March 14, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 7—ST. JOHN CLIMACUS OF *THE LADDER*
Ven. Benedict of Nursia; St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia; Right-believing Great Prince Michael of Kiev and Smolensk; St. Euschemon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus; The *Feodorovskaya* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos

Epistles: Hebrews 6:13-20
Ephesians 5:9-19 (Saint)

Gospels: Mark 9:17-31
Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saint)

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠
(FIFTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT)

TODAY	4:00 p.m.	***Lenten Mission Vespers*** at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church in Clifton
Tues, Mar 16	7:00 a.m.	Lenten Matins
	7:30 p.m.	Winter Film Series at *SS. Peter & Paul Church* in Manville
Wed, Mar 17	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Thurs, Mar 18	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	The Sacrament of Holy Unction
Fri, Mar 19	6:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Matins & Akathist to the Most-holy Theotokos followed by Confessions

Sat, Mar 20 — **FIFTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—SATURDAY OF THE AKATHIST TO THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS;** The Holy Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Epistles: Heb 9:24-28; Heb 9:1-7 (Theotokos)
Gospels: Mark 8:27-31; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos)
*(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m. After Liturgy, the Annual Panihida for the **Departed Members** of the **Pelak Family** will be offered by **John & Helen Pelak**.)*

5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

Sun, Mar 21 — **FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 8—ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania
Epistles: Heb 9:11-14; Gal 3:23-29 (Saint)
Gospels: Mark 10:32-45; Luke 7:36-50 (Saint)

4:00 p.m. ***Lenten Mission Vespers*** at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Manville

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

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

TODAY is our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday**. Not only did they go church, our youth **WAS** the church, as they involved themselves in many parts of the Divine Liturgy. How blessed we were to hear and see how God is at work in the lives of our young people!

The first meeting of the **2010 Parish Council** will be held on **Tuesday, March 16**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

When one is ill, it can, very often, be a time when one feels alone and isolated. The **Sacrament of Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick)** reminds us that when we are in pain—be it physical, emotional and/or spiritual—Christ is present with us through the ministry of His Church. He is among us to offer strength to meet the challenges of life. As is the custom of our parish during Great Lent, this sacrament will be celebrated **this Thursday, March 18**, at 7 p.m. After the reading of seven Epistles and Gospels and the offering of seven prayers all devoted to healing, everyone present will be anointed with oil, as a sign of the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. Holy Unction is not an obligatory, but voluntary sacrament. It is very good, though, for all Orthodox Christians who are sick in body, mind or spirit to draw near, as it can provide great comfort, spiritual uplifting and the patience to accept the will of God. So, keep the day open and plan to attend. *(**NOTE:** Those who are not regular communicants must prepare to receive Holy Unction by first going to Holy Confession. If you have any questions, contact Fr. David.)*

Gertrude Hawk **Spring Candy Orders** will be available for pick-up in the church hall **next Sunday, March 21**.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, March 25**, at 7 p.m.

The **Senior R Club** will host a **Lenten Lecture** in our church hall on **Friday, March 26**, immediately following Lazarus Matins at 6:30 p.m. *(PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!)* The facilitator of this teaching will be the Very Rev. Michael Meerson, Rector of *Christ the Saviour Church* in New York City. He will speak on the meaning of Passover as it is fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's encourage as many as we can to attend, as our faith is the foundation of this fellowship; all the rest will follow.

To help defray travel expenses for those participating in the *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament* in Detroit next month, the **Junior R Club** will be hosting a **Pierogi Dinner** on **Saturday, March 27**, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children; see any Junior for tickets. *(**NOTE:** Tickets are ADVANCED SALE ONLY; there will be none sold at the door.)* Your support for this fundraiser will be appreciated.

Our parish will be hosting the **FOCA Annual Lenten Mission** on **Palm Sunday, March 28**. The service (Bridegroom Matins) will begin at 4 p.m. Please make every effort to attend as we usher in Holy Week with clergy and faithful throughout the area. A *Lenten Agape (Meal)* will be held in hall afterwards.

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, April 12**, at 6 p.m.

