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May 27, 2012

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 6—SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL Afterfeast of the Ascension

Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis; The Translation of the Relics of Ven. Nilus of Stolbensk; St. John the Russian whose relics are on the Island of Euboia; Ven. Therapon the Abbot of Belozersk; The Translation of the Relics of SS. Kyprian, Photius and Jonah, Metropolitans of Moscow and All Russia; Ven. Therapon the Abbot of Monza; Virgin-martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier of Alexandria

Reading: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead *

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Faith Feedback Session with Fr. David
Mon, May 28	8:00 a.m.	Annual Memorial Day Panihida in the parish cemetery honoring all parishioners who served in the Armed Forces
Tues, May 29	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Fri, June 1	7:00 p.m.	Matins for the Departed
Sat, June 2	Memorial Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	St. Nicephorus the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople	
Divine Liturgy	Readings: Acts 28:1-31	Gospels: John 21:15-25
	1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)	John 5:24-30 (Departed)
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	
7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litiya followed by General Confession	
Sun, June 3	PENTECOST—FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY	
9:00 a.m.	The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles—Green Sunday; Martyr Lucillian	
Divine Liturgy	Reading: Acts 2:1-11	Gospel: John 7:37-52: 8:12
	<i>(Immediately following the Divine Liturgy, The Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers will be served, after which everyone is invited to the church hall for the 4th Annual "Taste of the Parish" hosted by the Junior R Club.)</i>	

Mon, June 4 **DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
9:00 a.m. St. Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople
Divine Liturgy Epistle: Eph 5:9-19 Gospel: Matt 18:10-20

* *What's Up in Our Parish* *

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal. Because of the *Kneeling Prayers* and the *Taste of the Parish*, there will be **NO** session next Sunday. The **LAST CLASS** of the year will be held on **Sunday, June 10**.

A **Faith Feedback Session** with Fr. David will be held in the church hall **TODAY** during Coffee Hour. Everyone of **all ages** is welcome to join in—do come!

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, May 30**, at 7 p.m.

The **4th Annual "Taste of the Parish,"** a unique community celebration showcasing the rich heritage and ethnic diversity of our parishioners through great foods and culinary specialties, will be held in the hall after Vespers **next Sunday, June 3**. See page 9 of this bulletin for all the details. This is a fun event and you won't want to miss it!

All parishioners are welcomed to help in **Holy Bread (Prospora) Baking** on **Saturday, June 16**, starting at 9 a.m., in the hall. This bread is made as an offering to God and the church, as it will become the precious Body of Our Lord at each and every Divine Liturgy. Come and be a part of this truly blessed ministry.

Church School Closing/Graduate Recognition Exercises will be held on **Sunday, June 17**, following Divine Liturgy.

Parish Council will meet in the church hall on **Monday, June 18**, at 7 p.m. Members who are unable to attend should notify Fr. David or Starosta beforehand.

The **17th Annual Run/Walk for the Church** will be held on **Saturday, June 23**; see the letter in this week's bulletin for all the details.

* *News That Matters* *

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **128**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **John Kozak**. Because of the *"Taste of the Parish,"* there will be **NO COFFEE HOUR**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Kelly**. (**NOTE:** The **Parish Council** will be responsible for Coffee Hour throughout the remainder of June.)

GENERAL CONFESSION will resume **this Saturday, June 2**, following Great Vespers. This *Rite of Forgiveness* is held on the **first** and **third Saturdays** of the month. (Refer to **The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead** for any changes.) Those of you who regularly commune can participate on whichever weekend is more convenient. Note that you are **NOT** required to go twice a month—only once—and if you desire a private confession before then, Father David will be available, as usual, on Saturday afternoons, starting at 5 p.m. Remember that General Confession is **NOT** a replacement for personal Confession; it is used to help you better prepare and profess your sins and shortcomings during those times when you participate privately in the Mystery of Holy Repentance. In the words of Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann: "**General Confession is, first of all, a certain school of repentance, the revealing of the very essence of confession...a way to a common growth in the spirit of repentance.**"

THANK YOU to the **Senior R Club** for hosting the *Coffee Hour* this month and to **Joseph & Gloria Basara, Matushka Shari, Sonja Harris, Paula Mindzak** and **Jay Pelleriti** for volunteering to clean the church throughout May. We are most grateful for the fine efforts exerted for both ministries—God bless!

