



May 16, 2010

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 6—SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
Afterfeast of the Ascension**

Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great; The Translation of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim the Abbot of Perekop; Ven. Cassian and Laurence the Abbots of Komel; St. Alexander, Archbishop of Jerusalem; Martyrs Vitus, Modestus and Crescentia at Lucania; Blessed Child Musa of Rome; St. George, Bishop of Mitylene

Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Tues, May 18 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Jakob Vail** (40th day) offered by **the family**

Fri, May 21 7:00 p.m. Matins for the Departed

Memorial Saturday—Saturday of the Holy Forefathers

9:00 a.m. Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana

Divine Liturgy Readings: Acts 28:1-31 Gospels: John 21:15-25
1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed) John 5:24-30 (Departed)

5:00 p.m. Confessions

6:30 p.m. Panihida for **John Saurman** (1 yr) offered by **the family**

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya

HOLY PENTECOST—THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES

9:00 a.m. **Trinity Sunday—Green Sunday**; St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada

Divine Liturgy Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

*(Immediately following Divine Liturgy, **The Vespers of Pentecost** with the **Kneeling Prayers** will be served, after which everyone is invited to the hall for the 2nd Annual “Taste of the Parish” hosted by the Junior R Club.)*

2:00 p.m. Baptism of **Sebastian Camilo Deerson**, newborn son of **David & Angela Deerson**

DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

9:00 a.m. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of Wonderful Mountain

Divine Liturgy Epistle: Eph 5:9-19 Gospel: Matt 18:10-20

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal. Because of *The Vespers of Pentecost* and the “Taste of the Parish,” **NO** sessions will be held next Sunday. All classes will resume on **Sunday, May 30**.

The **Parish Council** will hold its next meeting on **Monday, May 17**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, May 18**, at 7 p.m.

The **Men’s Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, May 20**, at 7 p.m.

The **Junior R Club** will celebrate the many ethnic backgrounds of our parishioners by hosting its **2nd Annual “Taste of the Parish”** after Vespers **next Sunday, May 23**. See last page of this bulletin for all the details.

If you have a question regarding Church doctrine, moral teaching or practice (liturgy, sacraments, etc.), ask it at Fr. David’s next **Faith Feedback Session** on **Sunday, May 30**, during Coffee Hour. This informal gathering is for **everyone** who desires a deeper understanding of how and why we believe. For those who wish to remain anonymous, there are cards in the church vestibule on which to write your queries; once completed, they can be put in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, on the 30th, Father will try to answer all questions as clearly as he can.

A **Memorial Day Panihida** honoring all the departed veterans of our parish will be served at our cemetery on **Monday, May 31**, at 8 a.m. If you know of any recently deceased or forgotten servicemen and women who should be included in the memorial booklet, please contact Fr. David at the rectory.

Everyone is invited to participate in **Holy Bread (Prosphora) Baking** on **Saturday, June 5**, 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 **15th 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 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.

The **Church School Closing and Graduate Recognition Exercises** will take place on **Sunday, June 20**.

Please join us and fellow parishioners on 7 Acres for a **Parish Family Picnic** on **Saturday, July 10**. There will be plenty to eat and drink, as well as games and several movie shorts for everyone. Vespers will also be served in the park. All parish organizations will be pitching in to make this a fun afternoon and evening of food and fellowship. The price of tickets (all-inclusive) is: adults, \$10; children, \$5. More info to follow; meanwhile, save the date!

✕ CHURCH CHATTER ✕

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **166**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Reader Michael Steffaro**. Because of the “*Taste of the Parish*,” there will be **NO COFFEE HOUR**. (**NOTE:** *The Parish Council* will resume hosting *Coffee Hour* on **Sunday, May 30**.)

THE FLOWERS that adorned the icon of the Ascension of Our Lord on the center tetrapod this past Thursday were offered by **Janet, Joseph & Ruth Hartman** in memory of the **deceased members** of the **Zenko, Hartman, Iwanow and Bandarik Families**. We thank them for this beautiful offering and pray that their departed ones will forever rest in the loving hands of God. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

MANY THANKS to **Norman Edwards** for cutting the grass at the cemetery and 7 Acres. May God reward him richly for his sacrifice of time and effort.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST The great feast of Pentecost is **next Sunday**. There are several beautiful customs associated with this holiday, known by many as **Green Sunday**. The interior and exterior of churches and homes are decorated with flowers and branches of green leaves or green plants. Green vestments are worn by the priest and altar servers and it is customary for those present at the liturgical services throughout the week to also wear green clothing. The color is considered a symbol of the new divine life and gifts brought to us by the Holy Spirit, for without His presence in our lives, we are spiritually dead. You are, therefore, encouraged to welcome the Holy Spirit, both inwardly and outwardly, by participating in these traditions.

