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SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 6—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem; St. Euthymius, Bishop of Novgorod; Hieromartyr Pionius of Smyrna and those with him: Ascelpiades, Macedonia, Linus and Sabina; The Translation of the Relics of Martyr Epimachus of Pelusium; St. Sophronii, Bishop of Vracha; Ven. Sophronii the Recluse of the Kiev Caves; St. George the Abbot of Sinai and brother of St. John Climacus; St. Angus the Culdee, Bishop of Clonenagh; Hieromartyr Eulogius, Metropolitan of Cordoba; St. George the New, Wonderworker of Constantinople; St. Theodora the Queen of Arta and wife of Despot Michael II of Epirus

Epistles: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)

Gospels: Mark 2:1-12
John 10:9-16 (Saint)

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead * (Third Week of Great Lent)

TODAY	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Mission Vespers with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, at St. Gregory Palamas Church in Glen Gardner
Tues, Mar 13	7:00 a.m.	Lenten Matins
Wed, Mar 14	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Fri, Mar 16	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Matins for the Departed followed by Confessions
Sat, Mar 17	9:00 a.m.	THIRD SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Memorial Saturday Ven. Aleksy the Man of God
Divine Liturgy		Epistles: Heb 10:32-38 1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)
		Gospels: Mark 2:14-17 John 5:24-30 (Departed)
		(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)
5:00 p.m.		Confessions
6:30 p.m.		Panihida for the Departed Members of the Eichler Family (Annual) offered by Natalie Eichler
7:00 p.m.		Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of the Cross followed by Confessions
Sun, Mar 18		THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 7—VENERATION OF THE CROSS
9:00 a.m.		The Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha ; St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem
Divine Liturgy		Epistles: Heb 4:14-5:6 Heb 13:17-21 (St. Nikolai)
		Gospels: Mark 8:34-9:1 John 10:9-16 (St. Nikolai)
		(The Formal Installation of the 2012 Parish Council will take place following Liturgy.)
4:00 p.m.		Lenten Mission Vespers at Church of the Mother of God in Mays Landing

✧ *What's Up in Our Parish* ✧

Church School Classes will resume **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

A **Special Collection** was taken during Liturgy **TODAY** for **Fr. Adam Sexton & Family** of *Saint John the Baptist Church* in Nanticoke, PA. A fire raged through the parish rectory last Sunday morning completely destroying it, as well as everything material inside. The family of 10 is temporarily staying in a hotel in Wilkes-Barre and is in need of money, clothes and other belongings. If you were unprepared to donate, please do so next week and be generous in support of this cause.

Our intern priest, **Fr. Gerasim Eliel**, will be offering a four-week series entitled ***Scripture 101: An Intro to the Bible*** on Sundays, beginning **TODAY** through **April 1**, during Coffee Hour. Join him this Lent as we journey together as a community of Scripture readers.

The **Men's Club** will meet on **Thursday, March 15**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

The **Formal Installation of the 2012 Parish Council** will take place **next Sunday, March 18**, with a brief prayer service after Liturgy. The new Council's first meeting will be held on **Monday, March 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Orders will be ready for pick-up in the church hall **next Sunday, March 18**.

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, March 19**, at 6 p.m.

Lenten Youth Sunday, a day our parish will celebrate all its young people, will be on the **Feast of the Annunciation, March 25**. The youth will be involved in many parts of the Liturgy, including reading of the Hours and Epistles, holding the Communion cloth, working the Candle Desk, ringing the bells and collecting the weekly offering. Please be sure to attend.

As is customary in our parish during the season of Great Lent, the **Sacrament of Holy Unction** will be celebrated on **Thursday, April 5**, at 7 p.m. In a time when the world presents us with all manner of alternative therapies, self-help books and new-age healing techniques, it is important for us to remind ourselves that it is Christ Who heals us and redeems fallen creation with its suffering and pain. We must turn to Him for the healing of our souls and bodies. Therefore, anyone whose physical, emotional or spiritual health is seriously impaired is encouraged to attend. (**NOTE: Because Unction is intrinsically bound to the physical and spiritual healing that we receive in the life of the Church, we must approach this sacrament as we would Communion and seek to free ourselves of the sins that separate us from the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is proper for those who are not regular communicants to be absolved of their sins through Confession before being anointed. If you have any questions, contact Fr. David.**)

✧ *News That Matters* ✧

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **146**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next Sunday by **John Kozak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne's Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Berezniak**.