OUR THANKS to **Father Seraphim Joa** from *Holy Trinity Church* in East Meadow, NY for serving Great Vespers and Liturgy for the Feast of the Ascension last week in Fr. David's stead. We greatly appreciated his presence among us. May the Lord continue to richly bless his ministry for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the following individuals for their recent donations to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in memory of our newly departed sister in Christ, **Mary Fritz: Sergey & Galina Andreyev, Nicholas & Pearl Berezniak, Michael Burak, Margaret Butch, Michael & Ellen Dargento, Norman & Dorothy Edwards, Robert & Sandra Hoff, Anne Marie Rankin, Christopher & Mary Schmitt** and **Kathy Venette**. May God reward them and their loved ones with good health and long life.

THE NEWLY DEPARTED On Monday, May 21, the Feast of SS. Constantine & Helen, **His Eminence, Metropolitan CONSTANTINE**, Primate of the *Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) of the USA*, fell asleep in the Lord, one day after celebrating the 40th anniversary of his blessed archpastoral ministry. His Eminence was the first American-born Ukrainian Orthodox bishop and a champion of full Orthodox unity, bringing his church into the jurisdictional fold of the *Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople* and overseeing unification with other Ukrainian Orthodox jurisdictions. He was not only a kind, outgoing and gentle man, but a strong defender of the Faith. He also loved children, making ministry to youth and young adults a priority. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family and his beloved spiritual flock, the clergy and faithful of the UOC of the USA, South America and Europe. His shepherding days are over...now the Chief Shepherd rewards the servant. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THE APOSTLES' FAST begins on **Monday, June 11** and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, our Patron Saints, on **Friday, June 29**. Please observe the upcoming fasting season properly by making sure that all planned activities, both individual and group, are appropriate. If in doubt, check with Fr. David.

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP All supplemental materials (school transcripts, letters of reference, etc.) are due by **Monday, May 28**. If you have any questions, get in touch with Scholarship Coordinator Carol Deerson at (732) 254-4979.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES are asked to submit their names, along with other pertinent information [name of high school/college from which they are graduating; name of college, if any, they will be attending; and degree(s) earned] to either Father David or Karen Berezniak (732-754-0033) by no later than **next Sunday, June 3**. Please do not delay and remind the appropriate families, as all the graduates will be honored during the *Church School Closing/Graduate Recognition Exercises* on **Sunday, June 17**.

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.

THANKS to **Gregory Berezniak, Hank Dziemian, Basil Kozak** and **Gregory Messeka** for taking down the Paschal sign over the front entrance to the church last week. May the Lord's abundant blessings be theirs for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

READ A BOOK Visit our parish library, located upstairs in the Church School, during the *Coffee Hour*. We have a wide selection of books available on our Holy Orthodox Faith for **all ages**—come and browse!

PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES As mandated at this year's *Annual Parish Meeting*, a roster of Parish Council Committees is now posted on the bulletin boards in the church vestibule and hall. The individuals listed are available to address any concerns, issues or suggestions you may have regarding parish properties, facilities and ministries—SEEK THEM OUT!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following parishioners, family members and friends:

Departed

Peter Junda
Mark Renelt

Willie Fondren

Mary Fritz
Irene Marques
Michael Miller Sr.
Metropolitan CONSTANTINE

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule

Edward Romanofsky

Walentyna Posluszny
Michael Dargento
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale

Donna Casale

Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Dorothy Swenticky
John Cameron
Katherine Tarzewski
Martha Drobnak

