



September 12, 2010

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7

Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos—Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross

Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy; Ven. Bassian of Tiksnensk; The Translation of the Relics of Righteous Simeon of Verkhoture; Martyr Julian of Galatia and 40 Martyrs with him; Hieromartyr Theodore of Alexandria; St. Coronatus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Ven. Afansky of Vysotsk, Wonderworker of Serpukhov; Martyr Alexsy Voroshin

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: John 3:13-17

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

- Mon, Sept 13 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Litiya with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, followed by a reception in the hall
- Tues, Sept 14 **THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS [Strict Fast Day]**
7:00 a.m. Matins
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, followed by a Lenten Luncheon in the church hall
6:30 p.m. Akathist *Glory to God for All Things*
7:00 p.m. **New Jersey Deanery Clergy-Laity Discussion [Focus Group]** moderated by His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL (*A reception in the church hall will follow.*)
- Sat, Sept 18 5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **George & Nina Volgyi** and **Olga, Maxim & Arthur Kaminsky** offered by **Robert & Sandra Hoff, Diane Horvath** and **the Grandchildren**
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession
- Sun, Sept 19 **17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8**
9:00 a.m. **Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross—Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross;** Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon
Divine Liturgy Epistle: Gal 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
(Following Liturgy, a mini-molieben for the start of the 2010-11 Church School Year will be served.)

✠ 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 for classes ends **TODAY**. This year, our Drive Chairman, **Stephanie Mindzak**, is accepting **MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY**. Because of her work schedule, Stephanie may not be in church; if she's absent, you can give your contribution to her mother, Paula. Please be generous.

Church School Registration for the 2010-11 academic year will take place in the hall **TODAY** during Coffee Hour; you can also call our Church School Coordinator, **Karen Berezniak**, at (732) 390-2990. We urge *all parents* to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll their children and bond them with the knowledge of our precious Orthodox Christian Faith. (**NOTE:** *The first class will be next Sunday, September 19.*)

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. (*Donations of non-dairy desserts are requested.*) 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 church. 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 **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, September 16**, at 7 p.m.

The **Altar Society** will meet at 6 p.m. in the hall on **Monday, September 20**. New members are welcome.

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.

Any inquiries about Orthodox beliefs can be answered at Fr. David's next **Faith Feedback Session** on **Sunday, September 26**, during Coffee Hour. You may submit your query(ies) beforehand by using a designated card and dropping it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box* located in the church vestibule. Then, on the 26th, come and learn the answer(s) you are looking for—you won't be sorry!

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be on **Monday, September 27**, at 7 p.m., in the hall. (*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!*)

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 (Prosphora) Baking Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 9**, starting at 9 a.m., in the 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! Details to come.

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **101**; envelope offerings were **\$1,302**.

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

HELLO & WELCOME to our new intern, **Seminarian Trevor Beckworth**, from *St. Tikhon's Seminary* in South Canaan, PA. Trevor will be with us for the next nine months to develop his pastoral skills by working alongside Fr. David. May this time afford him the opportunity to gain insight on his spiritual gifts and his calling for the priesthood. We support him with our prayers and encouragement.

OUR THANKS to **Fr. Maryon Chaykivsky** from *St. Spyridon Church* in Perth Amboy and **Fr. Michael Benechnuk** from our sister parish "up the hill," *St. Euphrosynia Church*, for serving Great Vespers and Liturgy, respectively, last week for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. (*Fr. David was called suddenly out-of-town on business.*) May God continue to bless Fr. Maryon and Fr. Michael with good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

PART-TIME TEACHER/ASSISTANT NEEDED We appeal to you, your faith and your love for Jesus Christ to become a part-time Church School teacher or assistant. If you're interested, see or contact Karen Berezniak (732-390-2990). What, you may ask, is the requirement to become a member of the faculty? The answer is simple: Your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is sufficient; that is your degree. Just remember that the 12 Apostles were uneducated fisherman but, because of their faith to their Teacher, they became the greatest theologians of mankind. This is what is needed: **your faith**. It is an honor and a privilege, indeed, for someone to become a Church School teacher because you instruct and instill to our children the Faith of our Lord. Please give this matter serious consideration and talk to Karen.

CHURCH PRACTICE All Orthodox Christians should attend church services every Sunday and on all major feast days of the year. Since attendance is a privilege, every effort should be made to present when the Liturgy begins with the words, "*Blessed is the Kingdom...*" These words call worshippers to experience the reality of the communion between God and all the faithful who are members of the Church on earth and the Church in heaven. The Liturgy embodies the Holy Eucharist; attendance, therefore, is so vital

that Canon 80 of the Council of Trullo, 69 AD, states: *“If a layman is staying in a town without coming to divine services for three Sundays, he should be denied Holy Communion.”*

BIRTHDAY WISHES go out TODAY to **Elaine Mazzei**. Belated greetings are also extended to **Leo Radionoff** who celebrated last week. May the blessings of God continue to be theirs for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE Once again, most 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 the orphaned children in both 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 (bnafanowicz@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.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF HARD COPIES of the Spring/Summer 2010 issue of *The Orthodox Church* magazine are available at the Candle Desk. We strongly urge only those who **do not** have access to the Internet to take one. Thanks.

OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to **Reader Michael Steffaro** on being elected Vice President of the *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA)* during the organization’s annual convention held last weekend in Pittsburgh. May God lead and guide Michael in his new responsibilities and may He bless every decision that is made for the glory of the OCA. 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!**

FOOD FOR THE POOR AND 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!

PASTORAL CARE VISITS Because of the *Right to Privacy Laws*, Father 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 info to him by calling the rectory. Thank you.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH THROUGH MUSIC New singers for the *Church Choir* are always most 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!

PLEASE SILENCE all cell phones and pagers when entering the church. Thanks!

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

Helen Smith
Michael Cherewka
Charles Sears
Agnes Buczek
Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER
(Kovacevich)

Ninoslav Kojcic
Nancy Saulter

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule
Kirsten Hyland
Edward Romanofsky
Walentyna Posluszny
Alan Zenkert
Michael Dargento
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Aiden Gowarty
Dorothy Swenticky
Olga Smith
Anthony Garito

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

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

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

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)

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE 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 telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Thank you for your cooperation.



*On **Tuesday**, we will celebrate the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. This is one of the few holy days that we mark by fasting. Like Christmas Eve, Theophany Eve and the commemoration of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, it is a day of **strict fast**, in honor of the Passion of Christ, Who suffered and died on the Cross to grant us eternal life. Please, therefore, plan your meals and activities accordingly.*

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!