



## SS. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church

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August 12, 2012

### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1

#### Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Martyrs Anicetus and Photius of Nicomedia and many with them; The Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor;  
Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

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

Tues, Aug 14 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya followed by the Blessing of Flowers

Wed, Aug 15 9:00 a.m. **THE DORMITION (FALLING-ASLEEP) OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY [Blessing of Flowers]**

Divine Liturgy Epistle: Phil 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Sun, Aug 19 9:00 a.m. **11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2**

Divine Liturgy **Afterfeast of the Dormition;** Martyr Andrew Stratelates

Epistle: 1 Cor 9:2-12 Gospel: Matt 18:23-35



Fr. David will be going out-of-town after Liturgy this Wednesday; he will be returning home early Saturday morning, September 8. Accordingly, there will be **NO VESPERS & GENERAL CONFESSION** served this Saturday; General Confession will be held on **Saturday, August 25**, following Vespers. Fr. Daniel Skvir from Holy Transfiguration Chapel in Princeton will serve Liturgy next Sunday. If any pastoral emergencies arise during Father's absence, please contact our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Sergius Kuharsky, at (732) 833-0716. If you can't reach him, call Starosta at (732) 462-3388.

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

The **Strategic Planning Committee** will meet at the rectory on **Monday, August 13**, at 7 p.m.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, August 14**, following Great Vespers.

The **Men's Club** will meet on **Thursday, August 16**, at 6:30 p.m., in the church hall.

Have you ever wondered how you, as a layperson, could participate in the Divine Liturgy in a very special way? Would you like to have prayers said on behalf of your loved ones on Sundays? Do you enjoy baking? If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, then join our group of “holy rollers” in making **Prosphora (Holy Bread)** in the hall **this Saturday, August 18**, starting at 9 a.m. This is a wonderful way to nurture your faith through knowledge of service to God and others—come!

Our **8<sup>th</sup> Annual School Supply Drive** for the elementary children in need throughout South River continues through **Sunday, August 26**. All school supplies are welcome, especially backpacks, pens, pencils, notebook paper, crayons, markers and erasers. Place your donation in the box located in the church vestibule. Monetary offerings can be given to Drive Chairman, **Allison Steffaro**. We hope all parishioners will step up and make sure these boys and girls have what they need to succeed in the upcoming school year.

The **25 & 1 Club**, sponsored by the **Men’s Club**, will soon be starting its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of activity. The weekly drawings will begin in September. See any member to sign up or contact Louis Silva at (732) 257-9250.

**Parish Council** will meet on **Monday, September 17**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

The **Annual Parish Fall Festival** will be held on **Saturday, September 29**; additional information on this great “community-building” event will be forthcoming.

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## ✧ *News That Matters* ✧

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**STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **120**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by **Parish Volunteers**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Edwards**.

**THE WINTER/SPRING 2012 ISSUE OF *THE ORTHODOX CHURCH***, the quarterly publication of the OCA, has just been published; a limited number of hard copies is available at the Candle Desk. You can also view and/or download this issue online at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

**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!

**BELATED CONGRATULATIONS** to **John Kozak** on receiving a *Hierarchical Gramota* (certificate of appreciation) from His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, last month for his tireless and selfless commitment to serving *St. Andrew’s Camp* and its youth, and for always putting the children, their growth in the Faith and their camp experience first. We rejoice with John on receiving this well-deserved recognition. May the joy of Christ fill his heart as he zealously continues to work for the Church 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!

**SINCERE THANKS** to **every parishioner** who voluntarily lent a hand during last Tuesday’s *National Night Out* on 7 Acres; your help was most appreciated. It was a fabulous success and one that we hope to continue being a part of for many years. May the Lord bless all of you (you know who you are) for your generosity and willingness to be a part of a worthy cause that promotes both home and neighborhood safety and celebrates community spirit.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **David Cooper, Christina Machyowsky, Janice Meade, Allison Steffaro, Robert Pisuk** and **Diane Horvath** who are all celebrating this week. We offer our best wishes and prayers to them for continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**OUR THANKS** to the **Kaminsky Family** for the floral arrangement that adorned the center tetrapod on the Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska this past Thursday; it was offered in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the falling asleep of beloved mother and grandmother, **Olga Smith**. Their generous spirit truly reflects the Lord’s love—bless you!

