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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3

Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs at Rome; Martyr Potitus at Naples; Ven. Peter of Constantinople; St. Angelina of Serbia; Ven. Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain; The Translation of the Relics of Ven. John of Rila from Trnovo to Rila in Bulgaria

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead *

TODAY	10:30 a.m.	Molieben marking <i>Father David & Matushka Shari's 25th Wedding Anniversary</i> , after which everyone is invited to the church hall for a <i>Celebration Coffee Hour</i> in their honor
Tues, July 3	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, July 7	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, July 8	5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Greatmartyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Rom 10:1-10	Gospel: Matt 8:38-9:1

* What's Up in Our Parish *

The **Parish Council** most warmly invites **all parishioners** to participate in the joyous celebration of **Fr. David & Matushka Shari's 25th wedding anniversary TODAY** during Coffee Hour.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** will hold its inaugural meeting in the rectory (*NOTE LOCATION CHANGE*) on **Wednesday, July 11**, at 7 p.m. Assigned Council members and volunteers should attend.

Parish Council will meet in the church hall on **Monday, July 16**, at 7 p.m.

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** on **Thursday, July 19** to the *Showboat Casino & Resort*. The bus will leave from the church's main parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. sharp! Bring along a friend. Cost is \$30, with \$25 back in slot dollars. Make your reservations early by calling Janice Meade at (732) 257-8671. Don't miss out—join your fellow parishioners for a day of fun!

In partnership with the *South River Police Department* and the *Municipal Alliance of South River*, our parish will again be hosting this year's **National Night Out Campaign** at 7 Acres on **Tuesday, August 7**, from 4-9 p.m. This annual campaign affords residents the chance to get out in the community, be a part of a huge "block party" and make an effort to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention and promote better police-citizen relations. A brochure with all the details is available at the Candle Desk. Save the date and plan to support America's *Night Out* against crime!

* *News That Matters* *

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **115**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Chup**. The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Dziemian**.

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS to **Fr. John & Matushka Carol Steffaro**, who are visiting family this weekend. As always, it is a joy to have them praying with us. We wish them both continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta! We also acknowledge the newest **registered** members of our community: **Howard & Margo Askelson** and their children, **Howard** and the newly illumined **Helen**, who was baptized and chrismated yesterday. We truly believe that the Lord sends persons to this church to build upon her ministry, so we thank this family for allowing the Holy Spirit to lead them in joining us. We hope they will be a part of everything we do, to the glory of God.

THE 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 all those who participated in the procession and festal meal following the Liturgy on our Patronal Feast of SS. Peter & Paul this past Friday. Although attendance could and should have been much better, good food and fellowship were plentiful. All in all, it was a wonderful day to thank God for the sharing in the joy to praise and celebrate the heavenly protectors of our community. May SS. Peter & Paul intercede for us before His Throne of Glory for continued rich blessings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to **Peter Illenye, Jay Pelleriti, Helene Titsch** and **John Gregory Berezniak** who are all celebrating this week. Belated greetings are also extended to **Sophia Frances Mekbeb** who turned five years old yesterday. May Almighty God continue to give them good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

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

<u><i>Departed</i></u>	<u><i>Sick</i></u>		<u><i>Servicemen</i></u>
Nancy Balon	Elaine Ashton	Olga Kozlov	Ivan Shidlovsky
Alison Orfanidis	Irene Boule	Bishop NIKON (Liolin)	Lisa Beard
Lucy Rose	Edward Romanofsky	Archpriest Alexander Atty	Gregory Nosol
Stella Prihodko	Walentyna Posluszny	Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt	Patrick Lohr
Ana Sigalas	Michael Dargento	Anna Janiszewski	Keith Sudder
Dr. Veselin Kesich	Julia Glazer	Myrna Woznica	Priest Paul Rivers
Olga Smith	Joseph Casale	Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti	Fred Bush
	Donna Casale	Jean Catherine Brooks	Travis Hartman
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Samuel Garretson	Elizabeth Brent
	Dorothy Swenticky	Joseph Posluszny	Kyle Abbott
	John Cameron	Gilson Costa	Priest Sean Levine
	Katherine Tarzewski	Pearl Blower	Gary Amatrudo Jr.
	Martha Drobnak	Presbytera Florence Cassar	Steven Moore
	Dorothy Sopchak	Ellie Jacobs	James G. Teller

