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July 8, 2012

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4

The Sitka Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos; Holy Greatmartyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine; Righteous Prokopy the Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker of Ustiug; Righteous Prokopy the Fool-for Christ of Usty; The Appearance of the Kazan Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos; The Weeping Novgorod Icon Of Tender Feeling of the Most-holy Theotokos

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead *

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| Sat, July 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 6:30 p.m. | <u>Panihida</u> : Steven & Leslie Senko (Annual) and Joanne Sivess (Annual) offered by the family Henry Dziemian (Annual) and Elizabeth Zubrick (Annual) offered by the family Frank Spaulding (Annual) offered by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Great Vespers with Litiya |
| Sun, July 15 | 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils; Holy Equal-to-the | |
| Divine Liturgy | Apostles Great Prince Vladimir; Martyrs Cyricus and Julitta | |
| | Epistles: Rom 12:6-14 | Gospels: Matt 9:1-8 |
| | Heb 13:7-16 (Fathers) | John 17:1-13 (Fathers) |
| | Gal 1:11-19 (St. Vladimir) | John 10:1-9 (St. Vladimir) |



Fr. David is in Charlotte, NC this weekend on emergency union business. He will be returning home this evening, but leaving for Detroit in the morning to attend the funeral of a dear friend. Father will be back in South River on Thursday. Accordingly, there will be **NO MATINS** served on Tuesday morning. If there is a need for a priest during his absence, call him on his cell phone (732-740-6230). If you can't reach him, contact Starosta.

* What's Up in Our Parish *

Because of Father David's unexpected absence, the inaugural meeting of the **Strategic Planning Committee** this Wednesday has been **POSTPONED** and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Parish Council will meet in the 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!

Many parishioners have questioned Fr. David about what we, as Orthodox Christians, believe and why. Others have inquired about the existence and nature of God, prayer, the connections between faith and science, ethics and morality, and so on. No matter where you may be on your spiritual journey, Father welcomes your questions and concerns. If you have such a query, write it on a card that is available in the church vestibule. Once completed, drop it into the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, join him at his **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, July 29**, where he will simply try to answer your question as clearly as he can. Thank you in advance for your participation and may the Lord bless and guide you in your search for enlightenment.

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 **127**.

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

GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS We extend a warm welcome to **Archpriest John Jillions**, Chancellor of the *Orthodox Church in America (OCA)* who is worshipping with us this weekend while Fr. David is away on union business. It is a pleasure to have him visit and pray with us. We ask Almighty God to grant him and his family continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

FR. DAVID & MATUSHKA SHARI'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION last Sunday was a great success. We would like to thank the co-chairmen, **Diane Dreyer, Anastasia Essl, Sonja Harris** and **Paula Mindzak**, for the wonderful job they did to make the *Celebratory Coffee Hour* so special and memorable, as well as **all the parishioners** who donated so generously by helping to set-up/decorate, prepare/bring food, serve and clean-up. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to **Fr. John Steffaro** for serving a molieben for the "happy couple" and to the **Church Choir**, under the direction of **Basil Kozak**, for their very beautiful responsorial singing...they sounded like angels. May God bless you all and may He continue to fill Father & Matushka's lives with love and joy for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

NEWLY DEPARTED The handmaid of God, **Matushka Sophia Soroka**, fell asleep in Lord last Sunday, July 1. Our sympathy is extended to her brother, **Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak**, former Chancellor of the OCA and good friend of this parish, in the loss of his beloved sister. May her memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

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 good work and divine mission of this God-protected parish.

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

| <u>Departed</u> | <u>Sick</u> | <u>Archpriest</u> | <u>Servicemen</u> |
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| Stella Prihodko | Elaine Ashton | Alexander Atty | Ivan Shidlovsky |
| Ana Sigalas | Irene Boule | Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt | Lisa Beard |
| Dr. Veselin Kesich | Edward Romanofsky | Anna Janiszewski | Gregory Nosol |
| Olga Smith | Walentyna Posluszny | Myrna Woznica | Patrick Lohr |
| Matushka Sophia Soroka | Michael Dargento | Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti | Keith Sudder |
| Bernard Diehl | Julia Glazer | Jean Catherine Brooks | Priest Paul Rivers |
| Timothy Magee | Joseph Casale | Samuel Garretson | Fred Bush |
| | Donna Casale | Joseph Posluszny | Travis Hartman |
| | Lasha Giorgi Pozidis | Gilson Costa | Elizabeth Brent |
| | Dorothy Swenticky | Pearl Blower | Kyle Abbott |

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| John Cameron | Presbytera Florence Cassar | Priest Sean Levine |
| Katherine Tarzewski Martha Drobnak | Ellie Jacobs Julio Andres Veramende | Gary Amatrudo Jr. Steven Moore |
| Dorothy Sopchak Margo Stewart Adam Huba Thea Casale David Hebert Robert Smith Thomas Roche | Dee Florence Karen Zimmerman Beth Van Orden Iwan Jakimtschuk Andriy Kinash Marita McDonald Michael Myslinski Martin Behnke John Holod | James G. Teller |
| Theresa Rogozenski Olga Romanofsky Alyssa Rosatelli Larry Kimpert | Archpriest Stephen Mack | |
| Patricia Cottrell | Archpriest John Bartholomew | |
| Elaine Schwartz Athene Demitry John Centrelo Nancy Filak Charles Csenica Barbara Parhizgar Mikola Zakrewsky Kim Walker Dennis Silowka Alexandre Kurtanidze Darren Flynn Beth Williscroft Malcolm Bradford Barbara Longo Eva Fedash Olga Kozlov | Dr. John B. Smith Donna Kara Nella Mirabile Trey Gerstmyer Margaret Butch Henry Dziemian Amelia Chup Mary Carol Burchill Barbara Rusnak Kenneth Crowley Sandra Webster Roxana Jeannine Polinsky Nadia Corso John Corso | |
| Bishop NIKON (Liolin) | | |

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

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

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. The Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

BULLETIN DEADLINE All announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted each week by no later than **Thursday**. Get in touch with Father 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).



*Summer is a time for relaxation and enjoyment. But, we must ask ourselves: “What does Jesus truly desire for His people during this season?” How can we, in our personal, family and parish lives, harmonize the summer change of pace with the Orthodox spiritual values of observing the feasts and fasts of the Church? How can we truly enjoy a rightful measure of fun and relaxation **WITHOUT** backsliding in our vigilance against sin, our prayer life and our worship of the living God? So, a reminder to all: **PLEASE** don't take a “vacation” from church!*



Thank You from the Heart

Thanks to all of you for the cards, gifts, smiles and kind words in response to Fr. David's and my 25th wedding anniversary this past week. The beautiful ceremony at the end of Liturgy last Sunday was a complete surprise, and much appreciated, as was all the love expressed at the expanded Coffee Hour afterward. Thank you to everyone who added a special touch to the day, whether it was arranging the food, decorating the tables or doing dishes afterwards.

Immediately after church last Sunday, Father took charge of the cards and gifts and I went into high gear getting Meredith—who was 9 years old when we arrived here—ready for her transition to her first job in Washington DC, where I am now helping her get settled. Money gifts went directly toward covering expenses for that move and we've already enjoyed a family outing using one of the restaurant gift cards.

I plan to read each card when I get home and savor the good wishes they express. Times like this make me realize how blessed we were when God sent us to SS. Peter & Paul.

Many blessed years to each of you!

Love in Christ,



Matushka Shari

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!