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April 22, 2012

### ANTIPASCHA—Tone 1—ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis; The Translation of the Relics of Right-believing Great Prince Vsevolod the Wonderworker of Pskov; Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement; Ven. Vitalis of Gaza

Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Gospel: John 20:19-31

### \* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead \*

TODAY	1:00 p.m.	Provodnoye—Annual Easter Cemetery Visitation
Mon, Apr 23 10:00 a.m.	Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer and Wonderworker George	
Divine Liturgy	Reading: Acts 12:1-11      Gospel: John 15:17-16:2 (His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, will be the main celebrant, after which there will be a meeting of the NJ Deanery in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to attend the service.)	
Tues, Apr 24	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, Apr 28	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, Apr 29 9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 2—SUNDAY OF THE HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN	
Divine Liturgy	Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Venerable Nicodemus; Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus Reading: Acts 6:1-7      Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 (During Liturgy, prayers for the health and repose of the members of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women Altar Society will be offered.)	

### \* What's Up in Our Parish \*

Because of the *Blessing of Graves* (Provodnoye), there will be NO Church School today. Classes will resume next Sunday, April 29.

A Special Parish Meeting will be held in the church the after Liturgy TODAY to discuss the Rock house on the corner of Jeffrie & Linden Avenues. All parishioners are urged to attend.

**Provodnoye**, the Annual Easter Cemetery Visitation, will take place, weather permitting, **TODAY**. Rebecca Kozak and James Kornafel will be at the Central Cross, starting at **12 noon**, with forms for writing the first names of those buried at the cemetery. At 1 p.m., Father David, along with our intern priest, Father Gerasim Eliel, and the Church Choir, will celebrate the *Paschal Panihida* commemorating all the deceased people listed. Following the service, Frs. David and Gerasim will bless each plot with Holy Water. After all graves are blessed, Fr. David will then bless any new monuments, upon request. If the weather should prevent the visitation on this day, it will take place **next Sunday, April 29**, at 1 p.m.

A **New Jersey Deanery Meeting** will be hosted by our parish on **Monday, April 23**. Liturgy with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the service.

**Parish Council** will meet on **Monday, April 23**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

**Choir Rehearsal** will resume on **Tuesday, April 24**, at 7 p.m., in the church.

Join the **Men's Club** for an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Showboat Casino* on **Tuesday, May 15**. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus usually fills up very quickly, so make your reservations **as soon as possible**. If you're interested in going, phone Edward Boshko at (732) 254-1200.

✱ *News That Matters* ✱

**STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE** Attendance at the Paschal Services last Sunday: Nocturne/Matins, **215**; Liturgy, **191**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next Sunday by **Subdeacon Paul Machyowsky**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Silowka**. (**NOTE:** *The Senior R Club will be responsible for Coffee Hour during the month of May.*)

**CONFESSION AND COMMUNION DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON** As is our practice during these most glorious days of the Holy Resurrection, there will be **NO General Confession** until the **Eve of Pentecost, June 2**. Those of you who confessed during Great Lent and communed on Pascha may continue to approach the Holy Chalice on Sundays and holidays, provided that you prepare accordingly (prayer and meditation) and fast from food and drink after midnight. Remember that if you miss one Sunday, you must go to private Confession or at least speak with Fr. David before communing the next time. (**NOTE:** *For those in need of Confession, Father will be available, as usual, on Saturday afternoons, starting at 5 p.m.*)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**Midfeast of Pentecost with *Lesser Blessing of Water (May 9)*...Mother's Day (**May 13**)...Ascension Day (**May 24**)...Holy Pentecost/<sup>4th</sup> Annual *Taste of the Parish (June 3)*...The Apostles' Fast Begins (**June 11**)...Father's Day (**June 17**)...<sup>17th</sup> Annual *Run/Walk for the Church (June 23)*...Patronal Feast of SS. Peter & Paul (**June 29**)...Annual Parish Picnic of *Christ the Saviour Church* in Paramus (**July 22**)...Annual Parish Picnic of *Annunciation Church* in Brick (**July 29**).