✠ CHURCH CHATTER ✠

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER…Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **159**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Chup**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**.

SPECIAL THANKS to our intern priest, **Fr. Sean Levine**, for the tremendous job he did in serving the *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* these past two Wednesdays while Fr. David was away. May God continue to bless, guide and protect Fr. Sean and his family for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CONFESSIONS DURING GREAT LENT Unless prearranged with Fr. David, confessions **WILL NOT** be heard on Sunday mornings. There are still many opportunities before the end of the Fast to avail yourself of this wonderful opportunity the Church gives us to *"make things right"* with the Lord: before every Presanctified Liturgy, before Liturgy on Saturday mornings and before and after Vespers on Saturday evenings. Check for times under *The Week in Worship & Study* in the bulletin—seek out the spiritual help this sacrament provides.

REGRET THE ERROR In last Sunday's bulletin, we incorrectly identified the departed servant of God, **Reginald Thomas**, as the "father-in-law" of Hank Dziemian's friend; he was the "husband" of Hank's friend. We offer our sincerest apologies for this mistake.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS to **David & Angela Deerson** who welcomed their firstborn son, **Sebastian Camilo**, on Monday, March 8, and to **Joseph & Christa Conklin** who embraced their newborn daughter, **Alexandra**, on Friday, March 12. We also extend our best wishes to the **Deerson, Saurman** and **Steffaro Families**. God has given both couples a treasure more precious than gold. May His angels watch over and protect these little ones for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

KEEPING VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST Following the Lamentations & Matins on **Good Friday evening, April 2**, the church will keep solemn watch (vigil) over the tomb of Jesus Christ until the start of Nocturne on **Holy Saturday, April 3**. The Book of Psalms will be read all through the night. You are encouraged to sign-up for a two-hour shift and join in with your family or friends. A sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Everyone, both young and old, should participate in this beautiful memorial to our Crucified Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed on Saturday afternoon and evening. For more information, contact Gregory Sprogis at (732) 254-6167.

OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS to the following individuals for their recent contributions to the church: **Nicholas & Pearl Berezniak** (in memory of **Vera Rosenthal**), **Lioudvig & Emilia Dianko** and **Michael & Allison Steffaro**. We appreciate the offerings and pray that these days of preparation for our Lord's Resurrection will bring spiritual blessings to these donors and their loved ones.

EASTER BAKE SALE *Annunciation Church* is Brick is again selling its wonderful homemade dessert rolls through **Palm Sunday, March 28**. Five varieties are being offered for $12 apiece: **nut, prune, poppy seed, apricot** and **chocolate chip nut**. *(Apricot nut is SOLD OUT!)* For guaranteed availability, please place your order **as soon as possible** with James Kornafel (732-462-3388). Delivery is usually within a week. Let our sister parish do all the work so that you can enjoy family and friends more this Pascha!

HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA PROCESSIONS Volunteers are needed to carry icons and banners during the processions on Good Friday evening, Pascha night, Easter Sunday afternoon (Paschal Vespers) and Bright Monday. Anyone and everyone can take part! If you're interested, please see Gregory Sprogis during Coffee Hour or call him at (732) 254-5167.

NEW OCA BLOG FOR YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS LAUNCHED In response to a growing need for both content and materials geared towards young adult and college ministries, the *Orthodox Church in America (OCA) Department of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries* has launched a new blog, ***Wonder***. It is accessible at **www.ocawonder.com**. Every month, the blog will feature four articles on a specific theme, blending theological and academic writings with practical ideas for ministry that will, hopefully, generate dialogue and two-way communication. For additional info, get in touch with Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak at jmatusiak@oca.org.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as the departed, sick and suffering people of Chile:

Departed

William Leggon
Helen Grygo
Paul Dutka
Vera Ann Nazarenko
Evelyn Herbert
Virginia Moran
Katia Gurepekin
Vera Rosenthal
Reginald Thomas
Dorothy Dabkowski
Olga Zawadsky
Joan Tita