Dorothy Sopchak
Margo Stewart
Adam Huba

Thea Casale
David Hebert
Robert Smith
Thomas Roche
Theresa Rogozenski
Olga Romanofsky
Alyssa Rosatelli
Larry Kimpert
Patricia Cottrell
Elaine Schwartz
Athene Demitry
Timothy Magee
John Centrelo

Nancy Filak

Charles Csenica
Barbara Parhizgar
Mikola Zakrewsky
Kim Walker
Dennis Silowka
Alexandre Kurtanidze
Darren Flynn
Beth Williscroft
Malcolm Bradford

Olga Kozlov
Bishop NIKON
(Liolin)

Archpriest
Alexander Atty
Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt
Anna Janiszewski
Myrna Woznica
Joseph (Jay)
Pelleriti

Jean Catherine
Brooks

Samuel Garretson
Joseph Posluszny
Gilson Costa
Pearl Blower
Presbyteria

Florence Cassar
Ellie Jacobs
Joan Uler
Julio Andres
Veramende
Dee

Florence
Karen Zimmerman
Fred Haas

Beth Van Orden
Iwan Jakimtschuk
Andriy Kinash
Marita McDonald
Michael Myslinski
Martin Behnke
Olga Smith
John Holod

Archpriest Stephen
Mack

Archpriest John
Bartholomew
Dorothy Vernak
Dr. John B. Smith
Donna Kara
Nella Mirabile
Alison Orfanidis
Charlene Sofer
Brenda Foster
Eva Fedash
Barbara Longo

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Lisa Beard

Gregory Nosol

Patrick Lohr
Keith Sudder
Priest Paul Rivers
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.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY One of the five *Ancestral (Soul) Saturdays* that the Church has set aside this year to remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ will be **this Saturday, June 2**. A form to list those deceased loved ones you want memorialized at the *Matins for the Departed* on **this Friday, June 1**, and at the Divine Liturgy on the 2nd, was distributed in January. If you didn't get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can leave your list in church or send it to Fr. David at the rectory **before the end of the week**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY this week to **Deborah Silowka, Rebecca Kozak** and **Lizzy Lomjaria**. We wish them all special joys and blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

GRASS CUTTING That season is upon us again, when we need volunteers to cut the grass at the church, rectory and Seven Acres. The equipment, training (if necessary) and gas will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule; you can also contact James Jones at (732) 238-0735. He'll make sure to put everybody on every skill level to work, so let's all pitch in and keep our properties beautiful!

SINCERE THANKS to **Sandra Saurman** for the beautiful floral arrangement on the center tetrapod for the Feast of the Ascension; it was donated in annual commemoration of the falling asleep of her beloved husband, **John**. May the Lord bless her for her kindness and thoughtfulness.

BULLETIN DEADLINE All announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted each week by no later than **Thursday**. Get in touch with Fr. David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor/Starosta, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*During this post-festal period of the Ascension, there is still **NO** kneeling in prayer, either at home or in church.*

*A reminder that the Feast of Holy Pentecost is **next Sunday**. There are several beautiful customs associated with this holiday, known by many as **Green Sunday**. The vestments and the altar covers are changed to green and even green boughs are brought into the church for decoration. Branches are also placed on all the outside banisters and doors of the church and people hang a green branch over the entrance of their homes. It is also customary for those present at the liturgical services throughout the week to wear green clothing. Why? Because green is the color of spring and summer, the color of life, and life is an attribute of the Holy Spirit, "**the Lord and Giver of Life**" Who animates all. You are, therefore, encouraged to welcome the Holy Spirit, both inwardly and outwardly, by participating in these traditions.*

*Also, next Sunday, immediately following Divine Liturgy, the **Vespers of Pentecost** will be served with special prayers asking help from the All-holy Trinity in our efforts towards salvation. **Kneeling**, which has been absent since Pascha, will be reincorporated into our worship during this service. We will also hear, once again, "**O Heavenly King...**" and "**We have seen the True Light...**" This is a **GREAT** feast of the Church; please make attendance a priority.*



Tomorrow is **Memorial Day**, a time to honor those who gave their lives in battle so that we may live in a free nation. Because of the exodus to the beach for the "unofficial" beginning of summer or to the department stores for the big sales, this holiday has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Often we do not observe the day as it should be—a day where we actively remember our ancestors, family members, loved ones, neighbors and friends who died in service to our country.