**PLEASE REMEMBER** the following parishioners, family members and friends in your prayers this week:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>			<u>Servicemen</u>
Pope SHENOUDA III	Elaine Ashton	Robert Smith	Samuel Garretson	Ivan Shidlovsky
Marie Fidyk	Irene Boulle	Thomas Roche	Joseph Posluszny	Lisa Beard
Barbara Minard	Edward Romanofsky	Theresa Rogozenski	Gilson Costa	Gregory Nosol
Ryan Alley	Walentyna Posluszny	Olga Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	David T. Floyd
Krishna Kesari	Alan Zenkert	Alyssa Rosatelli	Presbytera Florence	Patrick Lohr
			Cassar	
Cynthia Mazurek	Michael Dargento	Larry Kimpart	Ellie Jacobs	Keith Sudder
Wladimir Alekseyev	Julia Glazer	Patricia Cottrell	Joan Uler	Priest Paul Rivers
Deacon John Zarras	Joseph Casale	Elaine Schwartz	Archpriest Stephen	Patrick Baldwin
			Mack	

Laura Mercolino  
Mary Rock

Donna Casale  
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis  
Dorothy Swenticky  
John Cameron  
Katherine Tarzewski  
Martha Drobnak  
Dorothy Sopchak  
Margo Stewart  
Barbara Wyluda  
Deacon John Diamantis

Beverly Vietti  
Adam Huba  
Thea Casale  
David Hebert  
Myrna Woznica

Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti  
Jean Catherine Brooks

Archpriest Michael Meerson

Athene Demitry  
Timothy Magee  
John Centrello  
Nancy Filak  
Charles Csenica  
Barbara Parhizgar  
Mikola Zakrewsky  
Kim Walker  
Dennis Silowka  
Alexandre  
Kurtanidze  
Darren Flynn  
Beth Williscroft  
Malcolm Bradford  
Barbara Longo  
Charlene Sofer

Brenda Foster  
Archpriest John  
Kassatkin

Beth Van Orden  
Florence  
Arlene Krell  
Maria Simpson  
Mary Fritz  
Karen Zimmerman  
Olga Kozlov  
Fred Haas  
Julio Andres  
Veramende  
Dee  
Iwan Jakimtschuk  
Andriy Kinash  
Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt  
Archpriest  
Alexander Atty  
Eva Fedash  
Bishop NIKON  
(Liolin)

Michael Gregus  
Peter Shaw  
Jacqueline Martinez  
David Gambert  
Fred Bush  
Travis Hartman  
Elizabeth Brent  
Kyle Abbott  
Priest Sean Levine  
Gary Amatrudo Jr.  
  
Steven Moore  
James G. Teller

Please contact Fr. David or Starosta if you know of someone who should be on this list.

**FLOWER DONATIONS** We wish to thank **Janice Meade** and **Norman & Dorothy Edwards** for the floral arrangements on the center tetrapod last Sunday and today, respectively. The flowers on Pascha were offered not only in memory of Janice's dear parents, **John & Theresa Borak**, but in celebration of her twin grandsons' third birthday (**Gavin & Reilly Meade**). Today's centerpiece was given by the Edwards in commemoration of their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. We sincerely thank the donors for such lovely tributes; they certainly added great beauty to our church. May the blessings of the Risen Lord be theirs for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**UPDATING OUR RECORDS** is an ongoing process. Because we are such 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 telephone numbers or names (through marriage, separation, divorce, death, etc.), let Father David or Starosta know. Your assistance in this project will be most appreciated.

**SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP** Application packets are still available from Carol Deerson, Scholarship Coordinator. They must be completed and submitted by **Tuesday, May 1**. (*All supplemental materials, such as letters of reference and transcripts, are due by Monday, May 28.*) To qualify, an applicant and his/her family must be church members in good standing for at least two years prior to May 1. They must also be regular participants in the sacramental life of the church and demonstrate proper stewardship and support of the parish. The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student in a two-year, four-year or certificate granting institution and have high school and/or college grade point averages of 2.25 or better. Phone Carol (732-254-4979) with any questions.

