



May 30, 2010

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Ven. Isaac the Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

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

Mon, May 31 **BEGINNING OF THE APOSTLES (PETER & PAUL) FAST**

8:00 a.m. *Annual Memorial Day Panihida* in the parish cemetery honoring all parishioners who served in the Armed Forces

10:00 a.m. *Hierarchical Divine Liturgy* at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA (106th Annual Pilgrimage)

Tues, June 1 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Sat, June 5 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, June 6 **2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA**

9:00 a.m. Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker

Divine Liturgy Epistles: Rom 2:10-16

Heb 11:33-12:2 (Saints)

Gospels: Matt 4:18-23

Matt 4:25-5:12 (Saints)



After completing a one-week ministry at the Hogar Rafael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala, we welcome home our parish missionaries: Diane Dreyer, Jeffrey & Tatiana Hoff, Stephanie Mindzak, Maurice Rodriguez and Jack, John & Susan Witkowski. It is great to have them back with us to share their life-changing experiences. Their faithfulness, devotion and commitment to spreading the Lord's message and serving others were truly inspirational.

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

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

If you have a question regarding Church doctrine, moral teaching or practice (liturgy, sacraments, etc.), ask it at Fr. David's **Faith Feedback Session TODAY** during the Coffee Hour. This informal gathering is for **everyone** who desires a much deeper understanding of how and why we believe—come!

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!

All are invited to participate in a **Rectory Spring Clean-Up** on **Saturday, June 12**, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, hoes, shovels, brooms, gloves, etc., and spend a few hours sprucing up the outside of Father & Matushka's home. Afterwards, refreshments will be served. If you can spare some time, please come.

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 & Graduate Recognition Exercises** will take place on **Sunday, June 20**.

Father 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 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.

The **Parish Council** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, June 21**, at 7 p.m.

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 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 information to follow; meanwhile, save the date!

✕ CHURCH CHATTER ✕

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **133**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **John Kozak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. (**NOTE:** *This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout June.*)

OUR THANKS to **Parish Council** for hosting four splendid *Coffee Hours* this month rich in food and fellowship for the body and spirit. Those who helped are to be commended for making everyone feel very welcomed and accepted—God bless!

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 and 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 **TODAY**.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

Departed

Mary T. Banach
Edna Maletz
Omari Gvaladze
Anna Tarka
Joseph Curren
Richard Simpson
Sean Lynch
James Dewan

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule
Kirsten Hyland
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

Servicemen

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
Beverly Martucci
Gregory Huba
Frederick Bhend
Kathryn Patricia Gmitter
Walter Smorgans
Helen Smorgans
Karen Vernak
Philip Folino
Margo Stewart
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

John Cameron
Janet Firestone
Adam Krosnowski
Savanna Dore
Joan Roshak

Stephen Janosko
Barbara Wyluda
Vera Bilas
Nancy Zarillo
Leonard Zdep

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

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. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Sense *Not* To!**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS go out this week to **Stephanie Mindzak**. We pray that God will continue to grant her many happy years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CONGRATULATIONS to the newly illumined child, **Sebastian Camilo Deerson**, who was brought into the love and grace of God's family through the Sacraments of Baptism & Chrismation last Sunday. We pray that the Lord's hand will guide Sebastian throughout his future years and keep him faithful in His ways and in His word and prayer. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THE TASTE OF THE PARISH held last Sunday is fast becoming one of our flavorful favorite annual traditions! Once again, our **Junior R Club**, under the able leadership of its advisor, **Allison Steffaro**, and with the assistance of the **St. Anne's Guild**, did an excellent job of organizing and hosting this event. Thanks to **all the parishioners** who shared their culinary ethnic talents by preparing a dish from their native country or the home of their ancestors. Everyone really enjoyed sampling the delicious food. It was truly a wonderful way to celebrate our community's diverse cultural heritage with "taste," keeping in mind that although we may come from different ethnic backgrounds, we are all still one in Christ.

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). All notices must be submitted no later than **Thursday** for the following Sunday.



*Tomorrow, all Orthodox Christians will enter into the period of increased spiritual labor commonly known as the **Apostles (Peter & Paul) Fast**. For 57 days, we have rejoiced in celebrating the feasts of the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Now, we once again enter into a grace-filled time of preparation for the Feast of SS. Peter & Paul, our parish patrons. During this period, we are called to walk in the footsteps of the Apostles who, after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve in carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth.*

*Because of an early celebration of Pascha this year, the Fast is 29 days long. Whether lengthy or short, this is a period that, unfortunately, is often neglected by the faithful. You are strongly encouraged not to dismiss this time of prayer, abstinence and good works. Use the next four weeks so as, St. Leo the Great says, **"not to be conquered by any lusts nor held in possession by any vices in order that the habitation of the Holy Spirit may be stained with no pollution."***

Let us all embark on the Fast with the feeling of the newly-descended Holy Spirit, seeking to emulate the devotion to the Church that the Apostles, especially SS. Peter & Paul, were willing to give, even through trials, hard work and suffering.



Memorial Day is not just a day off, a three-day weekend or the unofficial start of summer. It is a day on which we stop to remember not only the men and women who died in military service while fighting to defend the cause of freedom, but to honor those who were left behind...spouses who lost husbands and wives...sons and daughters who lost parents. It is about remembering the tremendous sacrifices paid by **all!**

We are blessed to enjoy a lot of freedoms in our country: the right to worship as we please, to work and live where we want and to pursue prosperity and happiness. Most of these freedoms we take for granted. This day we are called to celebrate the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for the privileges we have. Let us, therefore, remember to stop and thank the Lord for those who gave us a democratic republic, freedom of the seas and protection against pirates; they preserved the Union and ended slavery and they saved democracy for ourselves and for others. Let us, also, pray for a world of peace and mutual understanding, so that we may no longer have to resolve petty resentments and grudges with bloodshed.

We should not forget. God does not forget either those who are lost or those who remain. He cares for both and through Him, so should we.

✂ SYNOPSIS OF APR 19, 2010 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ✂

- *MRS Landscaping* accepted the proposed \$13,000 cemetery maintenance contract for 10 months, with the provision that both a spring and fall clean-up at the rectory and church be included.
- The tree that fell down at the cemetery as a result of the torrential rainstorm on March 13 was not completely cut ; consequently, payment will be withheld until the job is completed.
- Per communication with Borough Councilman John Krenzel, our parish will not be paying an electric surcharge effective July 1.
- On behalf of Council, James Jones will be sending a *Thank You* note to the neighbor who snowblowed the rectory sidewalk this past winter.
- Excess dirt in the new section of the cemetery was leveled.
- Excellent feedback was provided on the *Community Service Worker Program* being spearheaded by Jay Pelleriti.
- Because of several omissions made over the past two years, Council will look into possibly acquiring a new vendor to supply our weekly offering envelopes.

✂ 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 around 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. Water stands 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 water and provisions for the post run/walk get-together. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. Any questions? Call 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

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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!