

November 22, 2009

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7
Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple

Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia the wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles and Onesimus the disciple of St. Paul; The Martyrdom of St. Michael, Bishop of Tver; Right-believing Yaropolk the Prince of Vladimir in Volyn; Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus at Rome; Martyr Procopius the Reader at Caesarea in Palestine; Martyr Menignus at Parium; St. Agabbas of Syria; Righteous Michael the Soldier of Bulgaria; Ven. Callistus Xanthopoulos

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

The Church in Worship & Study

Tues, Nov 24 **Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria—Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple**
7:00 a.m. Matins

Wed, Nov 25 7:00 p.m. **Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service** at *Union Baptist Church* on Washington Street

Thurs, Nov 26 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Molioben

Sat, Nov 28 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

Sun, Nov 29 **25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8**
9:00 a.m. Martyr Paramon
Divine Liturgy Epistle: Eph 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
11:00 a.m. *Faith Feedback Session* with Fr. David

The Church in Fellowship

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

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, November 24**, at 7 p.m. With the *Annual Choir Christmas Concert* just three weeks away, all members are requested to attend.

The **Annual Saint Nicholas Wish List Tree Project** ends **next Sunday, November 29**. There are only a few gift ornaments still hanging on one tree in the church vestibule. Please take one or more of them and buy the item(s) requested. (*Remember to put the ornament tags on the outside of the packages, as they will tell us who the gifts are for.*) This is 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 to our seminarian families at *St. Vladimir’s* in New York and *St. Tikhon’s* in Pennsylvania. God bless!

Do you have a question about Orthodoxy that you’ve always wanted to ask Father David? Well, then, come to his **Faith Feedback Session next 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!

There are just two weeks until the curtain goes up on this year’s **Saint Nicholas Day Pageant (Yolka)** presented by the Church School. Rehearsals are being 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. Come and experience the true meaning of the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 6**, after Liturgy.

Christmas Candy Orders will be available pickup in the church hall on **Sunday, December 6**. Please see or contact Susan Witkowski (732-946-8468) if you have any questions.

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!

Prospora (Holy Bread) Baking will be held in the church hall on **Saturday, January 9**, at 9 a.m. Everyone with a heart and passion to serve God and others is welcome to participate, for this activity is a way to be mindful of all that we really are called to offer Him, for as St. 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 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 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) 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 on the Web.

As part of a *“Get to Know Us Tour”* around the diocese before his consecration in May, our bishop-elect, **Fr. Michael Dahulich**, will be visiting our parish on **Saturday-Sunday, January 30-31**. Other than an expanded Coffee Hour after Liturgy, this will be a very low-key event. Fr. Michael is coming to meet with us and to listen to what our desires and concerns are regarding the future of this God-protected community as a parish within the *Diocese of New York & New Jersey*. Please mark your calendars for this special weekend.



The Church in Information



MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Parish Council**. (**NOTE:** *The Altar Society will be responsible for Coffee Hour during the month of December.*)

CONFESSION DURING ADVENT You are strongly encouraged to take the 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.

COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS to cover expenses have significantly decreased over the past month-and-a-half. 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.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE of *Annunciation Church* in Brick has been extended. An array of scrumptious dessert rolls is still being offered for \$12 each: apricot, apricot nut, chocolate chip nut, poppy and walnut. Delivery is usually within a week. To place an order, please 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!

OUR PARISH WEBSITE is up and running again, thanks to our new Webmasters, **Jeffrey & Tatiana Hoff**. You can now go to www.saintpeterandpaul.org to view updated photo montages of liturgical services and social events and read excerpts from the weekly bulletin. A tribute to our former Webmaster of blessed memory, **+John Sopchak**, will soon be posted. So much is happening and changing each week and we want you to be informed. Jeff and Tanya welcome submissions, as well as any suggestions for improvement; you can contact them via E-mail at jeffhoff@gmail.com or tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com. May God bless their work.

