



September 5, 2010

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6

Holy Prophet Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth the parents of St. John the Baptist; The Martyrdom of Ven. Athanasius the Abbot of Brest; The Martyrdom of the Holy Passionbearer Gleb; Martyr Tathuil and his sister Bebaia; Martyr Sarbelus of Edessa; Virgin-martyr Raissa of Alexandria; Martyrs Juventinus and Maximus the soldiers at Antioch; Martyrs Urban, Theodore, Medimnus and 77 companions at Nicomedia; Martyr Obadiah of Persia

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Tues, Sept 7 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya

Wed, Sept 8 **THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**
9:00 a.m. Epistle: Phil 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Divine Liturgy

Sat, Sept 11 **Ninth Anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks**
8:30 a.m. Interfaith Service at *Dailey's Pond* (between Prospect & John Sts.)
5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, Sept 12 **16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7**
9:00 a.m. **Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos—Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross; Hieromartyr**
Divine Liturgy Autonomus
Epistle: Gal 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

Our **Annual School Supply Drive** to provide South River low-income students with all the items (notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, etc.) they will need before classes begin this month is now underway. Through **next Sunday, September 12**, our Drive Chairman, **Stephanie Mindzak**, will be accepting **MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY**, with which she will purchase supplies. If you have any questions, contact her at (609) 695-3820. Because of her work schedule, Stephanie may not be in church; 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.

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 Divine Liturgy to celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. There will be a reception after Vespers and a Lenten meal following Liturgy where you can meet and greet the bishop. 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 NY/NJ 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. Come to the meeting with your ideas and comments.

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 **121**.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS The Epistle will be read by **Reader Michael Steffaro**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**.

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

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 earlier this summer:

Departed

Edward Schneck
Don Djonke
Helen Smith
Michael Cherewka
Charles Sears
Agnes Buczek
Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER
(Kovacevich)
Ninoslav Kojcic
Nancy Saulter

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boulle
Kirsten Hyland
Edward Romanofsky
Walentyna Posluszny
Alan Zenkert
Michael Dargent
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Aiden Gowarty
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
Glynnie Smith

Marian Morgan
Beverly Martucci
Frederick Bhend
Kathryn Patricia Gmitter
Walter Smorgans
Helen Smorgans
Karen Vernak
Philip Folino
Margo Stewart
Stephen Janosko
Barbara Wyluda
Vera Bilas
Nancy Zarillo
James Evanoff
Francis Sidelinger
Judy Roehrich
Mark Megill
Priest Herman Schick
Archpriest John Chupeck
Archpriest Igor Burdikoff
Arlene Krell
Marita McDonald
Michael Gozick
Beverly Vietti
Richard Jones
Louis Kosa
Peter Casola
Adam Huba
Thea Casale
Rose Mercadante
Joan Pisuk
David Hebert
Bishop NIKON (Liolin)

Servicemen

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
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.

CHURCH PRACTICES Upon entering the church, Orthodox Christians **light a candle** before an icon as a reminder of Christ's words from the Sermon on the Mount: *"You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father Who is in heaven."* (Matt 5:14, 16) In our parish, we place candles on the stands in front of the iconostasis, next to the tetrapods and before the Golgotha. When you light a candle, you should do so either from an existing candle (not from the votive) or by lighting a taper from the votive and igniting your candle from that.

PASTORAL CARE VISITS Because of the *Right to Privacy Laws*, Fr. David is not notified of parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or have entered a health care facility. He needs to hear from you, a family member or friend, if you would like him to visit someone. Pass on this information to him by calling the rectory. Thanks.

FOOD FOR THE POOR & NEEDY Thank you for your sharing and praying for those who struggle with meeting their basic needs through your contributions to the *South River Food Bank*. Donations of non-perishable items continue to be gladly accepted. Please place them on the table in the church hall vestibule. God bless!

WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE Once again, sincere thanks are extended to all the parish organizations and parishioners throughout the US 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 in July. 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 (bnafranowicz@verizon.net) or write (167 North Cottage Place, Westfield, NJ 07090-2820) WTC Coordinator, Barbara Nafranowicz, 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.

ST. NICHOLAS WELCOMES NEW RECTOR On Sunday, August 1, **St. Nicholas Church** in Whitestone, NY welcomed its new rector, **Very Rev. Joseph Woodill**. Fr. Joseph is the former pastor of *St. John the Baptist Church* in Alpha. After spending a number of years in the Washington, DC area, he and his wife, **Matushka Charlotte**, have returned "home" to our diocese. We congratulate Father on his new pastorate and pray that, with a good heart and willing spirit, he will guide his parishioners in continuing to be faithful witnesses of the Gospel. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BEST WISHES to **Rosario & Erin (Muirhead) Maimone** who were joined together yesterday in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May their lifelong journey as husband and wife be filled with love and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

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!**

BELATED GREETINGS to **Gregory Berezniak** who celebrated his birthday last week. May God's blessings continue to be his for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING At the *Special Meeting* held after Liturgy last Sunday, the parish voted 52-17 in favor of purchasing the (Antonov) property adjacent to the church hall driveway for a price not to exceed \$125,000. We thank all those who participated; your questions, comments and opinions were very much appreciated.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC New singers for the *Church Choir* are always welcome—the door is wide open! There is a place for everyone interested in using his/her God-given talent. Rehearsals are usually held on Tuesdays in the church. For more info, see or get in touch with Basil Kozak (917-697-8058). Be not afraid! Come forth!

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.



It's Labor Day Weekend—a time to rest from our labors and enjoy the unofficial end to summer. But, it is also a good opportunity to reflect on our daily work and discern whether our effort is thankless and uninteresting or something that gives us deep and lasting satisfaction.

Our Lord loves and cares about all aspects of our existence, including our work lives; so, as difficult as it may be, we need to envision our jobs as noble and holy tasks affecting all those around us. The work we do, as the hands of God on this earth, is meant for the upbuilding of His creation and the human community. Let us ask Him, therefore, to guide us in what we do for a living, that we may

do it not for self alone, but for the common good. And, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, may He make us mindful of our co-workers and arouse our concern for those who are unemployed, for as a wise man once said: “If you lose yourself in your work, you find out who you are. If you express that which is in you in your work, it is more than the best you have in you, and what a gift that can be to others.”

May you have a safe and happy holiday weekend.



This Saturday will mark the ninth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy. As we again commemorate all those who lost their lives at the Pentagon, in western Pennsylvania and at *Ground Zero* in New York City, let us also remember the unity we felt and the outpouring of help, kindness and thoughtful words and deeds from at home and around the world that sustained us in the days, weeks, months and years that followed. May we continue to notice, pay attention and recognize the good that was done and not take it for granted. Above all, let us pray to our Lord that we might all live and love and work and raise our families in that goodness, for He is our refuge, our strength, our only hope, our security, our peace of mind and the focal point of our existence and faith. No tragedy can or ever will separate us from Him.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!