**VISIT OUR PARISH LIBRARY** upstairs in the Church School and become enlightened by the wide selection of books available for **all ages**. Just because Lent is over **does not** mean you should stop trying to better your understanding of the Holy Orthodox Faith—come and browse!

**BIRTHDAY WISHES** go out this week to **Michael Burak, Sandra Hoff, Suzanne Witkowski** and **Alexander Siemieniczuk**. May the blessings of the Risen Lord continue to be with all of them for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**OUR THANKS** to **Dorothy Messeka** for her recent generous church donation in memory of **Michael Durovich**. We also want to acknowledge Paschal offerings made last Sunday by the **Men's Club** and the **Senior R Club**. Everyone's ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

**OOPS!** We apologize for misidentifying one of the donors of the floral arrangement on the center tetrapod on Palm Sunday. **Helen Cameron** offered the flowers, not Joan, her daughter. We truly appreciate this error being brought to our attention.

**WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE** This organization continues its godly mission of providing Russian, Belarusian and Romanian orphans with handmade and store-bought clothing and school supplies. Fourteen boxes of wonderful items, donated by parishioners and parish organizations throughout the US, including our own **Carol Deerson** and **Matushka Faith Kuharsky**, were packed and shipped last month—quite an extraordinary accomplishment! However, for this charitable group to continue its ongoing work, material and financial support are needed. If you would like to make a significant difference in the life of an orphaned child, please contact WTC Coordinator Barbara Nafranowicz by phone (908-232-2632), E-mail ([bnafanowicz@verizon.net](mailto:bnafanowicz@verizon.net)) or post (167 N Cottage Place, Westfield, NJ 07090-2820). Your time, talent and/or treasure, large or small, will be appreciated.

**FOCA LENTEN MISSION** On Palm Sunday, our parish hosted the *Annual FOCA Lenten Mission* for all chapters in NJ. Clergy and faithful throughout the area joined together for Bridegroom Matins, the service that ushered in Holy Week. Leading the liturgical celebration was **His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL**, who also offered the homily. In addition to our own **Father David**, the concelebrants included our *Pastor Emeritus*, **Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky**, **Archpriest John Shimchick** from *Church of the Holy Cross* in Medford and our parish intern, **Hieromonk Gerasim Eliel**. As always, **Basil Kozak** directed our choir beautifully. Following Matins, we enjoyed a *Lenten Agape* in the church hall; a beautiful spread was provided by our **Senior R Club**. Thank you to all who helped cook, clean and sing; your hard work is to be commended.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the *Special Collection* on Palm Sunday to offset the cost of replacing all the down spouts which were stolen from the church; to date, **\$746** has been collected. If you were absent or unprepared to make a contribution, it's not too late to do so. Please give your offering next week—every little bit helps!

**GOD BLESS** the following parishioners who came on Lazarus Saturday to bake prosphora (Holy Bread): **Michael Burak**, **Margaret Butch**, **Joyce Major**, **Craig & Elaine Mazzei**, **Janice Meade**, **Peter O'Neill**, **Jay Pelleriti**, **Joan Pisuk** and **Linda Wood**. Everyone had a good and productive time.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to **Norman & Dorothy Edwards** who are celebrating their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary TODAY. May the Risen Lord God continue to blessing their marriage for many years—**Mnogaya Lyeta!**

**OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION** to **James & Debra Ann Jones** for donating a new Paschal sign over the front entrance of the church; it was blessed last Saturday in memory of **Walter and Raya Shaluha**. It is with profound gratitude and love that we receive this beautiful gift—God bless!

**GOT A GREEN THUMB?** Some of the flowers that decorated the church for Pascha are available, while supplies last, behind the church. Take one and give it a good home in your own garden.

**THE 2012 ANNUAL PARISH MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT** is **\$200** per individual. **All registered parishioners** are morally obligated 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 generous, as it is only through your loyal giving by which we can continue the work and divine mission of this God-protected parish.

