

May 23, 2010

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

Trinity Sunday—Green Sunday

St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada; The Uncovering of the Relics of St. Leonty, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov; The Synaxis of the Saints of Rostov—Yaroslavl; Ven. Euphrosyne the Abbess of Polotsk; Ven. Paisii the Abbot of Gaelic; Martyr Michael *the Black-robed* of St. Sabbas Monastery

Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

TODAY	10:30 a.m. The Vespers of Pentecost—The Kneeling Service followed by " <i>The Taste of the Parish</i> " in the church hall		
	2:00 p.m. Baptism of Sebastian Camilo Deerson, newborn son of David & Angela Deerson		
Mon, May 24 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of Wonderful Mountain Epistle: Eph 5:9-19 Gospel: Matt 18:10-20		
Sat, May 29	 5:00 p.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. Panihida for Paul & Katherine Rudenia (Annual) offered by Nina Marcenko 7:00 p.m. Vespers 		
Sun, May 30 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS Ven. Isaac the Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople Epistle: Heb 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Matt 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 		
11:00 p.m.	Faith Feedback Session with Fr. David		
Mon, May 31 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES FAST <i>Annual Memorial Day Panihida</i> in the parish cemetery honoring all parishioners who served in the Armed Forces <i>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy</i> at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA (106 th Annual Pilgrimage)		

IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH №

Because of *The Vespers of Pentecost* and the "*Taste of the Parish*," there will be **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** today. All classes will resume **next Sunday**, **May 30**.

The **Junior R Club** will celebrate the many ethnic backgrounds of our parishioners by hosting its 2nd **Annual** "*Taste of the Parish*" in the church hall after Vespers **TODAY**. Everyone is cordially invited to sample food from other countries and get to know a little bit more about our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Come!

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m.

If you have a question regarding Church doctrine, moral teaching or practice (liturgy, sacraments, etc.), ask it at Fr. David's **Faith Feedback Session next Sunday, May 30**, during the Coffee Hour. This informal gathering is for **everyone** who desires a much 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!

The 15th Annual Run/Walk for the Church will be held on Saturday, June 19. See letter in this week's bulletin for more details.

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

Fr. Sean Levine will be officially ending his internship with our parish on **Father's Day, June 20**. Following Liturgy, there will be a **Farewell Reception** in the church hall for him and his family. Please plan on attending to thank Father for all his assistance on our behalf and to wish him well in his future pastorate in the Armed Forces.

Join your 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 our 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!

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WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was 123.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Chup**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Parish Council**. (*NOTE*: *The Altar Society will be responsible for Coffee Hour during the month of June.*)

SINCERE THANKS to Craig & Elaine Mazzei and Walter "Blackie" Sudnikovich for so beautifully decorating the inside and outside of the church and hall with birch branches for Pentecost. We are appreciative of their efforts to keep up this custom and tradition—God bless!

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 ministering at *Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage* in Guatemala:

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

Janet Firestone
Adam Krosnowski
Savanna Dore
Joan Roshak
Sarah Hall

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 **next Sunday, May 30**.

FOOD CARDS Please remember to buy a food card and use it instead of cash when purchasing your groceries. They are available for sale during Coffee Hour. If you plan to get one, try to do so when you first enter the church hall, so that those who are selling them may enjoy some fellowship time as well. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Sense** *Not* **To!**

KNEELERS Now that kneeling has resumed in church, please try to raise and lower the kneelers quietly, so as not to cause unnecessary raucous during liturgical services. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to **Lydia Davis** for her contribution to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*. We are very moved by her generous offering, truly sensing in it the love she has for the parish and its ministries. We pray that Christ will be forever present in her heart and that she will know His abiding goodness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS are wished upon **John & Kathleen Kushwara** who will be celebrating 25 years of Holy Matrimony this Tuesday. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Stephen & Michelle Pisuk** who marked seven years of wedded bliss this past Tuesday. May the love these couples have for each other continue to be their heart's greatest treasure for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BEST WISHES to **Nicholas Romanofsky** and **Rebecca Kozak** who are celebrating birthdays this week. May their lives continue to be filled with grace and cheer for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CELL PHONES are great, but **NOT DURING LITURGY**! Please turn yours off before entering church and do not respond to calls until after, **NOT DURING**, the service. Thank you.

