



November 29, 2009

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8

Martyr Paramon and the 370 Martyrs in Bithynia; Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra and those with him; Martyrs Valerian and Phaedrus; Ven. Acacius of Sinai who is mentioned in *The Ladder*; Ven. Nectarius the Obedient of the Kiev Caves; Hieromartyr Abibus, Bishop of Nekressi in Georgia

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

The Church in Worship & Study

TODAY 11:00 a.m. *Faith Feedback Session* with Fr. David

Tues, Dec 1 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Sat, Dec 5 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya followed by Confessions

Sun, Dec 6 **26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1**
9:00 a.m. **ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**
Divine Liturgy Epistles: Eph 5:9-19 Gospels: Luke 17:12-19
Heb 13:17-21 (St. Nicholas) Luke 6:17-23 (St. Nicholas)
(Following Liturgy, the Church School will present its *Annual St. Nicholas Day Pageant/Yolka* in the church hall; everyone is cordially invited.)

The Church in Fellowship

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

Do you have a question about Orthodoxy that you've always wanted to ask Father David? Well, then, come to his **Faith Feedback Session TODAY**, during Coffee Hour, and get the answer you've been looking for. This gathering is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Faith—no invitation necessary!

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church **this Tuesday, December 1**, at 7 p.m. With the *Annual Choir Christmas Concert* just two weeks away, all members are requested to attend.

The **St. Nicholas Day Pageant (Yolka)** will be presented by the Church School children **next Sunday, December 6**, after Liturgy. Come and experience the true meaning of the Christmas season. (If you can help in any way, please see Basil Kozak or any Church School teacher.)

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

Here it comes again...one of the best tasting events of the season...the **St. Anne's Guild Annual Christmas Cookie Sale!** Come and get your holiday tins filled with homemade goodies on **Sunday, December 13**, during Coffee Hour. The money raised will support our Church School programs and related youth/family events. You don't want to miss this! [**NOTE:** Donations of eight dozen of one type of cookie will be gladly accepted; approximately 24 different varieties—simple or fancy—are needed for this fundraiser to be

successful. For more info, contact Karen Berezniak by phone (732-754-0033) or E-mail (kberez@comcast.net). Selections can be dropped off in the hall on **Saturday, December 12**, between noon and 2 p.m. Thank you.]

An **Altar Society Raffle** is now underway through **Sunday, December 13**. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!) 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 13th. Good luck!

Our **Church Choir** will present its **8th Annual Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, December 13**, at 3 p.m., in the church. Both liturgical compositions and carols will be sung to delight the audience in preparation for the holiday. Please attend and encourage others to hear the music of our Orthodox faith. 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.

Prosphora (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. 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 info 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 present and 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 **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. (**NOTE:** *This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout December.*)

CONFESSION DURING ADVENT Those of you who have been receiving Holy Communion regularly may continue to do so provided that you plan to go to private confession during this Nativity Lent. Please note the available days and times in the bulletin under *The Church in Worship & Study*.

SPECIAL THANKS to the **Parish Council** for the good food and great fellowship it provided during *Coffee Hour* this month. The kindness and generosity of those involved are beyond words—God bless!

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 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY 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:

Departed
Mary Weischadle

Sick
Elaine Ashton

Servicement
Randall Cline

Servicement
Ivan Shidlovsky

Wladyslawa Gromadzki	Irene Boulle	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	Anthony Garito	Jason Vaughn
Michael Domanow	Harold Symanski	Ermelinda Faziola	Patrick Baldwin
Mary Shwahla	Edwin Paz	Kirsten Hyland	Timothy Stepan
Teddy Bentancort	Walentyna Posluszny	John Cameron	Michael Gregus
	Morgan Prittchit	Vivian Hunkele	Peter Shaw
	Alan Zenkert	Janet Firestone	Jacqueline Martinez
	Christopher Collins	Adam Krosnowski	Robert Mahrer
	Myron Stepas	Ellie Shipman	Karen Bonet
	Michael Dargento	Archpriest Sergei Glagolev	
	Virginia Moran	Vera Rosenthal	
	Daryl Deissinger	Edna Maletz	
	Cynthia Denlinger	Savanna Dore	
	Walter Ferguson	Dorothy Dabkowski	
	Constantine Romanofsky	Joan Roshak	
	Linda Martinovich	Patricia Campbell	
	Josephine Tillison	Sarah Hall	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Dotsy Hartman	
	Julia Glazer	Katherine Tarzewski	
	Sonia Fineberg	Paula Hila	
	William Dworetzky	Joseph Posluszny	
	Joseph Casale	Nancy Filak	
	Donna Casale	Stefan Wilczynski	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Anna Durovich	
	Melinda Reed	Kira Gregor	
	Cynthia Leggon	Linda Marsh	
	Karen Kennedy	Tonya Soto	

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

2010 CHURCH CALENDARS for your home or workplace are now available FREE at the Candle Desk. Pick up yours today!

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's time to start seriously thinking about holiday shopping, because 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!

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE of *Annunciation Church* is Brick has been extended through **Sunday, December 20**. 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 telephone him at (732) 462-3388. Let our sister parish help take away the hassle of having to bake for 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 bulletin. A tribute to our former Webmaster, +**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 suggestions for improvement; you can contact them via E-mail at jeffhoff@gmail.com or tatianalapchukhoff@gmail.com. May God bless their work.

BELATED BEST WISHES to **Arianna Marie Steffaro** who celebrated her 2nd birthday yesterday. May God grant her much happiness and joy for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BULLETIN DEADLINE Any announcements for next week's bulletin must be submitted to Father David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Thursday**. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



Advent, the period of prayer, fasting, repentance and charitable works in preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, began two weeks ago. As we get closer and closer to the upcoming holiday, please try to keep all the secular arrangements—shopping, baking, decorating, etc.—in perspective. Focus your minds and energies on getting ready to receive God incarnate into your lives; only then, does the true celebration of Christmas begin.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!