) 12 years
 - b) 30 years
 - c) 40 years
 - d) None of the above
- 3) Which of the Apostles were fishermen?
 - a) Matthew, Simon, and Judas
 - b) Peter, Andrew, James, and John
 - c) Thomas, Peter, Philip
 - d) None of the above
- 4) Who said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven"?
 - a) Jesus Christ
 - b) Apostle Peter
 - c) King David
 - d) John the Baptist
- 5) In which Gospel do we find Christ miraculously changing water into wine at a marriage feast in Cana?
 - a) Matthew
 - b) Mark
 - c) Luke
 - d) John



AN ATTITUDE ABOUT LIFE

Think of life as something God has given us to manage or take care of. Everything comes from God. We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods, but the talent of ability is a gift from God to begin with.

Once you look at life this way, as a stewardship, it becomes clear that we just give of what we are, as well as what we have. It means cultivating an attitude of generous giving and getting into the habit of thinking of others.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON THE GOSPELS

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The ascetic Father Tychon stressed the importance of not working on Sundays. He gave the proof of how God sent manna to the Israelites to feed them in the desert, but not on the seventh day. He wouldn't bless those who were greedy and hoarded the manna; it would spoil and fill with worms. The Israelites stayed inside their tents that whole seventh day, praising God.

ATTITUDES THAT ENABLE THE CHURCH TO GROW

"Church growth involves spiritual as well as numerical growth."

•• "Orthodox Christianity is the faith for all mankind."

"As a steward, I must wisely manage the gifts God has given me and use them for the building up of the Church."

"I am called to work with Christ in reaching others."

"I want my parish to serve as the means by which others are brought to Christ and His Church."

"I must share God's love with others by sharing my faith with them."

"Evangelization is at the heart of the Church's life and experience."

"I am committed to Christ and His Church because I am convinced that he is truly the God and Savior of all."

"The Church is an organism made up of those who base their lives on Christ."

"I must help to make the Church more visible and to invite others to services and activities."

"Church growth begins with me."



... AND ATTITUDES THAT DON'T

"God is not concerned with how many members the Church has. All He cares about is quality."

"Orthodoxy is just for 'our' people, not for everyone."

"Stewardship is just another gimmick to get more money out of the parishioners."

"God does not need me to make the Church grow."

"My parish exists to serve the needs of 'our people' and to preserve our heritage and culture."

"Religion is a private matter which I never discuss because I might offend someone else."

"Evangelization is a non-Orthodox concept."

"Sure I'm committed to the Church. After all, I pay dues!"

"The Church is an organization made up of voting members."

"If outsiders are interested in the Orthodox Church, they will take the initiative to find one."

"Church growth is not my concern."