So this weekend, before you enjoy the company of friends and family, say a prayer for our great nation and all the brave men and women in the Armed Forces who serve or have served. Remember all the families whose loved ones are off serving, preserving peace and the freedom we have. And pray for those who paid the ultimate price, asking that the Lord will reward them with life everlasting in His Heavenly Kingdom. May their memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

*** Run/Walk for the Church XVII ***

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Get ready...get set...go...for the 17th Annual Run/Walk for the Church to be held on Saturday, June 23. With beautiful weather and everyone enjoying a wonderful time, last year's experience was more fun than I could have planned and this year promises to be the same. I welcome your participation in an event that not only raises funds, but provides the opportunity to socialize with Orthodox brothers and sisters outside of worship services.

Around 9 a.m., faithful from parishes throughout the deanery will gather in front of our hall on Jeffrie Avenue and begin the eight-mile run/five-mile walk throughout the neighborhoods of South River. Water stands and "route marshals" will be stationed at various legs of the trek to offer both direction and assistance. As in prior years, all runners and walkers will wear a special T-shirt commemorating the day and after the last person crosses the finish line in front of the church on Whitehead Avenue, everyone will be invited to a celebratory "after party" back in the hall.

There are many ways you can take part in this fundraiser. You can join in as a runner or walker; pledge a certain amount for each mile; give a set donation; offer a monetary contribution towards the purchase of bottled water and provisions for the post run/walk get-together; or just be there to encourage and cheer on the participants. Whatever you can do or give will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone (732-690-7461) or E-mail (hankdziemian@comcast.net).

Thank you for those who have helped with this effort in the past and thanks in advance to those of you that are planning to be a part of this very fun and family-friendly day this year. Lace up those sneakers and I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

Sincerely,

Hank Dziemian

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Please complete the form below and return it to Hank Dziemian.

_____ ***for the entire run.***

_____ ***per mile for a total of _____.***

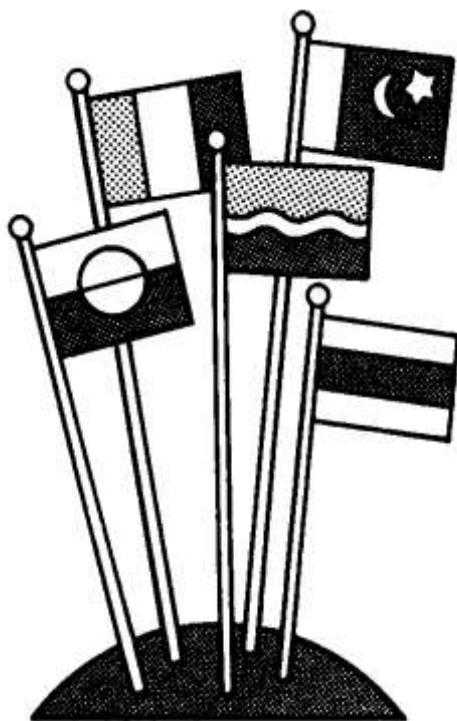
_____ ***(Your name)***

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Recognize and honor our multicultural diversity with delicious foods and wonderful camaraderie at the 4th Annual

“TASTE OF THE PARISH”
PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012
AFTER VESPERS (KNEELING PRAYERS)



We are looking for volunteers to make a dish from their native country (or country of their ancestors). It could be an appetizer, main course or dessert. We will have an explanation of the dish, the country it came from and who in our parish is from that country. The entire event promises to be a fun culinary adventure!

Please let Allison Steffaro (732-698-1952) know if you are interested in participating.

Pentecost compels us to unity—come join the celebration!