



June 27, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4

St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople; St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer; Ven. Serapion of Kozheyzersk; St. Severus the Presbyter of Interocrea in Italy; Ven. George of Mt. Athos

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Presentation & Question/Answer Session with Fr. Sergei Hardun from the <i>Cathedral of the Holy Spirit</i> in Minsk, Belarus
	2:00 p.m.	Panihida for Adam (Jim) Krainski at Maliszewski Funeral Home
Mon, June 28	10:30 a.m.	Funeral of Adam (Jim) Krainski
	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litiya
Tues, June 29	THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL (Our Patron Saints)	
9:00 a.m.		
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 2 Cor 11:21-12:9	Gospel: Matt 16:13-19
	(A Procession around the church will take place after Liturgy, followed by a Festal Potluck Luncheon in the church hall; everyone is invited.)	
Sat, July 3	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE! Also, because of the holiday weekend and the Parish Family Picnic, General Confession will be held on Saturday, July 17 , following Vespers.)
Sun, July 4	6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5	
9:00 a.m.	St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete; Ven. Martha	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Rom 12:6-14	Gospel: Matt 9:1-8

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

During Coffee Hour **TODAY**, our guest priest, **Fr. Sergei Hardun**, will be giving a talk and entertaining questions on the life of the Orthodox Church in Belarus. Join us as we welcome Father to our community. (**NOTE:** Because of Fr. Hardun's visit, today's **Faith Feedback Session** has been **rescheduled** for Sunday, July 25.)

All parishioners are invited to attend our **Annual Patronal Feast** on **Tuesday, June 29**. The Divine Liturgy with Procession will be served at 9 a.m., followed by a festal potluck luncheon in the church hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule for those who want to bring something to share at the meal (main dish, salad, dessert and/or beverage). This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of this parish to celebrate **together!** Please plan on coming to this communal renewal of faith and recommitment to knowing, loving and serving the Lord, as so beautifully exemplified by our heavenly protectors, SS. Peter & Paul.

The **Men’s Club** will hold a **Bus Trip to Trump Plaza** in Atlantic City on **Tuesday, July 6**. Come join us for a very fun-filled day! Boarding will begin at 8:30 a.m., with departure from the church’s main parking lot at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25, which will include \$20 in slot money. For reservations, contact Edward (732-254-1200) or Paul (732-254-6991) Boshko or any Club member.

All are invited to participate in a **Parishwide Clean-Up Day** on **Saturday, July 17**, starting at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, hoes, shovels, brooms, mops, gloves, etc. and spend a few hours sprucing up the church, hall, garage and the outside of the rectory. Refreshments will be served. If you can spare some time, please come.

There will be a **Parish Council Meeting** on **Monday, July 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Everyone is called upon to help make **Holy Bread (Prospora)** in the church hall on **Saturday, August 14**, starting at 9 a.m. The product of this “labor of love” will be used for the Eucharist on Sundays and holy days. No qualifications, other than a desire to serve the parish, are necessary—come!

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **155**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne’s Guild**. (***NOTE:** This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout July.*)

HELLO & WELCOME to **Fr. Sergei Hardun** from the *Cathedral of the Holy Spirit* in Minsk, Belarus, the homeland of many of the founders of our parish. Among other commitments, he will be a guest observer at the *Presbyterian Church (USA) Convention* to be held next month in Minneapolis. We’re so happy he found time in his schedule to be with us this weekend. We ask you to keep not only Father in your prayers, but all our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Belarus.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE Beginning **this Saturday, July 3**, and continuing through **Labor Day Weekend**, Saturday Vespers will be served at **6 p.m.** Please make note of this time change. (***NOTE:** Private confession with Fr. David will continue to be at 5 p.m.*)

MANY THANKS to the **Altar Society** for hosting *Coffee Hour* this month. May God bless all the members for their hard work and hospitality on behalf of Him and His Church.