HOLY CONFESSION is necessary for your spiritual life and growth as an authentic Orthodox Christian, especially during this penitential period of Great Lent. It should never be something you put off till the "last minute." In the remaining four weeks of the Fast, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to complete this act of reconciliation in preparation for Pascha (Easter). Please **DO NOT** wait until Holy Week to fulfill this obligation. Check *The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead* in the weekly bulletin to find the time that is best for you. Remember that there can be no true faith in God without repentance—don't put it off any longer!

THE 2012 FOCA CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST is now underway. As in years past, it is open to all Orthodox Christian children and youth. Entrants need not be members of an FOCA chapter. This year's theme, *My Friends in the Faith*, can be expressed in four categories: creative writing, music, visual arts and photography. A detailed list of rules for each category and entry forms may be found on the FOCA website under the "Juniors" tab. Entries must be submitted by **Holy Thursday, April 12**. All submissions will be displayed at this year's *FOCA National Bowling & Basketball Tournaments*, during which awards will be presented.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS As Orthodox Christians, it is as natural for us to intercede for the departed as it is for those who are still alive. Our Holy Church teaches that the departed are no longer able to rectify their lives as they could on earth; hence, their only hope is for us to pray for them and to do good deeds in their name in order to cover any unrepentant sins that

they might have brought into the next life. As an act of love and mercy, the Church has set aside *Memorial (Soul) Saturdays* to publicly commemorate all her departed children. The last of this year's two Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **this Saturday, March 17**. Liturgy on this day will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form was included in the January 29 bulletin to list the names of your loved ones who have departed this life in the hope of the resurrection unto life eternal. (*There are also extra copies still available at the Candle Desk.*) Please write their Christian baptismal names (first names only). Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Remember: do not consider your dearly departed as dead—they are very much alive, only in another place. If they repose in glory, your prayers for them will come back to you, as those of the saints. Our bright and joyous faith teaches that someday, you will again see them in a renewed form.

BRING A FRIEND along with you to church. Encourage your relatives to attend services faithfully. It our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE at www.saintpeterandpaul.org. You can read the parish history, peruse parts of the church bulletin, find a schedule of services and learn about all our parish organizations. As this is always a work in progress, with updates done regularly, our Webmasters, **Jeff & Tatiana Hoff**, would be more than happy to post any noteworthy photos and/or announcements; you can contact them by E-mail (webmaster@saintpeterandpaul.org or jeffhoff@gmail.com).

THE 2012 ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT is \$200 per individual. We are almost in the middle of March, the third month of the year. Have you taken care of this financial obligation? Remember that all parishioners are morally committed to support the church and its institutions by payment of all past and present assessments, as well as participation in the envelope system. You are strongly encouraged to be very generous, as it is only through your loyal giving by which we can continue the work and divine mission of this God-protected parish.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL We are extremely lucky to have a very good parish library with books for both children and adults. Lent is an ideal time to improve your knowledge of the Church and Christian life. Why not go upstairs in the hall to the Church School and browse during Coffee Hour? Remember the old Chinese proverb: *A book, tight shut, is but a block of paper.*

PASTORAL CARE—HOSPITAL MINISTRY Please keep Fr. David informed of parishioners who are ill or going into the hospital so that he can offer prayers and support.

LENTEN FOOD BANK CHALLENGE Lent is often viewed as a time for giving something up. This year, you are asked to think about giving TO something during this season of preparation for Pascha: the **South River Food Bank**. For the 15th straight year, food bank agencies around the US are invited to participate in the **Alan Shawn Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger**. The members of the South River Board of Health and the staff of the South River Food Bank are enthusiastically taking up this challenge by soliciting donations during March and April. All food and monetary offerings made to the Food Bank during these two months will help it receive a larger donation from the Feinstein giveaway. Detailed information is available on the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Donations of food can be left on the table in the church hall vestibule. Any monetary contributions can be placed in an envelope marked "*Lenten Food Bank Challenge*" and given to Paul Zelanko. Our thanks for your support!

