



August 15, 2010

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3

THE DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY
[Blessing of Flowers]

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Philippians 2:5-11 (Theotokos)

Gospels: Matthew 19:16-26
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Theotokos)

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Sat, Aug 21 5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, Aug 22 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4
9:00 a.m. Afterfeast of the Dormition; Martyr Agathonikus of Nicomedia and those with him; Martyr Lupus the slave of
Divine Liturgy St. Demetrius of Thessalonica
Epistle: 1 Cor 16:13-24 Gospel: Matt 21:33-42
4:00 p.m. Marriage of **Gregory Dashkiewicz** and **Irene Radko**



*Fr. David will be leaving town this afternoon to take his daughter Meredith back to college in Chicago. He will be returning home on Friday evening. Accordingly, there will be **NO MATINS** served on Tuesday morning. Should a need for a priest occur, please call our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Sergius Kuharsky, at (732) 833-0716. If you can't reach him, contact Starosta at (732) 462-3388 and he will arrange for a local Orthodox clergyman to assist you.*

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, August 17**, at 7 p.m.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, August 19**, at 7 p.m.

There will be a **Special Parish Meeting** in the church after Liturgy on **Sunday, August 29**, to discuss the acquisition of the (Antonov) property adjacent to the church hall driveway. Please make every effort to attend.

The **25 Week Club**, sponsored by the **Men's Club**, will be starting up soon. Please see any member if you are interested in joining the fun. Drawings will begin in September.

On **Monday-Tuesday, September 13-14**, we will be honored with an **Archpastoral Visit** from our new diocesan hierarch, **Bishop MICHAEL**. His Grace will be with us at both Great Vespers and Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. May we show him the respect due to his office and our gratitude for his ministry among us by offering him our prayers and presence on these days.

In preparation for the *Annual Diocesan Assembly* in early November, our parish will be hosting a **Clergy-Laity Discussion (Focus Group)** for the entire NJ Deanery on **Tuesday, September 14**, at 7 p.m., in the hall. At this gathering, which will be moderated by His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, the *Orthodox Church in America (OCA) Strategic Plan* will be reviewed and analyzed. A copy of this draft document is now available on-line at www.oca.org. Save the date!

The **Altar Society** will be sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Showboat Resort & Casino* on **Thursday, September 23**.

Cost is \$25 per person, with \$30 in slot credits. Try your luck at the casino, shop at the outlet stores, stroll the boardwalk or just watch the ocean tide. The bus will depart from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. If you want to go, see Elaine Boshko during the Coffee Hour or contact her at (732) 254-1200.

It's time again for the **Men's Club Annual Fish Fry!** Plan now to take part in all the food and fun on **Friday, October 8**, from 5-7 p.m. Additional info to follow.

Preparations will soon be underway for this year's **Annual Russian Fall Festival**, to be held on **Saturday, October 23**, in the church hall. Everyone is encouraged to get involved to insure that this event is one of the best ever. More details to come.

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **108**.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS The Epistle will be read by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by **Parish Volunteers**.

THANKS to all the parish volunteers who helped set up and host today's *Coffee Hour*: **Pearl Berezniak, Patricia Chydillo, Diane Dreyer, Joseph Hartman, Ann Krynicky, Matushka Shari** and **Peter & Deborah Silowka**. Time is such a rare and precious commodity these days, so we are truly appreciative of these people sharing their valuable time for this ministry—God bless!

BELATED THANKS to **Father Michael Benechnuk** from our sister parish “up the hill,” *St. Euphrosynia Church*, for serving Great Vespers & Litiya in Fr. David's stead for the Feast of the Transfiguration. We are most grateful for his assistance and friendship. May God continue to grant him good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH to **Vera Dorn, Freda Gunia, Janet Hartman, Ronald & Paula Mindzak, Allen & Marie Mioduszewski** and **Sonia Plutnick** for their gifts to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Stacia Durko**. Our gratitude is also extended to **Ms. Alex**, a dear friend and neighbor of Stacia, for offering 40 candles in her memory. Everyone's generosity is greatly appreciated. May God reward them and their loved ones with His richest blessings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Christine Machyowsky** and **Robert & Michelle Pisuk**. Belated greetings are also extended to **Diane Horvath** who celebrated this past Friday. May they all continue to enjoy long life, good friends, great joy and countless blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