A HAPPY RETIREMENT to **Archpriest John Steffaro**, Rector of *St. John the Baptist Church* in Campbell, OH, who is ending his active pastoral duties TODAY. We congratulate him on his many years of good service to the Church; his ministry was an inspiration to all. May he enjoy the rest of the journey that God has planned for him. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

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

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
James Dewan	Elaine Ashton	Kira Gregor	Ivan Shidlovsky
Linda Martinovich	Irene Boule	Denise Yager	Lisa Beard
Leonard Zdep	Kirsten Hyland	Martha Drobnak	Gregory Nosol
Suzanne Matthews	Edward Romanofsky	Dorothy Sopchak	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Protopresbyter Frank Estocin	Walentyna Posluszny	Andre Tirenin	David T. Floyd
William Applegate	Alan Zenkert	Glynne Smith	Patrick Lohr
Emilia Birozak	Michael Dargento	Marian Morgan	Keith Sudder
Steven Senko	Daryl Deissinger	Beverly Martucci	Priest Paul Rivers
Chrise Murrell	Cynthia Denlinger	Gregory Huba	Andrew Kubik
Alla Wheeler	Josephine Tillison	Frederick Bhend	Jason Vaughn
Adam Krainski	Mary Lou Goldy	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter	Patrick Baldwin
Yen Pham	Julia Glazer	Walter Smorgans	Timothy Stepan
Mary Pelleriti	Joseph Casale	Helen Smorgans	Michael Gregus
	Donna Casale	Karen Vernak	Peter Shaw
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Philip Folino	Jacqueline Martinez
	Randall Cline	Margo Stewart	Robert Mahrer
	Joseph Lynch	Stephen Janosko	Karen Bonet
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Barbara Wyluda	David Gambert
	Aiden Gowarty	Vera Bilas	Fred Bush
	Dorothy Swenticky	Nancy Zarillo	Travis Hartman
	Sara Cseh	James Evanoff	Elizabeth Brent

Olga Smith
Anthony Garito
Ermelinda Faziola
John Cameron

Janet Firestone
Adam Krosnowski
Savanna Dore
Sarah Hall
Dotsy Hartman
Katherine Tarzewski
Paula Hila
Joseph Posluszny
Nancy Filak
Anna Durovich

Francis Sidelinger
Judy Roehrich
Mark Megill
Archpriest Leonid
Kishkovsky
Priest Herman Schick
Archpriest John Chupeck
Archpriest Igor Burdikoff
Arlene Krell
Michael Cherewka
Marita McDonald
Danielle Zukowski
Gavin Zukowski
Michael Gozick
Beverly Vietti
Sandra Kay

Kyle Abbott
Matthew Scudder

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

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES A basket is in place in the church hall vestibule for your non-perishable food items. Donations will be distributed to the needy in the community through the *South River Food Bank*. There is a great demand for provisions during these economic hard times, so please be generous.

SUMMERTIME OBLIGATION Even if you plan to take a vacation this summer, the work of this parish will continue in your absence. Submit your offering envelopes and/or pledges for each week of the year, whether or not you are in church. This God-protected community depends on the regular and continued support of its members for its very existence. Thanks!

RIDE OFFERED One of our Council members, **Yuri Nerush**, has graciously offered to pick-up any parishioner from the vicinity of Monroe Twp. and bring him/her to church on Sunday morning. If you or someone you know needs a ride, please call Yuri at (609) 409-8662.

PRAYERS, BLESSINGS & JOY to **Andrew (AJ) Sivess** who is celebrating his birthday this week. We wish him all good things for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Adam (Jim) Krainski**, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, June 24, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. We share in this sorrow with his two sons, **David (Diane) & James (Cathy)**, as well as his grandchildren, sister, extended family and friends. May the thought of their loved one rejoicing in the kingdom of heaven bring them comfort—Vechnaya Pamyat!