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Richard Simpson**, fell asleep in the Lord on May 16, the Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, and was buried from our church last Wednesday. Our sympathy is extended to his beloved wife, **Gloria**, his devoted daughters, **Maria & Deborah**, and his dear grandchildren, **Sean**, **Althea & Nicholas**, as well as all family members and friends. May they take comfort in the love that God and others have for them—Vechnaya Pamyat!

WITH GRATITUDE & JOY we acknowledge a very substantial church donation given by Nami Lee in memory of her former brother-in-law, Gregory Nasarenko. May God grant her good health and long life for 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. (<u>NOTE</u>: Besides being our primatial cathedral, Saint 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 <u>veterans@stnicholasdc.org</u>; include the word "VETERANS" in the subject line. All hardcopy correspondence should be addressed to *Veterans Memorial Coordinator, Saint 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.

THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT adorning the icon of Holy Pentecost on the center tetrapod was offered by **Sandra Saurman** in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the falling asleep of her beloved husband, **John**. We thank Sandy for this beautiful tribute and pray that John will forever live in God's heavenly kingdom.

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 telephone (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.



We continue the celebration of Holy Pentecost with a fast-free week, even on Wednesday and Friday. The Church instructs us to

abstain from nothing during this post-festal period. We are to enjoy all things, both material and spiritual, for everything has been sanctified by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Joyous Feast!

SYNOPSIS OF MAR 16, 2010 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING №

- As a result of the torrential rainstorm on March 13, a tree fell down at the cemetery; it will be removed at a cost of \$1,000. There is also water damage in the church and hall.
- Fr. David attended a meeting with the South River Borough Council on March 15 regarding electric surcharges imposed on notfor-profit organizations. A resolution was drafted to remove all surcharges effective July 1. If passed, all not-for-profits will pay their bills less the demand charges. Action on this matter will not be taken by the Borough Council until June.
- Church and rectory grass cutting will again be done this spring and summer by parishioners. A \$13,000 cemetery maintenance contract for 10 months was presented by *MRS Landscaping*. Council moved to accept the contract with the provision that both a spring and fall clean-up at the rectory and church be included.
- Council approved the use of the church hall for a Fish Fry sponsored by the *South River Board of Health* on Friday, May 21.
- Council unanimously moved to purchase a full-page ad for the book commemorating the consecration of Bishop-elect MICHAEL (Dahulich) on May 8.

№ RUN/WALK FOR THE CHURCH XV №

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Saturday, June 19 is the date that has been set for the 15th Annual Run/Walk for the Church. This fundraiser will benefit not only our parish here in South River, but also Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus and Annunciation Church in Brick. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to take part in this fun and fellowship-building day. We've had a great time in the past and are looking forward to an even better one this time!

This year's family-friendly trek will begin between 11-11:30 a.m. and again start and finish in South River. The distance will be about nine miles for runners and five miles for walkers. Both waterstands and "route marshals" will be stationed at various spots throughout the neighborhoods to offer direction and assistance. As in prior years, each participant will wear a special T-shirt commemorating the day and after the last person crosses the finish line, everyone will be invited to gather in the church hall for some refreshments.

You can take part in this event by joining as a runner or walker, pledging a certain amount for each mile, giving a set donation or offering a monetary contribution towards the purchase of bottled water and provisions for the post run/walk get-together. Whatever you can offer will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, contact me at (732) 690-7461.

This is an enjoyable activity that serves a dual purpose: an opportunity to raise much-needed funds and the chance to meet people from other parishes. So, I'm hoping for 100% involvement from all three churches, especially ours. Come out for an experience you won't soon forget!

Sincerely,

Hank Dziemian

Please fill in one of the lines below and return to it Hank Dziemian.

______for the entire run.

_____ per mile for a total of ______.

(Your name)

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!