

November 15, 2009

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6
BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST (Advent)

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas and Abibus of Edessa; Martyrs Elpidus, Marcellus and Eustochius who suffered under Julian the Apostate; Martyr Demetrius of Thrace; Ven. Paisius Velichkovsky

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Church in Worship & Study

Mon, Nov 16 7:00 p.m. Panihida for **Sophie Husaim** at Maliszewski Funeral Home

Tues, Nov 17 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
10:00 a.m. Funeral of **Sophie Husaim**

Fri, Nov 20 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya followed by Confessions

Sat, Nov 21 **THE ENTRY OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

9:00 a.m. Epistle: Heb 9:1-7 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

5:00 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

Sun, Nov 22 **24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7**

9:00 a.m. **Afterfeast of the Entry**; Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia the wife of Philemon and Onesimus the disciple of St. Paul

Divine Liturgy Epistle: Eph 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21



*We welcome home our Choir Director, **Basil Kozak**, his wife, **Rebecca**, and their daughter, **Gabriella**, from a week-long vacation in Florida. We hope they had a stress-free and relaxing trip full of highlights, planned pleasures and unexpected treats.*

The Church in Fellowship

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

The **Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale** to benefit our mission teams ends **TODAY**. Sweeten the holiday with fine chocolate! Candy makes a great hostess gift when visiting friends and relatives. You can also keep some on hand for those unexpected, last-minute presents. If you haven't done so already, pick up a brochure and order form in the hall. Any last-minute orders, along with payment in full (no sales tax), should be given to Susan Witkowski. Pick-up will be on **Sunday, December 6**. Thank you for your generous support.

Because of the panihida for Sophie Husaim, **Parish Council** will meet on **Monday, November 16**, at 8 p.m., in the church hall. All members are asked to please note the time change.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, November 17**, at 7 p.m. With the *Annual Choir Christmas Concert* just four weeks away, all members are requested to attend.

The **Men’s Club** will meet on **Thursday, November 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

The Christmas holiday is a time of joy for many, but for seminarians who are struggling to pay education costs and day-to-day living expenses, it can be a time of stress. Each year, through our **Annual Saint Nicholas Wish List Trees**, we try to make the season a little brighter for these men and their families by purchasing presents. The two trees hanging in the church vestibule are covered with gift ornaments. Please take one or more of them and buying the item(s) requested. All purchases must be in by **Sunday, November 29**. *(Please remember to put the ornament tags on the outside of the packages, as they will tell us who the gifts are for.)* This is truly a ministry that **EVERYONE** can take part in—a wonderful “feel good” endeavor of making wishes come true and passing on the spirit of Christmas giving. God bless!

Do you have a question about Orthodoxy that you’ve always wanted to ask Fr. David? Well, then, come to his next **Faith Feedback Session** on **Sunday, November 29**, during Coffee Hour, and get the answer you’ve been looking for. If you’d like to make an inquiry anonymously, just write it down on a card provided at the Candle Desk and drop it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. This gathering is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Faith—no invitation necessary!

The **Saint Nicholas Day Pageant (Yolka)** will be presented by the Church School on **Sunday, December 6**, after Liturgy. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday this month; families must be committed to having their children present to practice. Young people with special talents (singing, dancing, playing an instrument) are particularly needed, as well as anyone (young or old) who can lend a hand with sets, costumes, props, lighting and sound. The whole parish community needs to make this work. See Basil Kozak or any Church School teacher if you can help. The curtain on this year’s extravaganza goes up in just three weeks!

The **8th Annual Church Choir Christmas Concert** will be presented on **Sunday, December 13**, at 3 p.m. A wide range of sacred, ethnic and classic pieces will be offered to delight the audience in preparation for the holiday. Admission is **FREE**, although a canned good or non-perishable offering for the *South River Food Bank* would be appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the concert. Invite your friends for a musical afternoon that will touch their hearts.

An **Altar Society Raffle** is now underway through **Sunday, December 20**. Two prizes are up for grabs: a crocheted afghan and a Russian fairy tale book. Tickets are \$1 apiece and available from any member. The winning numbers will be drawn during Coffee Hour on the 20th. Good luck!

Prosphora (Holy Bread) Baking will be held in the hall on **Saturday, January 9**, at 9 a.m. Everyone with a heart and passion to serve the Lord and others is welcome to participate, for this blessed activity is a way to be mindful of all that we really are called to offer Him, for as Saint Paul says: *“There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord; there are different works, but the same God Who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”* (1 Cor 12:4-7) Come!

L’Affaire Extraordinaire, an evening of culinary instruction, dining and wine pairing, will be held in the church hall on **Saturday, January 16**, at 7 p.m. *(Great Vespers will be served at 6 p.m.)* This fundraising event to benefit *St. Andrew’s Camp* in Jewell, NY will feature a five-course French filet mignon dinner prepared by three professional chefs; one was trained in France and the other two graduated from the *Culinary Institute of America*. This dining experience will be accompanied by live musical entertainment and raffle drawings, including a 50/50, kitchen appliances & tools, entertaining ware, restaurant gift certificates, wines and chocolates. Tickets are \$50 each; please contact Kathy Cooper (732-986-5914 / coopersaml@comcast.net) or Natasha Rogozenski (908-420-3210) to purchase yours. Seating is limited to only 150, so make your reservation early! For more information or to contribute via Paypal/credit card, visit www.standrewscamp.org.

The Church in Information

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Theodore Gregory**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Parish Council**.

CONFESSION DURING ADVENT You are encouraged to take time during this Christmas Lent to review your life and participate in the Sacrament of Confession. *(There will be NO GENERAL CONFESSION during this period.)* Please note the days and times in the bulletin under *The Church in Worship & Study*. Being cleansed of our sins and having the responsibility for them being removed, we can certainly draw closer to our Lord and Savior as we celebrate His birth.

