



December 13, 2009

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2**

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

**THE REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA**

Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes at Sebaste; Virgin-martyr Lucy of Syracuse; Ven. Arcadius of Novotorsk; Ven. Mardarius the Recluse of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Arsenius of Latros; Ven. Nicodemus the Romanian; St. Dosoftei, Metropolitan of Moldova

Epistles: Colossians 3:4-11  
Galatians 5:22-6:2 (St. Herman)

Gospels: Luke 14:16-24  
Luke 6:17-23 (St. Herman)

## The Church in Worship & Study

TODAY	3:00 p.m.	<i>8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert</i> presented by the Church Choir
Tues, Dec 15	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, Dec 19	10:00 a.m.	Panihida for <b>Basilio Brejnev</b> (1 yr) offered by <b>the family</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by Confessions
Sun, Dec 20	<b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ—SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST</b>	
Divine Liturgy	Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch	
	Epistle: Heb 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40	Gospel: Matt 1:1-25

## The Church in Fellowship

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

The **Senior R Club** will meet at the Deerson home **TODAY** after Liturgy.

Here it is...one of the best tasting events of the season...the **St. Anne's Guild Annual Christmas Cookie Sale!** Come and buy a holiday tin filled with homemade goodies **TODAY** during Coffee Hour. The money raised will support our Church School programs and related youth/family events. You don't want to miss this!

An **Altar Society Raffle** will be held **TODAY** during Coffee Hour. Two prizes are up for grabs: a crocheted afghan and a Russian fairy tale book. Last-minute tickets are \$1 apiece and available from any member. Good luck!

Our **Church Choir** will present its **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert TODAY** 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 beautiful music of our Orthodox faith. Admission is FREE, although a canned good or non-perishable offering for the *South River Food Bank* would be greatly appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the hall following the concert.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church **this Tuesday, December 15**, at 7 p.m. As this will be the last rehearsal before Christmas, all members are encouraged to attend.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, December 17**, at 7 p.m.

**Parish Council** will meet on **Monday, December 21**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Have a question about the Faith? The come to Fr. David's next **Faith Feedback Session** on **Sunday, December 27**, during Coffee Hour, and get the answer! For those who wish to remain anonymous, a card on which to write a query is available in the church vestibule. Once completed, it can be dropped in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. This is a wonderful forum for education and enlightenment; please take advantage of this opportunity and plan to attend.

The **Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God** will visit two area parishes within the next month: **Saint Elizabeth Church** in Rocky Hill on **Tuesday, December 15** and **SS. Peter & Paul Church** in Jersey City on **Saturday, January 2**. The special help granted by the Theotokos through this icon is associated with important events in Russian history. An Akathist will be served on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner. A Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. with His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH, who will be joined by clergy and faithful throughout New Jersey. All are invited! (**NOTE**: *Anyone interested in carpooling on this day should get in touch with Fr. David.*)

**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 the Lord 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 the Apostle 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 live 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](http://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. Father 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 very special weekend.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the hall on **Sunday, February 7**, following Coffee Hour. Every family in the parish should be represented at this gathering. (*In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 28.*)

## The Church in Information

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **147**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **Reader Michael Steffaro**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**.

**CONFESSION DURING ADVENT** Everyone is encouraged to go to confession during this Advent season in preparation for the great holiday of the Nativity of Christ. For those who are regular communicants, it is a requirement. Note the available days and times in the bulletin under *The Church in Worship & Study*.

**THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** adorning the icons of the Holy Forefathers and St. Herman of Alaska on the center tetrapod today was offered by the **Hartman Family** in loving memory of **Mary Hartman Iwanow** and **Leonard Hartman**. May their souls dwell with the blessed—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Daniel Rogozenski** who is celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday TODAY and to **Louis Silva** whose “big day” was this past Friday. We couldn’t let both these happy occasions go by without wishing them good health and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**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**

Robert Schiebel  
Radcliffe Calilap  
Sophie Husaim  
Patriarch PAVLE (Stojcevic)  
Michael Domanow  
Mary Shwahla  
Teddy Bentancort  
Cynthia Leggon  
Terry Hoak

**Sick**

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

Jean Staples

Joan Tita

Lasha Giorgi Pozidis

Aiden Gowarty

Dorothy Swenticky

Sara Cseh

Marie Olsen

Olga Smith

Reginald Thomas

Anthony Garito

Ermelinda Faziola

Kirsten Hyland

John Cameron

Vivian Hunkele

Janet Firestone

Adam Krosnowski

Ellie Shipman

Archpriest Sergei Glagolev

Vera Rosenthal

Edna Maletz

Savanna Dore

Dorothy Dabkowski

Joan Roshak

Patricia Campbell

Sarah Hall

Dotsy Hartman

Katherine Tarzewski

Paula Hila

Joseph Posluszny

Nancy Filak

Stefan Wilczynski

Anna Durovich

Kira Gregor

Tonya Soto

Oleg Burlak

**Servicemen**

Ivan Shidlovsky

Lisa Beard

Gregory Nosol

June Buyofsky-Rittman

David T. Floyd

Archpriest Peter Baktis

Patrick Lohr

Keith Sudder

Priest Paul Rivers

Andrew Kubik

Jason Vaughn

Patrick Baldwin

Timothy Stepan

Michael Gregus

Peter Shaw

Jacqueline Martinez

Robert Mahrer

Karen Bonet

David Gambert

Gregg Poole

Fred Bush

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

**PARISH LIBRARY** Many books are available for your use. Check one out today!

**OUR THANKS** to **Janet Hartman** for her church donation in memory of our newly departed sister in Christ, **Mary Shwahla**. May God bless her for this contribution.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY PAGEANT** We wish to sincerely thank **all the children and adults** for a delightful and most enjoyable pageant presented to us last Sunday. Congratulations to the co-coordinators, **Basil Kozak** and **Karen Berezniak**, on a job well done. Obviously, much effort was put into preparing the play. Everyone who assisted, both on stage and behind the scenes, is to be commended on his/her hard work and dedication. Our appreciation is also extended to the **Church School teachers** for working with the kids; **Philip Rogozenski** for his musical accompaniment; **Andrew (AJ) Sivess** for arranging a visit from St. Nicholas; and the **St. Anne’s Guild** for providing the gifts and refreshments. May God grant all of them many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

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

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM** If you haven't already started, it's time to seriously think 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 the Coffee Hour. Special promotion rates include *Home Depot* (7%), *Sears/Kmart* (10%), *Lands End* (19%), *Barnes & Noble* (11%) and *Bath & Body* (13%). See Sandy Romanofsky in the church hall for more info. **TODAY** will be the last day to place an order in time for Christmas, so avoid the crowds and shop from the comfort of your church!

**THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** of *Holy Annunciation Church* in Brick has been extended through **next 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, see James Kornafel or phone him at (732) 462-3388. Let our sister parish help take away the hassle of having to bake for Christmas!

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Any announcements for next week's bulletin must be submitted to Father David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Thursday evening**. 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](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



*ADVENT, the period of preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas), ends in less than two weeks. How many of you have ignored the call to fast; to discipline yourself through prayer; to free yourself from all the earthly hustle and bustle of the season through repentance; and to ready yourself to receive the gift of God? It's not too late! The birth of the Savior brings joy, peace, love and salvation. In preparing ourselves seriously through the prescribed Lenten disciplines of the Church, our joy for His coming into the world will be deeper and more lasting.*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!