



April 18, 2010

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 2—SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Venerable Nicodemus

Ven. John the disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis; Martyrs Victor, Zoticus, Zeno, Acindynus and Severian of Nicomedia; St. Cosmas, Bishop of Chalcedon, and his fellow ascetic, St. Auxentius; Newmartyr John the New of Epirus; Ven. Euthymius the Enlightener of Karelia

Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Tues, Apr 20 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Sat, Apr 24 5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Panihida: **Peter Keimer** (40th day) offered by **the family**
 Elizabeth (1 yr) and **Judith** (Annual) **Basara** offered by **Joseph & Gloria Basara**
7:00 p.m. Vespers

Sun, Apr 25 **4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 3—SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

9:00 a.m. Reading: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

Divine Liturgy

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

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

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

Parish Council will meet on **Monday, April 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, April 20**, at 7 p.m.

Many questions of faith often arise. Sometimes they stimulate us while, at other times, they can perplex or even confound us. To address your inquisitiveness, Father David will be offering a **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall **next Sunday, April 25**, during Coffee Hour. If you have a query you would like answered during this forum, write it down on a card provided in the church vestibule and drop it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, on the 25th, come and be as part of a very enlightening experience. Remember: questions of faith are often a sign of growth.

A **Mother's Day Raffle** is now in progress to support the ministries of our **Holy Myrrhbearing Women Altar Society**. *Serenity Day Spa* has again donated the grand prize: a \$100 gift certificate and basket. Second prize is a \$50 gift certificate and basket from *Hair Event* in Milltown. Buy one ticket for \$5 or increase your chances and purchase five for \$20. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, May 2**, during the Coffee Hour. (*Attendance is not necessary to win.*) See any Society member for tickets. Thank you and good luck!

Everyone is invited to participate in **Holy Bread (Prosphora) Baking** on **Saturday, June 12**, starting at 9 a.m., in the church hall. Learn the process of lovingly making the bread that will be offered to become the Precious Body of Our Lord. It is definitely an amazing experience that should not be missed!

The **15th Annual Run/Walk for the Church** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 19**, starting at 9 a.m. This year's event will again begin and end in South River. More details will be forthcoming.

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **145**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **John Kozak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Senior R Club**. (***NOTE:** The **Parish Council** will be responsible for this ministry during the month of May.*)

CONFESSION & COMMUNION DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON As is our parish practice, there will be **NO General Confession** during these most glorious days of the Resurrection. Those of you who confessed and communed during Lent may continue to approach the Holy Chalice on Sundays and holidays, provided that you prepare accordingly (prayer and meditation) and fast from food and drink after midnight. Please remember that if you miss a Sunday, you must go to private Confession or speak with Father David before communing the next time. (***NOTE:** General Confession will resume on **Saturday, May 15**, following Vespers. For those who desire a private Confession before then, Father will be available, as usual, on Saturday afternoons starting at 5 p.m.*)

BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE are wished upon the newly illumined child of God, **Matthew Hilmy**, who was baptized and chrismated yesterday. We congratulate his parents, **Peter & Melanie**, his godparents and all his family and friends who are sharing in this joy. May he live a life that's pleasing to the Risen Lord for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANKS to **William & Phyllis Robinson** for donating the floral arrangement that is adorning the center tetrapod today; it was offered in memory of Bill's departed sister, **Barbara**. May her soul rest in peace.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to **Norman & Dorothy Edwards** who will celebrate 49 years of Holy Matrimony this Thursday. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Paul & Eleanor Boshko** whose "big day" was last Sunday. May the One Who brought these couples together continue to bring good things to them—joy to fill their lives and love to fill their hearts—for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS to **William Robinson** on the sudden falling asleep of his dear sister, **Barbara**, on Tuesday, April 13. We also reach out to his family—wife **Phyllis**, son **Michael**, and daughter **Kelly**—in their bereavement. May their loved one live in God's peace.

EASTER BAZAAR FINAL REPORT Spring was certainly in the air on Saturday, March 20, when we opened our doors to the community for our *Easter Bazaar*. The sun shone, the birds sang and everyone enjoyed the wide variety of Lenten and Paschal foods, arts & crafts, ethnic items and flowers for sale. Again, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and supported this event, which raised a very nice net profit of **\$4,709**.

PROVODNOYE (ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES) A glorious spring day welcomed everyone, both young and old, who came last Sunday to announce the good news of the Resurrection to their loved ones resting in the parish cemetery. Thanks to the following people who played a part in this year's visit: our **Church Choir** and its director, **Basil Kozak**, for their prayerful singing during the *Paschal Panihida*; **Subdeacon Joseph Shaluha** for helping to transport the necessary liturgical items; **Starosta James Kornafel** for listing the names of the departed; and our intern priest, **Fr. Sean Levine**, for assisting Fr. David during the panihida and blessing. All in all, it was a wonderful day to exchange Paschal greetings with visiting friends and family and to honor our beloved departed by our faith in the Risen Lord.