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

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Announcements for next Sunday's bulletin should be submitted by no later than **Thursday** of this week. Get in touch with Father David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor/Starosta, **James P. Kornafel**, by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



According to the *Typikon (Rites of the Holy Church)*, one should **NOT KNEEL** in prayer, either at home or in church, during the Paschal season until the Vespers of Pentecost on June 3. Also, until the Leavetaking of Pascha on May 23, “O Heavenly King...” should be replaced by “**Christ is Risen...**” in one’s daily prayers.



Do any of you feel like you are in a “post-festal funk” now that Holy Week, Pascha and Bright Week are over? No matter how hard we try to avoid it, a feeling of depression hits all of us, in one way or another. The lilies have wilted, our new clothes have been worn and all the food and eggs have been eaten. Life returns to “normal,” as church attendance lessens, spiritual efforts slacken and bad habits and non-Christian-like feelings begin to resurface. But this does not have to be! As long as you remember that the day of our Lord’s Resurrection is just the first of many full of hope and promise, then the joy of Pascha will be with you the rest of your life.

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### *✱ Holiday Hurrahs ✱*

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We are truly blessed to have had so many parish organizations and parishioners who performed various kind and selfless acts over the past eight weeks in order to make the Great Lenten season and Pascha so beneficial, rewarding and beautiful. They served others without expecting anything in return and for this, we would like to offer a simple, but heartfelt *Thank You* to the following:

- **Parish Council**, for manning the Candle Desk throughout the Lenten season and taking care of so many details that provided for smooth and prayerful services.
- **The Church Choir** and its director, **Basil Kozak**, for its beautiful singing during Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha.
- **James Kornafel** for ordering the Easter flowers and **Karen & Kristen Berezniak, Anastasia Essl and Paula Mindzak** for helping Jim to unload the delivery truck and decorate the Tomb of Our Lord and the church on Good Friday morning. Gratitude is also extended to those who assisted in the arranging of the flowers during the procession on Pascha night.
- **Hank Dziemian, James Jones, Gregory Messeka and Paul Zelanko** for installing the Paschal sign above the front entrance of the church.
- **Everyone**, especially the youth, who carried icons and banners in the processions on Good Friday, Pascha night, Easter Sunday afternoon (Paschal Vespers) and Bright Monday.
- The tireless “grave watchers,” under the direction of **Michael Steffaro**, for keeping their non-stop vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord, from Good Friday afternoon straight through until Nocturne on Holy Saturday night, reading the Psalms and Acts of the Apostles.
- Our *Pastor Emeritus*, **Father Sergius Kuharsky**, for assisting Fr. David with worship services throughout Holy Week & Pascha.
- **Mirjana Dostanich** for baking the Artos (Paschal Bread).
- **Walter “Blackie” Sudnikovich and John Trzeciak** for supplying and trimming all the pussy willows for Palm Sunday.
- **Saint Anne’s Guild** for hosting a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt and Paschal Potluck Luncheon following Liturgy on Bright Monday.
- **Luke Naumiuk and Daniel & Paul Rogozenski** for setting up the tables used for the blessing of Easter baskets on Holy Saturday and Pascha.
- **Margaret Butch and Jay Pelleriti** for cleaning all the candlestands in church for the holiday.
- **Natasha Rogozenski and John Kozak** for providing the bread and wine for the *Agape* after the Liturgy on Holy Saturday.
- **Philip & Natasha Rogozenski** for organizing a sumptuous *Festive Agape* after the Liturgy on Pascha night; wonderful food and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

To those loyal and faithful individuals we may have forgotten to mention, thanks. Your unselfish assistance, offering and/or support, however large or small, truly exemplified the saying “*Actions speak louder than words.*”

Most of all, we thank the Risen Lord for His strength and guidance in successfully completing the course of the Fast and witnessing, with praise and thanksgiving, His glorious Resurrection.

*Christ is Risen!*

*Indeed He is Risen!*