IN YOUR LOSS We offer our heartfelt sympathy to **Jay Pelleriti** on the falling asleep of his cousin, **Mary Pelleriti**, on Saturday, June 26. May his faith in the Resurrection uphold him in this time of sadness.

IOCC EXPANDS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMEROON In an effort to promote bilingualism in Cameroon, **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**, the official humanitarian aid agency established by the *Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA)*, will provide new textbooks, valued at more than \$1 million. IOCC has allocated about \$2.5 million in books and critically-needed pharmaceuticals to this African country since 2008. If you would like to assist in this development and emergency relief, call IOCC's toll-free donation hotline at 1-877-803-4622. You can also make a gift on-line at www.iocc.org or send a check/money order payable to IOCC to *IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225*. Whatever you can offer will be most appreciated.

THE FOOD CARD PROGRAM is an on-going fundraising effort that supports the parish. Through May, we have raised a little over \$1,900. So how does it work? It's easy. Just stop by the Food Card Table in the hall on Sunday morning after Liturgy. You can purchase *Shop Rite*, *Pathmark* and/or *A&P* cards on the spot. You'll get the full value printed on the card and the parish earns a percentage of the sale. We all grocery shop, so why not use a gift card instead of cash? It benefits the church and it's convenient!
Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Sense Not To!

IN MEMORIUM The handmaid of God, **Alla Wheeler**, wife of **Protodeacon Eric Wheeler** of *St. Sergius Chapel* in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, June 22, ending a two-year battle with cancer. Protodeacon Eric played a most crucial role in uncovering the *OCA's* crisis in administration in the late 90's. Throughout those difficult years, Alla remained a constant companion and supporter. We extend our sincerest condolences to Fr. Deacon Eric and his children. May the peace of Christ ease their pain of loss and give them strength in the days ahead—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THANKS to the **Junior & Senior R Clubs** for presenting *Father's Day* gifts of multi-pliers to all the fathers, grandfathers and godfathers of the parish last Sunday. May the Lord continue to bless both these organizations for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR THANKS to the **Altar Society** and the **St. Anne's Guild** for co-hosting the *Farewell Reception* for **Fr. Sean Levine & Family** last Sunday. Endings are difficult for everyone, but the kind actions of both these organizations made the heartache of saying "Goodbye" a little less painful and for that, we are most grateful.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL OR MOVING TO A NURSING FACILITY, please call Fr. David to let him know or have a family member inform him so he can make a pastoral visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes can no longer notify Father of your attendance without your consent.

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL met last month at *Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church* in Clifton, after which the following pronouncements were issued:

- A **Spiritual Court** was re-constituted by His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, following the direction of the Apostle Paul that "*all things be done decently and in good order*" in the Church and consistent with the *Statute of the OCA*.
- A **Diocesan Council of Presbyters** was established to advise His Grace on matters pertaining to the life, growth and development of the Diocese.
- In a concerted effort to facilitate, improve and expand communications at all diocesan levels (bishop, deaneries, clergy and parishes), Bishop MICHAEL created the position of **Diocesan Director of Communications** and appointed Archpriest Ken James Stavrevsky to serve in this role.
- It was the expressed feeling of Council members that financially delinquent parishes must begin submitting their assessments and achieve an "up-to-date" status now that we have a new diocesan hierarchy.
- His Grace again appealed to all the parishes, clergy and laity of the Diocese to give full and generous support to *St. Andrew's Camp* in Jewell, NY, as an important resource for ministering to our youth. He plans to visit and reside at the camp between parish visitations, services and administrative meetings.
- The process of moving Bishop MICHAEL and the diocesan offices to the chancery in Bronxville, NY will occur in June, after His Grace fulfills and concludes his responsibilities as the Dean of *St. Tikhon's Seminary*.
- His Grace was tasked by the *Holy Synod of Bishops* with reviewing the current mode and methods of financial support (assessments) in the OCA and developing a more scriptural approach of stewardship, as it relates to financial resources provided from parishes to the diocese and from the dioceses to the OCA.
- The student community of *St. Tikhon's Seminary* donated \$1,000 toward the newly-established **Diocese of New York & New Jersey Relief Fund**, which was initiated by Bishop MICHAEL at his consecration banquet to assist financially struggling parishes with salary subsidies for their priests.
- The *Cathedral of the Holy Virgin Protection* in New York City was asked and has agreed to host the **Annual Diocesan Assembly** on **Tuesday, November 9**.

