



August 29, 2010

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5
THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN
[Strict Fast Day]

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4
Acts 13:25-32 (Forerunner)

Gospels: Matthew 22:1-14
Mark 6:14-30 (Forerunner)

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Tues, Aug 31	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, Sept 4	2:00 p.m.	Marriage of Rosario Maimone and Erin Muirhead
	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>Because of the holiday weekend, General Confession will be held on Saturday, September 11, following Vespers.</i>)
Sun, Sept 5	15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 2 Cor 4:6-15	Gospel: Matt 22:35-46

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

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

With summer vacation almost over, it's time for our **Annual School Supply Drive** to provide South River low-income students with all the items (notebook paper, folders, pencils, pens, etc.) they will need before classes begin early next month. Starting **TODAY** and continuing through **Sunday, September 12**, our Drive Chairman, **Stephanie Mindzak**, will be accepting **MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY**, with which she will purchase school supplies. If you have any questions, contact her at (609) 695-3820. Because of her work schedule, Stephanie may not be in church every Sunday; if she's absent, you can give your contribution to her mother, Paula. A good education can make a huge difference in a child's life and we need to do everything we can to support him/her, so please be generous.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, August 31**, at 7 p.m.

The **25 Week Club**, sponsored by the **Men's Club**, will be starting up soon. 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 hierarchy, **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 host 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 meet at 6 p.m. in the church hall on **Monday, September 20**. New members are welcome.

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on **Monday, September 20**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

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

The next **Holy Bread (Prospora) Baking Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9**, starting at 9 a.m., in the church hall. Just bring your smile and a desire to serve the church—we'll supply the rest!

Look! Look! This year's **Annual Russian Fall Festival** will soon be here! The date is **Saturday, October 23**—not so far away. Everyone is encouraged to get involved to insure that this event is one of the best ever. Hands to work—hearts to God! More details to come.

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **128**.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS The Epistle will be read by **John Kozak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. (***NOTE:** This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout September.*)

SATURDAY VESPERS will return to its **7 p.m.** start time beginning **Saturday, September 11**. Please make note of this service schedule change. (*Private confession with Fr. David will continue to be at 5 p.m.*)

SINCERE THANKS to all those volunteers who set-up and hosted today's *Coffee Hour*: **Pearl Berezniak, Margaret Butch, Diane Dreyer, Joseph Hartman** and **Patricia Larkin**. Also, in addition to those acknowledged in last week's bulletin, we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Craig & Elaine Mazzei** for setting-up and **Helene Christie** and **Helen Pelak** for serving. Everyone's kindness in supporting this ministry will not be soon forgotten—God bless!

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION we acknowledge the recent church donation of **Paula Jerub** and **Joseph & Ruth Silva** given in memory of **Mary Silva**. We also express our gratitude to **Vera Dorn** for her contribution to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of **Steven Senko**. May God grant these donors good health and long life 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 endured massive fires, poor air quality and death as the result of a record breaking heat wave:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Jacqueline Herel-White	Elaine Ashton	Beverly Martucci	Ivan Shidlovsky
Edward Schneck	Irene Boule	Frederick Bhend	Lisa Beard
Don Djonke	Kirsten Hyland	Kathryn Patricia Gmitter	Gregory Nosol
Helen Smith	Edward Romanofsky	Walter Smorgans	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Michael Cherewka	Walentyna Posluszny	Helen Smorgans	David T. Floyd
Charles Sears	Alan Zenkert	Karen Vernak	Patrick Lohr
Agnes Buczek	Michael Dargento	Philip Folino	Keith Sudder
Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER	Julia Glazer	Margo Stewart	Priest Paul Rivers
(Kovacevich)			
Ninoslav Kojcic	Joseph Casale	Stephen Janosko	Andrew Kubik
Nancy Saulter	Donna Casale	Barbara Wyluda	Jason Vaughn
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Vera Bilas	Patrick Baldwin
	Aiden Gowarty	Nancy Zarillo	Timothy Stepan
	Dorothy Swenticky	James Evanoff	Michael Gregus
	Olga Smith	Francis Sidelinger	Peter Shaw
	Anthony Garito	Judy Roehrich	Jacqueline Martinez
	Ermelinda Faziola	Mark Megill	Robert Mahrer
	John Cameron	Archpriest Leonid	Karen Bonet
		Kishkovsky	

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

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
Thea Casale
Rose Mercadante
Joan Pisuk
David Hebert
Bishop NIKON (Liolin)

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.

WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE Once again, sincere thanks are extended to all the parish organizations and parishioners throughout the US, including our own **Carol Deerson**, for the immeasurable kindness and unending thoughtfulness they have offered to many of the orphaned children in Russia and Belarus. Eleven boxes of back-to-school supplies and sweaters and vests were sent out last month. All the recipients are truly grateful, so the good works of this ministry are not in vain. Would you like to make a difference in the life of an underprivileged child? If so, then call (908-232-2632), E-mail (bnafanowicz@verizon.net) or write (167 North Cottage Place, Westfield, NJ 07090-2820) WTC Coordinator, Barbara Nafanowicz, and get involved. The next shipments will be for Christmas. Barbara would like to get them out by the beginning of October, so try to get anything to her by the middle of September, especially handmade or store-bought slippers, mittens and socks, as well as other warm clothing items and additional school supplies. Bring to life the words of Our Lord: *"Whatever you do for the least of My brethren, you do unto Me."* and He will reward you as only He can.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out this week to **Jeremy Posluszny**, **Veronica Burak** and **Anastasia Essl**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Ronald Mindzak** who celebrated last week. May God bless these dear ones in every way for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CHURCH ETIQUETTE There should be no non-essential **talking in church** *especially* after every service begins. On days when Divine Liturgy is served, the Third Hour prayers begin approximately 10-15 minutes prior. From that point on, there should be **no talking**. We should also be quiet and reverent during Holy Communion, the sermon and the brief announcements at the end of Liturgy. Conversation should also be limited while exiting the church after venerating the Cross. Remember that the church is a place of prayer. Our hall is a perfect location to converse, meet and greet each other. Please be respectful and considerate of others while in church. Thank you.

PARISH WEBSITE In order to maximize the effectiveness of our home on the Worldwide Web—www.saintpeterandpaul.org—we are asking three things from you: (1) Remember to visit our website to find out what's going on in the parish. Excerpts from the weekly bulletin are posted. There are also pages and photos that describe parish life and activities, our various ministries and the history of *SS. Peter & Paul Church*; (2) Help promote the parish by spreading the word about our website. If you use E-mail to publicize our church activities, consider adding our web address; and (3) Help create and expand our presence on the Internet by submitting materials and photos for use on our website. We want our site to represent everything that is *SS. Peter & Paul Church*. If something is missing or you have suggestions for improvement, let our Webmasters, **Jeffrey & Tatiana Hoff**, know. A website isn't carved on stone tablets; anything and everything can be changed and bettered. Let's do our part to make it the best it can possibly be.

THE SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK is a busy place and all donations received are appreciated. Any non-perishable food items can be placed on the table in the church hall vestibule. Thanks and God bless!

AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE The *third and final announcement* of marriage banns is published for **Rosario Maimone** and **Erin Muirhead**, who will be married **this Saturday, September 4**, at 2 p.m. If anyone knows of a reason why this wedding should not take place, get in touch with Fr. David **immediately** or forever hold your peace.

FOOD CARDS for *Shop Rite*, *Pathmark* and *A&P* are on sale in the hall each Sunday during the Coffee Hour. Please continue to support this ongoing parish fundraising activity. Besides using them for yourself, consider giving them as *Thank You* gifts to co-workers, employees, delivery people, etc. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Sense Not To!**

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES for a lifetime of happiness to **Gregory & Irene (Radko) Dashkiewicz** and **Alexander & Catherine (Danilo) Heimann** who were united last Sunday and yesterday, respectively, in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May both couples feel the Lord's love in each other's arms and eternally seek His will for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BULLETIN DEADLINE Any and all items for the weekly church bulletin need to be received by Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, no later than **Thursday**. Contact Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Thank you for your cooperation.



*Please remember that a **STRICT FAST** is prescribed for **TODAY**, the Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Our dietary intake and pleasurable activities should be minimal, in order to remind us of the austere life of St. John, for which he was blessed by God, and to avoid the excesses of King Herod which led to his committing the terrible sin of ordering the execution of the Baptist. As Orthodox Christians, let us be vigilant in keeping this fast day in honor of this man, for it was his purity, chastity of heart and freedom from his passions that allowed him to remain filled with the Holy Spirit and gain, through a tragic end on earth, his victorious entrance into the eternal bliss of God's heavenly kingdom.*

In memory of this event, some faithful keep the custom of not using dishes on this day, since John's head was served on a dish/platter; instead, only bowls are used. Also, food that is eaten should not be round (the shape of a head) or require the use of a knife, since a sharp instrument was used to behead the Baptist. Whether or not you choose to follow these traditions is entirely up to you; just try to keep the day quiet and holy.



Besides being a holy day, August 29 is a special day for two very important and integral members of the parish: our Pastor, **Father David**, and our Choir Director, **Basil Kozak**.

Today, we celebrate the anniversary of Fr. David's pastorate here at SS. *Peter and Paul*. For 12 years, we have shared wonderful memories with him, his dear wife, **Matushka Shari**, and their daughters, **Meredith & Fiona**. He has been our pastor, our guide and our friend. Words cannot truly express how much we have appreciated his presence, accomplishments, perseverance, endeavors and vision for our church. Father has been there for us through good and bad times and for that, we give thanks to the Holy Spirit for having sent him to us and allowing him and his family to be a part of our lives. May the Lord be with him and continue to use him for His glory for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

Although his contract technically started on September 1, 1991, Basil served his first Liturgy with us three days earlier, on August 29. On this, his 19th year anniversary of dedicated service to worship and music, we extend our gratitude and appreciation to him for selflessly offering his God-given talents and voice to our parish. He is a wonderful musician and inspirational educator who has continued a century-long tradition of choral excellence. We thank him for coming and sharing himself with us. May he continue to do great work for God for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

They say that true wealth is the satisfaction of talent used in Christian service. If that's so, then both Father and Basil are millionaires! May God continue to shower them and us with His abundant blessings "*knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ.*" (Col 3:24)

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!