DEEPEST THANKS to the **St. Anne's Guild** for hosting a most appropriate and delicious *Communion Breakfast* last Sunday for all parishioners. May the Lord bless this organization for its kind concern and thoughtfulness.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Fiona Garretson** and **Dorothy Edwards** who are all celebrating birthdays this week. May every day bring these parishioners continued happiness and God's blessings. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THE RUSSIAN ECCLESIASTICAL MISSION (REM) IN JERUSALEM Since its inception in 1858, the REM in Jerusalem has been the guardian of sacred sites in the Holy Land and other areas of Palestine. Thanks to the past charitableness of donors throughout the world, over \$1 million has been sent over the last 14 years to provide material aid to our holy convents in Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives, as well as the *Skete of St. Chariton*. The needs continue to be extensive and financial assistance is humbly requested in support of these monastic endeavors. Please send whatever you can to *REM, 75 East 93rd Street, New York, NY 10128*. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold for your generosity and may He enable you, one day, to visit the places where He lived and fulfilled our salvation.

IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS please remember the following parishioners, family members and friends:

Departed

Protopresbyter Joseph Kreta
Protodeacon Michael Stulpin
Benedetto Pelleriti
Carol Ann Jewels
Isabelle Teszla
Patricia Franchino
Michael Mann
Michael Durovich

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule
Edward Romanofsky
Walentyna Posluszny
Alan Zenkert
Michael Dargento
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Dorothy Swenticky
John Cameron
Katherine Tarzewski

Martha Drobnak
Dorothy Sopchak
Margo Stewart
Barbara Wyluda

Arlene Krell
Beverly Vietti
Adam Huba
Thea Casale
David Hebert
Robert Smith
Thomas Roche
Theresa Rogozenski
Olga Romanofsky
Alyssa Rosatelli
John Bihuniak
Larry Kimpert
Patricia Cottrell
Elaine Schwartz
Athene Demitry

Timothy Magee
John Centrelo
Nancy Filak
Charles Csenica
Barbara Parhizgar
Mikola Zakrewsky
Kim Walker

Servicemen

Dennis Silowka
Alexandre Kurtanidze
Darren Flynn
Beth Williscroft
Malcolm Bradford
Barbara Longo
Charlene Sofer
Brenda Foster
Paul Pavlik
Stavroula Parks
Priest Herman Schick
Subdeacon Basil Quinn
Archpriest Thomas Edwards
Eva Fedash
Olga Kozlov
Bishop NIKON (Liolin)
Archpriest Alexander Atty
Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt
Melissa
Anna Janiszewski
Archpriest Paul White
Myrna Woznica
Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti
Daniel Parker
Jean Catherine Brooks
Samuel Garretson
Jami Porzi
Richard Baylor
Joseph Posluszny
Gilson Costa
Pearl Blower
Presbytera Florence Cassar
Sophie Teszla
Natalie Teszla
Jonathan Zdybel
Ellie Jacobs
Mary Rock
Louis Silva
Joan Uler
Barbara Minard

Ivan Shidlovsky
Lisa Beard
Gregory Nosol
June Buyofsky-Rittman
David T. Floyd
Patrick Lohr
Keith Sudder
Priest Paul Rivers
Patrick Baldwin
Timothy Stepan
Michael Gregus
Peter Shaw
Jacqueline Martinez

Karen Bonet
David Gambert
Fred Bush
Travis Hartman

Elizabeth Brent
Kyle Abbott
Priest Sean Levine
Gary Amatrudo Jr.
Steven Moore
James G. Teller

If you have a friend or loved one for whom you would like us to pray, please contact Father David or Starosta.

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Michael Durovich**, fell asleep in the Lord at the end of February. He was a lifelong communicant of this parish until 1992 when he moved with his beloved wife, **Elizabeth (Betty)**, to Bedford, VA. We offer our sincere sympathy to Michael's dear brother and sister, **Harry Durovich** and **Vera Dorn**, as well as his family and friends, and ask that the Lord be with them in their time of grief, bringing them consolation and hope—Vechnaya Pamyat!

