

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2018

### SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 9

**Sunday Before the Holy Cross**

**Ss. Joachim & Anna**

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

### MONDAY/SEPTEMBER 10

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to  
St. Silouan of Athos (Sept. 11)

### THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 13

7:00p.m. Vigil of the Holy Cross

### FRIDAY/SEPTEMBER 14

**Elevation of the Holy Cross  
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")  
Strict Fast Day**

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

### SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 15

9:30a.m. Akathist to Holy Cross; Confessions  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

### SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 16

**Sunday After the Holy Cross**

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



FROM THE COUNSELS  
OF ELDER PHILOTHEOS OF PARA

True happiness is not the honors and pleasures of the body. True happiness is virtue. As many as fight to acquire virtue, to put into practice the commandments of God, these are truly happy.

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When the enemy tempts you with thoughts of faithlessness, with all your heart say, "I believe completely whatever the Church believes, whatever Christ says in the Holy Gospels, whatever the Holy Apostles and Holy Fathers said. I don't, however, believe you, devil, for you are a liar and a thief.

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If a man builds a house and leaves it without a roof, this house can't be used at all. In the same way, if a man acquires all the virtues but not love, the house remains roofless and is of no benefit at all.

*Teachings of St. Porphyrios of Athos (+1991)*

"We should regard Christ as our *friend*. He is our friend. He asserts this Himself when He says, 'you are my friends' (John 15:14). Let us stretch out to Him and approach Him as a friend."

### **Offerings Week of September 9**

Relics Candle: for parishioners; in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia and Ivanna.

Olive Oil: in memory of Bocai and Sarchisian families; in memory of Julia; in memory of John and for the health of Vera and Anatol; in memory of Marie.

Wine: for the health of Ava; for the health and protection of Anatoly Goncharenko.

Flowers: for the health and protection of Maria and Daniel (wedding anniversary); for Jerome and Shirley Stone and Rebecca.

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

Sept. 11, 1964 Michael Grenther  
Sept. 12, 1929 Helen Kotliarchik  
Sept. 12, 1971 Pauline Kravitsky  
Sept. 12, 1974 Anna Naruta  
Sept. 12, 1995 Anna Rudzina  
Sept. 14, 1978 Stephen Keselchak  
Sept. 15, 1966 Theodore Mivonuk  
Sept. 16, 1980 Mary Lukasik

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

Sept. 09 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Sept. 16 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrissi, & Kachek

### **Counters Schedule**

Sept. 09 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Sept. 16 Irina S. & Lisa K.

### **Ushers Schedule**

Sept. 09 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Sept. 16 Dennis F. & Robert E.

### **Readers Schedule**

Sept. 09 Carmon P. / Sept. 16 Ciprian C.

### **Names Day Greetings**

St. Cornelius/Sept. 15 Ciprian Chirnoaga

Many Blessed Years!

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## **Visitation of Archbishop Michael – October 6 & 7**

October 6/Saturday: 5:00p.m. Confessions; 5:30p.m. Vigil; followed by Supper in Lower Hall with Archbishop Michael

October 7/Sunday: 9:00a.m. Entrance of Archbishop Into Church & Vesting; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; followed by Festal Meal in the Hall

We hope all our Parish Family will be present.