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 Fort Hood:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Mary Weischadle	Elaine Ashton	Randall Cline	Ivan Shidlovsky
Wladyslawa Gromadzki	Irene Boule	Joseph Lynch	Lisa Beard
Robert Wooster	Mary Lementowicz	Jean Staples	Gregory Nosol
Joseph Huba	Joseph Casall	Joan Tita	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Carmelo Colicchia	Victor Mueller	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	David T. Floyd
Stephen Berkid	Brahm Dubin	Aiden Gowarty	Archpriest Peter Baktis
Stephen Koy	William Dilubert	Dorothy Swenticky	Patrick Lohr
Robert Schiebel	Nadja Lewis	Sara Cseh	Keith Sudder
Radcliffe Calilap	Thomas Fackovic	Marie Olsen	Priest Paul Rivers
Sophie Husaim	David Ogan	Olga Smith	Andrew Kubik
Patriarch PAVLE (Stojcevic)	Edward Romanofsky	Reginald Thomas	Jason Vaughn
Michael Domanow	Harold Symanski	Anthony Garito	Patrick Baldwin
Mary Shwahla	Edwin Paz	Ermelinda Faziola	Timothy Stepan
Teddy Bentancort	Walentyna Posluszny	Kirsten Hyland	Michael Gregus
	Morgan Prittchit	John Cameron	Peter Shaw
	Alan Zenkert	Vivian Hunkele	Jacqueline Martinez
	Christopher Collins	Janet Firestone	Robert Mahrer
	Myron Stepas	Adam Krosnowski	Karen Bonet
	Michael Dargento	Ellie Shipman	
	Virginia Moran	Archpriest Sergei Glagolev	
	Daryl Deissinger	Vera Rosenthal	
	Cynthia Denlinger	Edna Maletz	
	Walter Ferguson	Savanna Dore	
	Constantine Romanofsky	Dorothy Dabkowski	
	Linda Martinovich	Joan Roshak	
	Josephine Tillison	Patricia Campbell	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Sarah Hall	
	Julia Glazer	Dotsy Hartman	
	Sonia Fineberg	Katherine Tarzewski	
	William Dworetzky	Paula Hila	
	Joseph Casale	Joseph Posluszny	
	Donna Casale	Nancy Filak	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Stefan Wilczynski	
	Melinda Reed	Anna Durovich	
	Cynthia Leggon	Kira Gregor	
	Karen Kennedy	Linda Marsh	

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

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Michael Domanow**, and the handmaid of God, **Mary Shwahla**, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18, respectively. Michael was the beloved brother of **Maria Jakimtschuk** and dear brother-in-law of **Tamara Domanow**. Mary was the devoted sister of **Paul Shwahla**. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families. May their souls dwell with the blessed—Vechnaya Pamyat!

IN MEMORIUM After suffering cardiac arrest, **Patriarch PAVLE** of Serbia fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, November 15, the first day of Advent (Nativity Fast). At 95 years of age, His Holiness was the oldest living primate of an autocephalous Orthodox Church. He was widely recognized for his modesty and humility. It was not uncommon to find him using public transportation. Despite his simple lifestyle, this popular hierarch was an outspoken proponent for peace during the ethnic wars that gripped the former Yugoslavia after the collapse of communism in early 1990s. Serbian President Boris Tadic called him “*one of those people who, by their very existence, brings together the entire nation.*” May the memory of Patriarch PAVLE, truly “*a saint in our midst,*” be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

2010 CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE Through the consistent generosity of **Maliszewski Funeral Home**, to whom we are most grateful, 2010 church calendars for your home or workplace are now available FREE at the Candle Desk. Pick up yours today!

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 restaurants 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!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE Because of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, any announcements for the next week's bulletin must be submitted to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Tuesday evening, November 24**. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



Advent, the period of preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, began last Sunday. This is an appropriate time to rededicate ourselves to Christ and there's no better way to do this than through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, repentance and good works. If you haven't started on this spiritual journey of faith, do so this week and a deeper, more meaningful Christmas will be yours.



God's giving deserves our thanksgiving.

On Thursday, our country will celebrate the national holiday of **Thanksgiving**. The first Thanksgiving meal took place 388 years ago, in 1621, in Plymouth Colony—the present-day state of Massachusetts. In 1941, Congress officially declared the fourth Thursday in November to be a day of giving thanks for the benefits of the past year.

For many, Thanksgiving is an occasion for family reunions, bountiful dinners and festivities in our homes. It is also a day of hope for a bright and peaceful future. However you celebrate, remember to stop and give thanks to God, for He is the Source of all good things.

May you all have a happy, blessed and prayerful holiday.