A VERY SPECIAL IOCC APPEAL In response to a record breaking heat wave that has gripped Russia for two months sparking wildfires, destroying property and killing thousands, His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH, is encouraging all the OCA faithful to send financial assistance to the *International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Emergency Response Fund* which will provide immediate and long-term relief, as well as other support to those in need. To make a gift, visit www.iocc.org on the Web, call toll free at 1-877-803-4622 or mail a check/money order to *IOCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, MD 21263-0225*. Give what you can, remembering the words of David the Psalmist: “*O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee; my soul thirsts for Thee; my flesh longs for Thee in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.*” (Psalm 63:1)

OUR THANKS to **Valentin & Nina Kovalenko** for their recent monetary gift to the church in memory of Nina's father, **Nikolai Sicko**. May God bestow His blessings on them for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER Let us pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as the people of Russia who are enduring massive fires, poor air quality and death as the result of a record breaking, eight-week heat wave:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
Stacia Durko	Elaine Ashton	Beverly Martucci		Ivan Shidlovsky
Alan Fazekas	Irene Boule	Frederick Bhend		Lisa Beard
Jacqueline HereI-White	Kirsten Hyland	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter		Gregory Nosol
Edward Schneck	Edward Romanofsky	Walter Smorgans		June Buyofsky-Rittman
Don Djonke	Walentyina Posluszny	Helen Smorgans		David T. Floyd
Helen Smith	Alan Zenkert	Karen Vernak		Patrick Lohr
Michael Cherewka	Michael Dargento	Philip Folino		Keith Sudder
	Julia Glazer	Margo Stewart		Priest Paul Rivers
	Joseph Casale	Stephen Janosko		Andrew Kubik
	Donna Casale	Barbara Wyluda		Jason Vaughn
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidiz	Vera Bilas		Patrick Baldwin
	Aiden Gowarty	Nancy Zarillo		Timothy Stepan

Dorothy Swenticky
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
Kira Gregor
Denise Yager
Martha Drobnak
Dorothy Sopchak
Glynne Smith
Marian Morgan

James Evanoff
Francis Sidelinger
Judy Roehrich
Mark Megill
Archpriest Leonid
Kishkovsky
Priest Herman Schick
Archpriest John
Chupeck
Archpriest Igor
Burdikoff
Arlene Krell
Marita McDonald
Gavin Zukowski
Michael Gozick
Beverly Vietti
Richard Jones
Louis Kosa
Peter Casola
Adam Huba
Janet Hartman
Thea Casale
Ninoslav Kojcic
Rose Mercadante

Michael Gregus
Peter Shaw
Jacqueline Martinez
Robert Mahrer
Karen Bonet

David Gambert
Fred Bush

Travis Hartman

Elizabeth Brent
Kyle Abbott
Matthew Scudder

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

AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE The *second announcement* of marriage banns is acknowledged for the following couples: **Gregory Dashkiewicz** and **Irene Radko**, who will be united in matrimony **next Sunday, August 22**, at 4 p.m., and **Alexander Heimann** and **Catherine Danilo**, who will be joined in wedlock on **Saturday, August 28**, at 2 p.m. The *first announcement* of banns is also published for **Rosario Maimone** and **Erin Muirhead**, who will be married on **Saturday, September 4**, at 2 p.m. If anyone knows of a valid reason why any of these weddings should not take place, get in touch with Father David **immediately** or forever hold your peace.

BULLETIN DEADLINE All notices for the church bulletin should be submitted no later than **Thursday**. Contact our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*The traditional blessing of **flowers** today follows the ancient belief that when the Virgin Mary's tomb was opened three days after her falling-asleep so that Thomas, the only Apostle absent on the day of her burial, could pay his respects, her body was nowhere to be found—only a heavenly fragrance and flowers were inside. The flowers were taken to be a great sign of her holiness. For this reason, we ask the Lord to bless them so that we can use them to adorn our homes, praising Him always for the beauty with which He clothed His mother.*

*Don't forget that when you need to dispose of the blessed flowers, burn them, bury them or simply put them on the ground to decompose naturally. The main thing is to **NOT** throw them in the trash; doing so shows sinful disregard of their blessing.*

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!