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#### **TRUE SUCCESS**

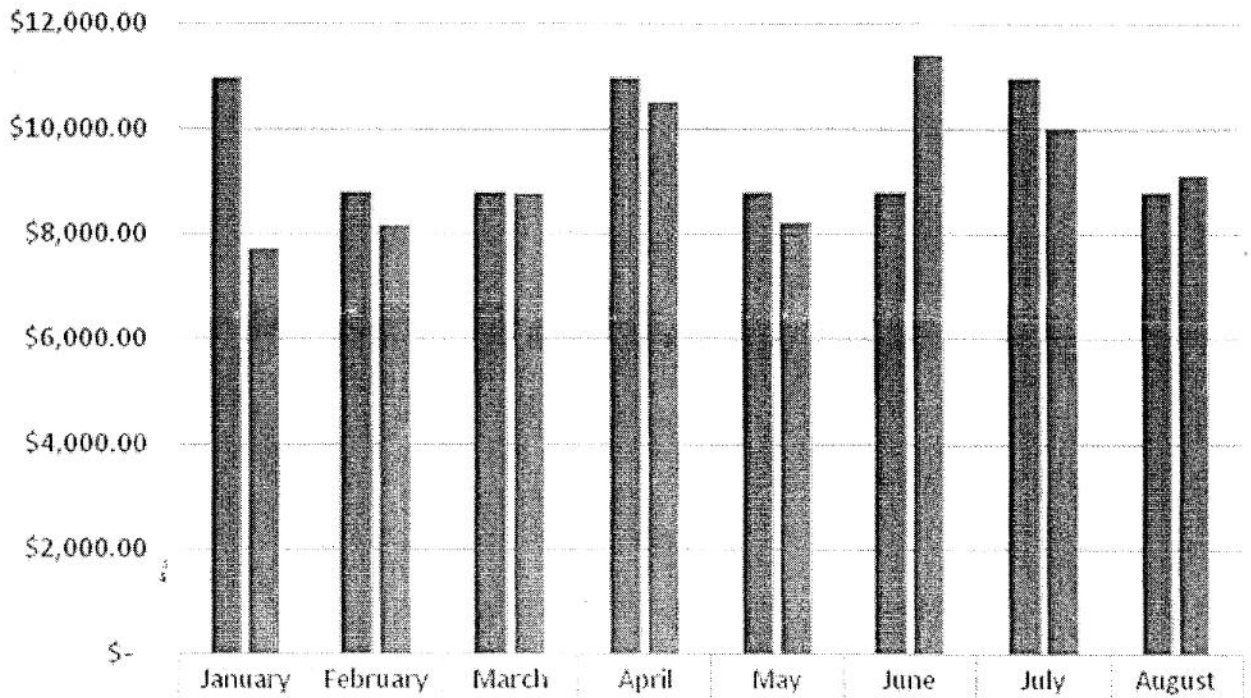
*By Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos*

Many people labor under the wrong concept of success. This is the idea of achieving possessions, status, or power. A person's self-image is measured by what he or she earns or possesses, by what he or she socially can do or economically control. However, the Saints teach another radically different concept of success based on faithfulness and discipleship. True success is measured by the depth of one's personal communion with God, concern for the salvation of souls and the advancement of the Kingdom. A truly successful person is a saint – one who seeks wholeness in God, who strives to grow in the image of Christ, who finds fulfillment and happiness in loving and serving others for God's glory.



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	\$9,742.37	\$15,941.95	(6,200)	\$10,961.54	\$7,699.00	(3,263)
February	\$10,414.91	\$12,359.23	(1,944)	\$8,769.23	\$8,159.00	(610)
March	\$10,145.33	\$14,626.92	(4,482)	\$8,769.23	\$8,746.00	(23)
1st Quarter	\$30,302.61	\$42,928.10	(12,625)	\$28,500.00	\$24,604.00	(3,896)
April	\$19,009.69	\$9,993.57	9,016	\$10,961.54	\$10,489.00	(473)
May	\$9,412.40	\$18,329.03	(8,917)	\$8,769.23	\$8,210.00	(559)
June	\$12,867.82	\$13,770.89	(903)	\$8,769.23	\$11,394.00	2,625
2nd Quarter	\$41,289.91	\$42,093.49	(804)	\$28,500.00	\$30,093.00	1,593
July	\$11,906.02	\$13,393.54	(1,488)	\$10,961.54	\$10,009.00	(953)
August	\$16,995.03	\$19,607.88	(2,613)	\$8,769.23	\$9,092.00	323
3rd Quarter	\$28,901.05	\$33,001.42	(4,100)	\$19,730.77	\$19,101.00	(630)
YTD	\$100,493.57	\$118,023.01	(17,529)	\$76,730.77	\$73,798.00	(2,933)

Sunday Envelope - Budget vs Actual - 2018 Year-to-Date



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■ Sunday Envelope	\$7,699.00	\$8,159.00	\$8,746.00	\$10,489.00	\$8,210.00	\$11,394.00	\$10,009.00	\$9,092.00



## THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

*Celebrated on September 14<sup>th</sup>*

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the

precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

## LONG-HANDLED SPOONS

*By and unknown author*

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, 'Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like.' The Lord led the holy man to two doors.

He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, 'You have seen Hell.'

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, 'I don't understand.'

It is simple,' said the Lord. 'It requires but one skill. You see they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves.'