SINCERE THANKS to **Janet Machyowsky** for directing the Choir at Vespers last evening. May God bless her with continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR THANKS to **Elsa Chubak, Stella Laptosh, Nina Marcenko, Ann Mercer, Vera Nazarenko, Lorraine Rudek, Stasia Sumski** and **Nadia Zankowich** for their donations to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Ludmilla Demscha**. May God grant all these contributors many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

FOOD CARD PROGRAM Please make every effort to purchase a food card and use it instead of cash when grocery shopping. Each card brings money into our church at **no additional expense** to you. It's that easy! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Sense Not To!**

COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS to cover expenses have significantly decreased over the past five weeks. While there is "no charge" for this social ministry, everyone who participates is asked to please start or increase his/her giving to help defer costs. Thanks.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Please offer your prayers for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as for those murdered and wounded in the recent military massacre at Ft. Hood:

Departed

Mary Weischadle
Wladyslawa Gromadzki
Robert Wooster
Joseph Huba
Carmelo Colicchia
Stephen Berkid
Stephen Koy
Robert Schiebel
Sophie Husaim

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule
Mary Lementowicz
Joseph Casall
Victor Mueller
Brahm Dubin
William Dilubert
Nadja Lewis
David Ogan
Edward Romanofsky
Harold Symanski
Edwin Paz
Walentyna Posluszny
Morgan Prittchit
Thomas Fackovic
Alan Zenkert
Christopher Collins
Myron Stepas
Michael Dargento
Virginia Moran
Daryl Deissinger
Cynthia Denlinger
Walter Ferguson
Constantine Romanofsky
Michael Domanow
Linda Martinovich
Josephine Tillison
Mary Lou Goldy
Julia Glazer
Sonia Fineberg
William Dworetzky
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Dr. Joseph Pastore
Melinda Reed
Cynthia Leggon

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Lisa Beard
Gregory Nosol
June Buyofsky-Rittman
David T. Floyd
Archpriest Peter Baktis
Patrick Lohr
Keith Sudder
Andrew Kubik
Jason Vaughn
Patrick Baldwin
Timothy Stepan
Michael Gregus
Peter Shaw
Priest Paul Rivers
Jacqueline Martinez
Robert Mahrer
Karen Bonet

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

MEMORY ETERNAL The handmaid of God, **Sophie Husaim**, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, November 13, the Feast of St. John Chrysostom. She was a longtime parishioner and faithful communicant, as well as the beloved sister of **Michael Burak**. Our

deepest sympathy is extended to Mickey and his family in this difficult time. May God bless them with the peace of His presence and the comfort of His love—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE of *Annunciation Church* in Brick has been extended. An array of scrumptious dessert rolls is being offered for \$12 each: apricot, apricot nut, chocolate chip nut, poppy, and walnut. (*Prune is SOLD OUT!*) Delivery is usually within a week. To place an order, see James Kornafel or phone him at (732) 462-3388. Let our sister parish help take away the hassle of having to bake for Thanksgiving and Christmas!

BEST WISHES to the following parishioners who are celebrating birthdays this week: **Michael & Phyllis Robinson, Andrea Zelanko, Gregory Siemieniczuk, Steven Senko, Vladimir Kachur** and **Walter Shenko**. We pray that, through God's blessings, their lives will continue to be filled with good health and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

ITALIAN NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS Thanks to all who came and supported the **Men's Club Annual Italian Night** last evening. The crowd was steady from start to finish. The salad, main course and desserts were very generous and delicious. Club members are to be commended for their hard work in setting and cleaning up, busing tables, serving food and meeting and greeting both parishioners and guests; it was a tremendous effort by all. Good job, men! (**NOTE:** *The 50/50 raffle was won by **Barbara & Timothy Horsky** and a portion of their winnings was donated back.*)

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM It's hard to believe that it's time to start thinking about holiday shopping, but Christmas will be here before you know it. Don't struggle with trying to find the perfect present for everyone on your wish list. Purchase a gift card at face value from over 200 participating department and mall stores, pharmacies and major fast food and casual dining locations nationwide and our parish will get a certain rebate percentage (anywhere from 2-25%) back, similar to the food card program we offer each week during Coffee Hour. Handouts and order forms are available from Sandy Romanofsky or Matushka Shari. Once an order is placed, the gift card(s) will be available the following Sunday. Avoid the crowds and shop from the comfort of your church!

THE NEW LAMPADAS hanging in front of the kiots of the Theotokos and the Synaxis of the Saints of Vilna & America were offered in memory of **Ludmilla Demscha** by the following: **Elsa Chubak, Stella Laptosh, Nina Marcenko, Ann Mercer, Vera Nazarenko, Lorraine Rudek, Stasia Sumski** and **Nadia Zankowich**. We extend our deepest thanks for such a beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady.

THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT on the center tetrapod today was donated by **Vera Dorn** in remembrance of the birthday of her dear husband of blessed memory, **Donald**. The flowers at the base of the Golgotha were offered by **family members** in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the falling asleep of **Ludmilla Demscha**. May their souls dwell with the blessed—Vechnaya Pamyat!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS If you have any announcements for the bulletin, submit them to Father David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by no later than **Thursday**. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



TODAY is the beginning of the **Nativity Fast (Advent)**. Individuals and parish organizations are reminded that they should not plan any social activities during this period.

Very often, the time spent before Christmas is used for running up the limits on our credit cards for gifts we really don't need and overindulging in food and drink that only makes sure our cardiologists have full employment. Our Orthodox Church teaches that proper feasting is with the joy that comes after spiritual preparation through prayer, fasting, repentance and good works. So this Advent, let us try to keep focus on the Birth of our Savior and not on the winter retail festival.