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boulle
Joseph Casall
Edward Romanofsky
Walentyna Posluszny
Alan Zenkert
Michael Dargento
Daryl Deissinger
Cynthia Denlinger
Linda Martinovich
Josephine Tillison
Mary Lou Goldy
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Dr. Joseph Pastore
Randall Cline
Joseph Lynch
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Aiden Gowarty
Dorothy Swenticky
Sara Cseh
Olga Smith
Anthony Garito
Ermelinda Faziola
Kirsten Hyland
John Cameron
Janet Firestone
Adam Krosnowski
Ellie Shipman
Savanna Dore
Joan Roshak
Sarah Hall
Dotsy Hartman
Katherine Tarzewski
Paula Hila
Joseph Posluszny
Nancy Filak
Anna Durovich
Kira Gregor
Lisa Muhs
Denise Yager
Martha Drobnak
Chrise Murrell
Dorothy Sopchak
Elaine Boshko
Andre Tirenin
Glynne Smith
Marian Morgan
James Dewan
Beverly Martucci
Gregory Huba
Valentina Nerush
Frederick Bhend
Kathryn Patricia Gmitter
William Fedak
Peter Keimer
Kathleen Keimer
Walter Smorgans
Helen Smorgans
Karen Vernak

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Lisa Beard
Gregory Nosol
June Buyofsky-Rittman
David T. Floyd
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
Travis Hartman
Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.
Elizabeth Brent
Kyle Abbott
Matthew Scudder

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

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are extended to **Stephen Pisuk** and **Nicholas Berezniak Sr.**, both of whom celebrated last week. May their lives continue to be grace-filled for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for next week's edition must be submitted by **Thursday evening** to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Note that all submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.

*As we enter the fifth week of the Great Fast, a spirit of eagerness begins to come upon us: our celebration of the new and everlasting life given to us by the Risen Christ is near. The closer we get, the easier it is to lessen our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, repentance and good works. However tempted you may be, **don't give up**! Increase your physical and spiritual efforts to grow strong in your faith and commitment to God by dispelling any temptations, fears and anxieties that threaten to lead you away from Him. Only then will you be able to see the glory of the Holy Resurrection.*

✠ 2010 PARISH COUNCIL ✠

With the blessing of our Bishop-elect and diocesan administrator, Hieromonk Michael Dahulich, the following individuals were installed today as officers and members of the 2010 Parish Council:

James Kornafel, *Starosta*
Hank Dziemian, *Assistant Starosta*
Carol Deerson, *Secretary*
Sandra Hoff, *Treasurer*
Barbara Kaminsky, *Assistant Treasurer*
Robert Hoff, *Financial Secretary*

Gregory Berezniak	**Sonja Harris**	**Yuri Nerush**	**Michael Steffaro**
Anastasia Essl	**James Jones**	**Jay Pelleriti**	**Jack Witkowski**

We congratulate all members and pray that our parish will continue to grow from their experience and contributions. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

Regrettably, **Edward Boshko** has decided not to continue as an officer and member. Throughout his many years on Council, he has provided exemplary support for this parish and given nothing less than 100% of his time and effort. Our deepest appreciation is extended to Ed for his selfless service; may God bless him with continued good health and long life.

As parishioners, we need to offer our full support for this fine group of men and women and the challenges they are about to face. Remember: Parish Council may be the administering body of this church, but it is **every one of us** who keeps its spirit and tradition alive.

✠ EASTER BAZAAR – MARCH 20, 2010 ✠

This Saturday, March 20, our parish will host an **Easter Bazaar**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the church hall. Lenten foods (soups, blintzes, pierogies, potato pancakes), arts and crafts, sale items, flowers, babkas and homemade kielbasa for the Paschal holiday will be available for purchase. Let's help you fill those Easter baskets!

Babka orders are being handled by **Carol Deerson** (732-254-4979); the variety includes raisin, apricot, cheese, prune and poppy for $8.75 and raspberry cheese for $9.25. **TODAY** is the deadline to pre-order your breads; delivery will be on **Thursday, March 18**.

The committee welcomes any donations of crafts, baked goods or help with preparing food and hall set-up for the event on **Thursday-Friday, March 18-19**.

Save the date and invite all your friends and neighbors to come!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! **GLORY FOREVER!**