

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 3—SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Ven. Sylvester the Abbot of Obnora; St. Vasile of Poiana Marului

Reading: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

# ✤ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✤

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Faith Feedback Session with Fr. David	
Tues, Apr 27	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Vespers at Annunciation Church in Brick Vespers & Lesser Blessing of Water at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Manville	
Wed, Apr 28 9:30 a.m.	MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST (Lesser Blessing of Water) Liturgy at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Manville or Annunciation Church in Brick		
Sat, May 1	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions <u>Panihida</u> : <b>Nadejda Sicko</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> day) offered by <b>the family</b> <b>William Fedak</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> day) offered by <b>the family</b> Vespers	
Sun, May 2 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	5 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 4—SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN   St. Athanasius the Great, Patriarch of Alexandria   Reading: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 Gospel: John 4:5-42		

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Fr. David has been called out-of-town on business this Tuesday and Wednesday. Accordingly, there will be **NO VESPERS OR LITURGY** in our parish for the Midfeast of Pentecost this week. You are encouraged to attend either SS. Peter & Paul Church in Manville or Annunciation Church in Brick. Also, in the event of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Father on his cell phone (732-740-6230). If you can't reach him, phone Starosta (732-462-3388).

### **IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH №**

Church School Classes will meet TODAY following the Liturgy Dismissal.

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, Fr. David will be offering a **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall **TODAY** during the Coffee Hour. 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 **next Sunday**, **May 2**, during the Coffee Hour. (*Attendance is not necessary to win.*) See any Society member for tickets. Thank you and good luck!

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

The Junior R Club will celebrate the many ethnic backgrounds of our parishioners by hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of the Parish during Coffee Hour on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. More info to follow.

Everyone is invited to participate in Holy Bread (Prosphora) Baking on Saturday, June 12, starting at 9 a.m., in the 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!

**Saturday, June 19** is the date that has been set for the **15<sup>th</sup> Annual** *Run/Walk for the Church*. This is a fundraising event that will benefit *Christ the Saviour Church* in Paramus, *Annunciation Church* in Brick and our parish here in South River. Parishioners of all ages are strongly encouraged to take part by running, walking or financially pledging on behalf of the runners and walkers. This is a fun and fellowship-building day. We hope for a great deal of participation from all three churches. Additional details will be forthcoming.

#### **∞ CHURCH CHATTER** ∞

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER... Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was 152.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **Theodore Gregory**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Parish Council**. (*NOTE: This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout 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.)* 

**OUR THANKS** to the **Senior R Club** for graciously hosting this month's *Coffee Hour*. We are most appreciative of the wonderful opportunity for fellowship provided by this parish organization—God bless!

IT'S A BOY! With great joy, we announce the birth of Spencer Samuel Barrett, the newborn son, brother, grandson and nephew of Jason & Kelly, Laurel Rose, Mary Ann, and Erin & Amy, respectively. The little gift from above arrived on Monday, April 19.0ur sincere wish for Spencer is aptly expressed by the words of David the Psalmist: "*May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways.*" (Psalm 91:17) Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION we acknowledge **Deborah Silowka** for arranging the acquisition of a "new" donated piano for the church hall, as well as those parishioners who transported it on Bright Saturday from Princeton to South River: John Kirkirt, Andrew Mindzak, Janusz Naumiuk and Peter Silowka. May the Risen Lord bless them for their goodness and assistance.

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the icons of the Resurrection and Christ Healing the Paralytic on the center tetrapod were donated by the **Keimer, Horsky** and **Gowarty Families** in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the falling-asleep in the Risen Lord of their beloved husband, father and grandfather, **Peter Keimer**. The arrangement at the base of the Golgotha was offered by **Nami Lee** in memory of her newly departed former brother-in-law, **Gregory Nasarenko**. May their memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP** Through the great 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).

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** go out this week to **Andrew Mindzak** and **Paul Machyowsky**. Belated best wishes are also extended to our *Starosta Emeritus*, **Michael Burak**, who, as the "baby" of the family, turned 87 this past Thursday. May the Risen Lord's overflowing blessings continue to be theirs for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**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 the recent earthquake in northwest China:

<b>Departed</b>	Sick	<u>Servicemen</u>	
Peter Keimer	Elaine Ashton	Joan Roshak	Ivan Shidlovsky
Nadejda Sicko	Irene Boulle	Sarah Hall	Lisa Beard
Rita Lyons	Joseph Casall	Dotsy Hartman	Gregory Nosol
Helen Visocky	Edward Romanofsky	Katherine Tarzewski	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Joseph Strugala	Walentyna Posluszny	Paula Hila	David T. Floyd
William Fedak	Alan Zenkert	Joseph Posluszny	Patrick Lohr
August Hofling	Michael Dargento	Nancy Filak	Keith Sudder
Nicholas Boshko	Daryl Deissinger	Anna Durovich	Priest Paul Rivers
Jakob Vail	Cynthia Denlinger	Kira Gregor	Andrew Kubik
Gregory Nasarenko	Linda Martinovich	Denise Yager	Jason Vaughn
Lisa Muhs	Josephine Tillison	Martha Drobnak	Patrick Baldwin

Barbara Robinson Mary Lou Goldy **Timothy Stepan** Chrise Murrell Michael Gregus Julia Glazer Dorothy Sopchak Joseph Casale Elaine Boshko Peter Shaw Andre Tirenin Jacqueline Martinez Donna Casale Dr. Joseph Pastore Robert Mahrer Glynne Smith Randall Cline Marian Morgan Karen Bonet Joseph Lynch James Dewan David Gambert Lasha Giorgi Pozidis **Beverly Martucci** Gregg Poole Gregory Huba Fred Bush Aiden Gowarty **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 Matthew Scudder Ermelinda Faziola Karen Vernak 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 **Richard Simpson** 

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

THANK YOU to George & Jane Artishenko and Walter Dubovik for their recent donations toward cemetery care. May they be doubly blessed by the Risen Lord for their great generosity.

**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 was mailed out to the entire parish last week; extra copies are available at the Candle Desk.

**BULLETIN OOPS!** The newly departed servant of God, **Gregory Nasarenko**, was the <u>former brother-in-law</u> of parishioner **Nami Lee**, not <u>brother</u>, as stated in last Sunday's bulletin. We apologize for the mistake and appreciate those who brought it to our attention.

**HELP WANTED** In the words of Parish Council member **James Jones**: "*Christ is Risen and so has the grass*!" To reduce landscaping expenses, we are in need of volunteers to help with grass cutting and trimming at the church, the rectory and 7 Acres now through early fall. We provide all the equipment, training (if necessary) and gas. If you can lend a hand, put your name on the sign-up sheet posted in the church vestibule. You can also contact Jim at (732) 238-0735.

**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.

# CHRIST IS RISEN!

## **INDEED HE IS RISEN!**