THANK YOU to **Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Marple** and **Jay Pelleriti** for their donations to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Vera Rosenthal** and **Steven Senko**, respectively. Their generosity is most appreciated—God bless!

BULLETIN DEADLINE All notices for the church bulletin should be submitted no later than **Thursday**. 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).



The Apostles Fast is nearing its completion. As we prepare this Tuesday to rejoice in the ministry of SS. Peter & Paul—two great men that began the spread of Christianity to the far corners of the earth—let us remember their sacrifice by our own sacrifice and discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May God bless us in these remaining days to focus on our commitment and devotion to His commandments, just as these two leading figures of Apostolic times did, thereby receiving the eternal joy of His Kingdom.



Summer is the time for holidays, travel and relaxation—all needed ingredients for a balanced physical life. Balance is also essential for our spiritual life, as well. Both require nurturing, but not one at the expense of the other. "Fun" times without regular worship can seduce us into periods of forgetfulness, extravagance, carelessness and guilt; then summer may not be the time when "the living is easy."

So, as you make vacation and recreation plans for the season, remember to include a commitment to your soul by attending liturgical services at a nearby Orthodox Christian church. Don't allow anything to form an imbalance that interferes with living a well-rounded Christian life, especially time off from work or school. God is with us always, even during the summer!

✂ PARISH FAMILY PICNIC – JULY 10, 2010 ✂

Get to know your fellow parishioners and their families better by joining them on 7 Acres for a **Parish Family Picnic** on **Saturday, July 10**, starting at 3 p.m. 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 around 6 p.m. The price of tickets (all-inclusive) is: adults, \$10; children over 10, \$5; children under 10, FREE. You can purchase yours from any Parish Council member or parish organization head.

Main dishes, salads and drinks will be provided, but desserts/baked goods are needed, as well as small gifts (both adult and children) for prizes. See or contact Carol Deerson (732-254-4979) if you have any questions.

Bring your lawn chairs and be a part of an informal afternoon and evening of food, fellowship and lots of old-fashioned fun! See you there!

✂ SYNOPSIS OF MAY 17, 2010 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ✂

- The Junior R Club and Church School will be redecorating one of the upstairs rooms in the hall to become a new community room/library.
- The informal meeting of parish organizations held at the rectory on May 11 was well received. Better communication between the groups was discussed.
- Immediate maintenance projects to be addressed in the church hall include servicing of the refrigerator, repairing of the ceiling/roof in the kitchen and replacing lights in the stairwell.
- Vents need to be installed in the storage units at 7 Acres in order to give proper ventilation to the gas tanks and grills during warm weather.
- Vandalism at the cemetery was reported; the police were notified.
- A unanimous decision was made to donate \$100 to the *South River Fire Department*.
- Council will forego its usual meeting agenda in June to focus on stewardship within the parish, especially projects that need to be completed.

✂ A NOTE OF THANKS ✂

Dear Parishioners:

*I am so proud and thankful to all those who participated in last Saturday's **Run for the Church XV**. We all came together, not only to raise some money for our respective parishes, but to be with each other as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. It was everything I had prayed for: good weather, great people and an awesome time. There's no need to single anyone out; the support of every walker, runner, water/route marshal, priest, adult, parent and well-wisher was overwhelming. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did; I felt blessed to be a part of such a fantastic day.*

Here's to another great successful event; let's see what we can do in 2011!

Sincerely,

Hank Dziemian

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!