Margo Stewart	Julio Andres
	Veramende
Adam Huba	Dee
Thea Casale	Florence
David Hebert	Karen Zimmerman
Robert Smith	Beth Van Orden
Thomas Roche	Iwan Jakimtschuk
Theresa Rogozenski	Andriy Kinash
Olga Romanofsky	Marita McDonald
Alyssa Rosatelli	Michael Myslinski
Larry Kimpart	Martin Behnke
Patricia Cottrell	John Holod
Elaine Schwartz	Archpriest Stephen
	Mack
Athene Demitry	Archpriest John
	Bartholomew
Timothy Magee	Dorothy Vernak
John Centrello	Dr. John B. Smith
Nancy Filak	Donna Kara
Charles Csenica	Nella Mirabile
Barbara Parhizgar	Trey Gerstmyer
Mikola Zakrewsky	Margaret Butch
Kim Walker	Henry Dziemian
Dennis Silowka	Amelia Chup
Alexandre Kurtanidze	Mary Carol
	Burchill
Darren Flynn	Barbara Rusnak
Beth Willisroft	Kenneth Crowley
Malcolm Bradford	Sandra Webster
Barbara Longo	Roxana
Eva Fedash	

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

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

MEMORY ETERNAL The handmaid of God, **Olga Smith**, fell asleep in the Lord yesterday afternoon. She was a longtime communicant of this parish. We offer our sincerest condolences to her dear daughter, **Barbara (David) Kaminsky**, as well as all her extended family and friends. May the thought that she is now rejoicing in the Kingdom of Heaven bring them comfort in the days to come—Vechnaya Pamyat! (**NOTE:** *As of the publishing of this bulletin, funeral arrangements were still pending. An E-mail with all the details will be sent by Fr. David. If you don't have access to a computer, check the local newspaper.*)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...Dormition Fast Begins (**Aug 1**)...Diocesan Church School Conference (**Aug 4**)...Diocesan Youth Day (**Aug 16**)...86th Annual Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America [FOCA] National Convention (**Aug 29-Sept 3**)...The Men's Club Annual Fish Fry (**Oct 5**)...Orthodox Education Day at *St. Vladimir's Seminary* in Yonkers, NY (**Oct 6**)

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to **Michael & Allison Steffaro** who will be marking 15 years of Holy Matrimony this Thursday. Their love for each other is marvelous to see, joyous to celebrate and a tribute to their faith. May they continue to cherish one another for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THE FLOWERS that adorned the icon of SS. Peter and Paul on the center tetrapod for the Feast were offered by **Carol Deerson** in commemoration of the 40th day of the falling asleep of our beloved sister in Christ, **Mary Fritz**. Today's arrangement was donated by **Vera Dorn** in annual memory of the blessed repose of her dear husband, **Donald**. May our Lord richly reward these contributors for their generosity 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, James Kornafel, by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*Today we honor **Fr. David & Matushka Shari** and their **25 blessed years** together as husband and wife. We congratulate them on this special anniversary. The two of them have written a beautiful story rich with love, faith and commitment. May they cherish the memories they've made, honor their achievements and continue their journey with the Lord at their side and joy in their hearts for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!*



This Wednesday is **Independence Day**, the 236th anniversary of our country's political and religious emancipation. For most of you, it will be a holiday from work. Many of you will probably go to day-long picnics or barbecues with lively music, a friendly baseball game, three-legged races, pie- and/or watermelon-eating contests and favorite foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and all the fixings. Some of you may attend a parade with people dressed as the original Founding Fathers marching to the music of high school bands. At dusk, you may gather with family and friends to watch a fireworks display. But, how many of you will include the Lord in your traditional 4th of July celebration? How many of you will remember that this land and this government are gifts from Him and praise should be given for them?

As we celebrate our day of independence, it would be good to reflect, if even for a brief moment, that we are a country under God and that we should give thanks for all the abundant blessings He has bestowed on us: vast economic resources, industrial prowess, scientific ingenuity, diplomatic skill, military might, cultural diversity and, most importantly, religious freedom. Let us pray that our nation continues to stand firm in its faith in Him and that we, the inhabitants of this land, offer back to the Author of Liberty that which He created for our happiness and salvation.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!