SINCERE THANKS to our resident *Green Thumbs*, **Paul & Leslie Zelanko**, for planting some of the flowers that adorned the inside of the church on Good Friday and Holy Pascha and now beautify the outside of our temple. God bless!

MEMORIAL SATURDAY One of the five *Ancestral (Soul) Saturdays* that the Church has set aside this year to remember those who have fallen asleep in Jesus Christ will be **this Saturday, May 22**. A form to list those deceased loved ones you want memorialized at the *Matins for the Departed* on **Friday, May 21**, and Liturgy on the 22nd, was distributed in January. If you didn’t get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can leave your list in church or send it to Father David at the rectory.

THANKS to **Leo & Nell Radionoff** for their generosity in faithfully supporting the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* with their recent donation in memory of **Nadejda Sicko**. May God bless them as only He can.

THANK YOU to **Natasha Rogozenski** for her contribution to the Church School. We are truly grateful for this gift, as it shows Natasha's loving concern for this ministry of the parish. May God grant her many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

KEEPING ALIVE THE MEMORY OF VETERANS All Orthodox parishes in the US are invited by *Saint Nicholas Cathedral* in Washington, DC to add the names, ranks and photographs of their US military veterans to the newly established **Orthodox Veterans Memorial Web Page**, a 21st century extension of the cathedral's ever-continuing commitment to praying for our Orthodox fallen. (**NOTE:** Besides being our primatial cathedral, *St. Nicholas* was dedicated in 1963 to the memory of Orthodox Christians who died fighting for freedom.) This new web page features a growing list of Orthodox veterans by jurisdiction and parish. New names and photographs will be added as they are received. Additions should be submitted by E-mail to veterans@stnicholasdc.org; please include the word "VETERANS" in the subject line. All hardcopy correspondence should be addressed to *Veterans Memorial Coordinator, St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007*. Names of service members killed in action (KIA) or missing in action (MIA) not already included on the cathedral's present listing of the fallen will be added and duly commemorated during the Divine Liturgy on Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend.

BELATED BEST WISHES to **Louis & Nadya Silva** who celebrated their wedding anniversary last Sunday. May they continue to share precious memories and God's blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BELATED GREETINGS to **Lynn Siry** who celebrated her 80th birthday this past Wednesday. May her life continue to be filled with God's joy and peace for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as those killed or injured during the recent earthquake in northwest China and our missionaries traveling to *Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage* in Guatemala:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>	<u>Missionaries</u>
Gregory Nasarenko	Elaine Ashton	Ivan Shidlovsky	Diane Dreyer
Lisa Muhs	Irene Boule	Lisa Beard	Jeffrey Hoff
Barbara Robinson	Kirsten Hyland	Gregory Nosol	Tatiana Hoff
Mary T. Banach	Edward Romanofsky	June Buyofsky-Rittman	Stephanie Mindzak
Edna Maletz	Walentyna Posluszny	David T. Floyd	Maurice Rodriguez
Omari Gvaladze	Alan Zenkert	Patrick Lohr	Jack Witkowski
Anna Tarka	Michael Dargento	Keith Sudder	John Witkowski
Joseph Curren	Daryl Deissinger	Priest Paul Rivers	Susan Witkowski
	Cynthia Denlinger	Andrew Kubik	
	Linda Martinovich	Jason Vaughn	
	Josephine Tillison	Patrick Baldwin	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Timothy Stepan	
	Julia Glazer	Michael Gregus	
	Joseph Casale	Peter Shaw	
	Donna Casale	Jacqueline Martinez	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Robert Mahrer	
	Randall Cline	Karen Bonet	
	Joseph Lynch	David Gambert	
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Gregg Poole	
	Aiden Gowarty	Fred Bush	
	Dorothy Swenticky	Travis Hartman	
	Sara Cseh	Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.	
	Olga Smith	Elizabeth Brent	
	Anthony Garito	Kyle Abbott	
	Ermelinda Faziola	Matthew Scudder	
	John Cameron		
	Janet Firestone		
	Adam Krosnowski		
	Savanna Dore		
	Joan Roshak		
	Sarah Hall		
	Dotsy Hartman		
	Katherine Tarzewski		
	Paula Hila		
	Joseph Posluszny		
	Nancy Filak		
	Anna Durovich		
	Kira Gregor		
	Denise Yager		
	Martha Drobnak		
	Chrise Murrell		
	Dorothy Sopchak		
	Elaine Boshko		
	Andre Tirenin		
	Glynne Smith		
	Marian Morgan		
	James Dewan		
	Beverly Martucci		
	Gregory Huba		
	Frederick Bhend		
	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter		
	Walter Smorgans		
	Helen Smorgans		
	Karen Vernak		
	Philip Folino		
	Margo Stewart		
	Stephen Janosko		
	Richard Simpson		
	Catherine Oluich		
	Michael Oluich		
	Vladimir Lewis		
	Matushka Evdokia		
	Hubiak		
	Barbara Wyluda		
	Vera Bilas		