CONFESSION & COMMUNION OF SHUT-INS Fr. David would like to make sure that all parishioners at home, in retirement communities or in specialized care facilities participate in the sacraments of Holy Confession & Communion this Lent. Although he has a current listing, it may have erroneous or missing info. Therefore, if you know of someone who may not be on the list and would like to be confessed and communed at home, please let him know **as soon as possible**.

THANKS to the following individuals for their recent donations to the parish:

Handicap Access Fund: **Sonja Harris and Janet & Ruth Hartman** (in memory of **Benedetto Pelleriti**)

Church/General Fund: **Joseph & Gloria Basara, Edward & Elaine Boshko, Paul & Eleanor Boshko, Michael Burak, Margaret Butch, Patricia Chidylo, Mary Fritz, Robert & Sandra Hoff, Olga, James & Kathryn Kornafel, Stella Laptosh, Patricia Larkin and Tamara Sica** (all in memory of **Benedetto Pelleriti**) and **Sonia Plutnick** (in memory of **Michael Durovich**)

Perpetual Care Fund: **Diane & Lauren Horvath** (in memory of **Benedetto Pelleriti**)

We also sincerely acknowledge the **St. Anne's Guild** for contributing all the proceeds from last month's *Annual Sweetheart Bake Sale* to the church. We are so grateful for everyone's financial support—God bless!

UPDATING OUR RECORDS is an ongoing process. Because we are a large parish with members living in many counties throughout the state, staying on top of this can, at times, be difficult. You can help. We would like to have all parishioner information be correct or corrected; therefore, if you have recently moved and/or changed phone numbers or names (through marriage, separation, divorce, death, etc.), please let Fr. David or Starosta know. Your assistance in this project will be most appreciated.

THE DEADLINE to submit all info for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**. Get in touch with Fr. David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



As we enter the third week of the Great Lenten journey, we hope and pray that your fast is going well and profitable, not only for your physical nature, but also for your spiritual soul.

Let us remember that this is, by no means, a time of gloomy self-denial or self-pity. It is a time for true repentance and reflection—a time to make those changes in our lives that will bring us closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. And how can we accomplish this? Through increased prayer life and attendance at Divine Services; serious and more frequent participation in the sacraments of Holy Confession & Communion; deeper commitment to studying the Word of God; and greater involvement in helping those in need, be they sick, poor, underprivileged, imprisoned, bedridden, discouraged, strangers, lonely or of a different color, nationality or background. If we do all these things, we will surely gain an awareness of genuine peace and joy in communion with God and those around us.

* *Annual Easter Bazaar – March 31, 2012* *

Believe it or not, our **Annual Easter Bazaar** is just three weeks away! Again, the opportunity is here for all of us to work **together** as a parish and enjoy a day of fellowship. Our Bazaar Co-chairmen, Patricia Larkin (732-605-1351) and Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478), are asking for as much assistance as possible. The more hands, the smoother this event will run. Contact them—your participation in this fundraiser will be appreciated, whether you give of your time or talents or simply make a donation of baked goods or homemade crafts. Monetary offerings to offset advertising costs will also be gladly accepted.

Pierogie-making is scheduled for **Friday-Saturday, March 16-17**; volunteers are needed on both days starting at noon and 10:30 a.m., respectively. Any questions should be directed to Rebecca Kozak (973-378-2443).

Kielbasa orders are being handled by Michael Burak (732-254-0879); a 2-lb minimum is requested. The order deadline is **next Sunday, March 18**. Assistance to make the sausage is needed on **Thursday-Friday, March 22-23**. Those of you who have not helped in the past are encouraged to do so and learn something new; see Mickey for details.

Babka orders are still being taken by Debra Ann Jones, either by telephone (732-238-0735) or E-mail (dshaluha@comcast.net), through **Sunday, March 25**. Get them in early and often! This year's variety includes cheese, cinnamon crumb, prune, poppy, raspberry (NEW), apricot and raisin for \$9.50 and raspberry cheese, apricot cheese (NEW) and chocolate cheese (NEW) for \$10. Orders can be picked up in the hall on **Thursday, March 29**, between 2 and 7 p.m.

Get the word out and bring all your family, neighbors, acquaintances and co-workers for a great day of fundraising, friendship and community. Tell everyone to avoid all the crowds at the supermarkets and get their delicious Easter basket goodies easily and conveniently. We're counting on your support!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!