IN MEMORIUM The entire parish joins the family and friends who are grieving the recent falling asleep of the servant of God, **Gregory Nasarenko**, the brother of **Nami Lee**. May those who are mourning his passing away find both comfort and peace in their faith and in shared, happy memories, for as David the Psalmist says: *"I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up."* (Psalm 30)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS go out this week to **Vera Dorn** and **Alexander Siemienczuk**. May they continue to find joy in their hearts, peace in their souls and love in their lives for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

EASTER LILIES that decorated the church are available, while supplies last, on the left side of the church against the back wall of the hall. Take one and give it a good home. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following youth who successfully participated in last weekend's *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament* in Detroit: **Kristen Berezniak** and **Juliana Nehrebecki**, both members of the Championship Junior Girls Team; **Ewa Naumiuk**, **Natalie Siemienczuk** and **Alexis Steffaro**, all members of the 2nd Place Championship Bantam Girls Team; and Bantam Boys All-Star, **Alexander Siemienczuk**. We commend them on their achievements

and for their exemplary team work. The **Junior R Club** would also like to thank all parishioners who supported its fundraising efforts to get our players to Detroit; everyone had a terrific time and made lasting friendships and memories. *(Pictures from the weekend are on display in the church hall vestibule.)*

WE ARE PRAYING FOR the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as those who lost their lives in the wake of the twin terrorist bombings in the Moscow subway and those killed or injured during last Wednesday's earthquake in northwest China:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
Rose Mankos	Elaine Ashton	Joan Roshak	Ivan Shidlovsky
Peter Keimer	Irene Boule	Sarah Hall	Lisa Beard
Nadejda Sicko	Joseph Casall	Dotsy Hartman	Gregory Nosol
Rita Lyons	Edward Romanofsky	Katherine Tarzewski	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Helen Visocky	Walentyna Posluszny	Paula Hila	David T. Floyd
Joseph Strugala	Alan Zenkert	Joseph Posluszny	Patrick Lohr
William Fedak	Michael Dargento	Nancy Filak	Keith Sudder
August Hofling	Daryl Deissinger	Anna Durovich	Priest Paul Rivers
Nicholas Boshko	Cynthia Denlinger	Kira Gregor	Andrew Kubik
Jakob Vail	Linda Martinovich	Denise Yager	Jason Vaughn
Gregory Nasarenko	Josephine Tillison	Martha Drobnak	Patrick Baldwin
Lisa Muhs	Mary Lou Goldy	Chrise Murrell	Timothy Stepan
Barbara Robinson	Julia Glazer	Dorothy Sopchak	Michael Gregus
	Joseph Casale	Elaine Boshko	Peter Shaw
	Donna Casale	Andre Tirenin	Jacqueline Martinez
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Glynne Smith	Robert Mahrer
	Randall Cline	Marian Morgan	Karen Bonet
	Joseph Lynch	James Dewan	David Gambert
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Beverly Martucci	Gregg Poole
	Aiden Gowarty	Gregory Huba	Fred Bush
	Dorothy Swenticky	Frederick Bhend	Travis Hartman
	Sara Cseh	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter	Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.
	Olga Smith	Walter Smorgans	Elizabeth Brent
	Anthony Garito	Helen Smorgans	Kyle Abbott
	Ermelinda Faziola	Karen Vernak	Matthew Scudder
	Kirsten Hyland	Philip Folino	
	John Cameron	Margo Stewart	
	Janet Firestone	Stephen Janosko	
	Adam Krosnowski	Mat. Eugenia Nehrebecki	
	Ellie Shipman	Robert Kornafel	
	Savanna Dore	Joseph Curren	

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

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP Through the generosity of donors John Tolls, his deceased wife Leatrice, their daughters Lea and Lynley, and honorees Anna, John and John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory, two worthy high school seniors and/or college students will each be awarded a \$500 scholarship to help them in their studies. The deadline for applying is **Saturday, May 1**. To request an application, all interested individuals should contact Carol Deerson (732-254-4979).

NEW PARISH CEMETERY RATES As adopted and approved by a vote at the *Annual Parish Meeting* on Sunday, February 7, the following new parish cemetery rates will be effective as of May 1:

- All new interments in plots at the cemetery will be charged \$1,000 for deposits directly into the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*. This fee will be made per burial at the time of the funeral or may be prepaid. The purpose of this change is to ensure proper care of the cemetery in perpetuity.
- The cost for right of interment (purchase of new graves) will be \$1,000 for parishioners; \$1,100 for parishioners of *St. Euphrosynia Church*; and \$2,000 for non-parishioners.
- A charge of \$250 will be made for the cost of leveling and "jetting" a new grave.

A letter discussing these increases in detail will be mailed out to the entire parish this week; extra copies are now available at the Candle Desk.

THE SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK is participating in the *13th Annual Alan Shawn Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger*. Throughout April, all donations of food and money will be matched dollar for dollar. See the flyers in the church hall for additional information. Everyone is asked to be especially generous with his/her contributions this month.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Announcements for next week's edition 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 phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*Please remember that until the Vespers of Pentecost ("Kneeling Prayers"), there is **no kneeling** in church or at home for private or corporate prayer; standing is the position of gladness and rejoicing. Also, the prayer to the Holy Spirit ("**O Heavenly King...**") is **not** recited. From Pascha until the Feast of the Ascension, it is substituted with the Paschal Troparion. ("**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and, upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!**") We are like the Apostles during this period, "waiting" for the Holy Spirit to come, and the absence of this prayer makes a strong statement of our profound need for the Holy Spirit.*



Congratulations to the **Holy Myrrhbearing Women Altar Society** on this, its patronal feast day. Just as the women of the New Testament administered to the Lord Jesus throughout His public ministry, our God-protected community has been and continues to be blessed with a similar group of dedicated women who selflessly give of their time and talent to promoting Christian living and service; to contributing to the beautification of the church and its servers; and to supporting a wide range of parish activities. It is a wonderful ministry that truly helps lead people to God.

To all those who have experienced the beauty and the elegance of the women's legacy in our parish by being a member of this important and time-honored organization, may their memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat! And to those who, through their firm guiding hands, continue to provide invaluable service to the Risen Lord and His Church, we pray for their good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!