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

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE Do you know of a graduating senior from the parish? Both high school and college graduates will be honored during the *Church School Closing & Graduate Recognition Exercises* on **Sunday, June 20**. Please contact Fr. David or Karen Berezniak (732-390-2990) with the following info: name of graduate, school of matriculation and degree & major (if college). If your high school senior has decided on a college or university to attend in the fall, include this also. The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, May 30**.

OUR DEEP GRATITUDE is extended to **Hank Dziemian, Timothy Green, Joseph Hartman** and **Andrew Mindzak** for taking down the Paschal sign over the front entrance to the church last week; their assistance will not be forgotten.

OUR THANKS to the **Holy Annunciation Sisterhood** for its very generous Paschal offering to the church. We are so grateful for the faithfulness of this parish organization and ask God to bless its members and all of their loved ones for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Maria Spasenyj** on the recent birth of her 15th great-grandchild, **Aidan Joseph Bellissimo**, newborn son and little brother of **Brian, Sara & Luke Bellissimo** and beloved grandson of **Joseph & Lucy (Spasenyj) Bellissimo**. May God grant everyone good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MANY THANKS to the **Senior & Junior R Clubs** for providing and distributing the *Mother's Day* gift of a small flowering plant to the mothers, grandmothers and godmothers of our parish, reminding us of the seed of faith they have planted in us and the nurturing that has caused us to bloom. God bless!

MISSIONARIES HEAD TO GUATEMALA An eight-member mission team from our parish, as well as several people from Connecticut, will be traveling to *Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage* in Guatemala this week. Everyone who has participated in the past has gained more than they've given and we're sure the same will hold true for this group. We pray for their safe journey, as well as their patience and perseverance in witnessing for Jesus Christ to those around them. May they all come home richer for the experience.

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS to **Natela Gvaladze** and **Natasha Rogozenski** for their recent monetary donations to the church in memory of **Omari Gvaladze** and **Nadejda Sicko**, respectively. We also gratefully acknowledge the offering of vigil candles by **Norman & Dorothy Edwards** and **Joseph & Irene Hartman**. Everyone's generosity is most appreciated.

MISSION TEAM WISH LIST All contributions, including any monetary donations, must be in to John & Susan Witkowski **TODAY**.

MEMORY ETERNAL Our brother in Christ, **Joseph Curren**, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, May 3; he was the beloved godfather of **Sharon Rubis**. We extend our deepest sympathy to her and her family on this loss. Although it is a time of sadness for them, may they rejoice knowing that Joseph suffers no more and has found peace in our Father's Kingdom—Vechnaya Pamyat!

BULLETIN INFO To place a message in the church bulletin, please contact Father David at the rectory or get in touch with our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Notices must be submitted no later than **Thursday** for the following Sunday.



*During this post-festal period of the Ascension, there is still **no kneeling** in church or at home for private or corporate prayer; standing is the position of gladness and rejoicing until the Vespers of Pentecost next Sunday. Also, the prayer to the Holy Spirit ("**O Heavenly King...**") is still **not** recited. 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.*

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

We are blessed to have the Holy Spirit be alive in so many people of different ethnic backgrounds in our parish. The Junior R Club is celebrating this diversity by hosting its 2nd Annual

**“TASTE OF THE PARISH”
PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010
AFTER VESPERS (KNEELING PRAYERS)**



We are looking for volunteers to make a dish from their native country (or country of their ancestors). It could be an appetizer, main dish or dessert. We will have an explanation of the dish, the country it came from and who in our parish is from that country.

It will be a fun way of getting to know more about our fellow parishioners!

Please let Allison Steffaro (732-698-1952) know if you are interested in making a dish for this event.

And they all “began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Each of these gifted ones began to speak in another language, even if the other language was unknown to him—the language of a country where he never lived or a language which he never studied. The knowledge of this language was exclusively a gift of the Holy Spirit and His power, first of all, was found out by the ability to speak in languages, because it was necessary for the Apostles, so that they could preach the Gospel message all over the world.