**A FOND FAREWELL** With both sadness and gratitude, we say good-bye today to **John Kozak**, who has been worshipping and working with us the past four years. He is moving to Florida this week. We are very appreciative of his sharing his musical gifts as part of our Church Choir, as well as all the times he “pitched in” and helped at many social functions of the parish. We wish him God’s richest blessings as he moves on. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the following parishioners, family members and friends, as well as all the victims, both living and dead, of the recent shooting in the movie theater in Aurora, Colorado:

| <u><b>Departed</b></u> | <u><b>Sick</b></u>   |                           | <u><b>Servicemen</b></u> |
|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bernard Diehl          | Elaine Ashton        | Archishop NIKON (Liolin)  | Ivan Shidlovsky          |
| Timothy Magee          | Irene Boule          | Archpriest Alexander Atty | Lisa Beard               |
| Doris Snowden-Gant     | Edward Romanofsky    | Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt      | Gregory Nosol            |
| Stefan Wilczynski      | Walentyna Posluszny  | Myrna Woznica             | Patrick Lohr             |
| Marilyn Ferraro        | Michael Dargento     | Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti    | Keith Sudder             |
| Nicholas Bilas         | Julia Glazer         | Jean Catherine Brooks     | Priest Paul Rivers       |
| Anna Janiszewski       | Joseph Casale        | Samuel Garretson          | Travis Hartman           |
| William Rojas*         | Donna Casale         | Gilson Costa              | Elizabeth Brent          |
| Nancy Lowe             | Lasha Giorgi Pozidis | Pearl Blower              | Kyle Abbott              |
| Sgt. David Keith Bowan | Dorothy Swenticky    | Ellie Jacobs              | Priest Sean Levine       |
| Tanya Martinez         | John Cameron         | Julio Andres Veramende    | Gary Amatrudo Jr.        |
|                        | Katherine Tarzewski  | Dee                       | Steven Moore             |
|                        | Martha Drobnak       | Florence                  | James G. Teller          |
|                        | Dorothy Sopchak      | Karen Zimmerman           |                          |
|                        | Margo Stewart        | Beth Van Orden            |                          |
|                        | Adam Huba            | Iwan Jakimtschuk          |                          |
|                        | Thea Casale          | Andriy Kinash             |                          |
|                        | David Hebert         | Michael Myslinski         |                          |
|                        | Robert Smith         | Dr. John B. Smith         |                          |
|                        | Thomas Roche         | Donna Kara                |                          |
|                        | Olga Romanofsky      | Nella Mirabile            |                          |
|                        | Alyssa Rosatelli     | Trey Gerstmyer            |                          |
|                        | Larry Kimpart        | Margaret Butch            |                          |
|                        | Patricia Cottrell    | Mary Carol Burchill       |                          |
|                        | Elaine Schwartz      | Barbara Rusnak            |                          |
|                        | Athene Demitry       | Kenneth Crowley           |                          |
|                        | John Centrello       | Sandra Webster            |                          |
|                        | Nancy Filak          | Roxana                    |                          |
|                        | Charles Csenica      | Jeannine Polinsky         |                          |
|                        | Barbara Parhizgar    | Nadia Corso               |                          |
|                        | Mikola Zakrewsky     | John Corso                |                          |
|                        | Kim Walker           | Linda Mignone             |                          |
|                        | Dennis Silowka       | Carmela Pagano            |                          |
|                        | Alexandre Kurtanidze | Pauline Dziemian          |                          |
|                        | Darren Flynn         | Luba Kachur               |                          |
|                        | Beth Williscroft     | Darlene Posluszny         |                          |
|                        | Malcolm Bradford     | Vera Dorn                 |                          |
|                        | Barbara Longo        | Diane Noren               |                          |
|                        | Eva Fedash           | Russell Maimone           |                          |
|                        | Olga Kozlov          | Emily Szeszakowski        |                          |

\*Father of Machyowsky family friend

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

**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER** Thanks to **Joseph & Ruth Silva** and **Judith Strasner** (in memory of **Olga Smith**) for their generous donations to the *Children's Fund* and the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*, respectively. Their kind and giving spirits are greatly appreciated.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** All announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted each week by no later than **Thursday**. Please 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](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



*On the great feast of the Dormition, it is the custom of Orthodox Christians to bring **flowers** to the church for blessing. Holy Tradition tells us that following the repose of the Mother of God, flowers were discovered in her tomb after she was taken into heaven. Since then, flowers have been blessed on this holiday to honor the most glorious flower of womanhood—the Ever-Virgin Mary—and the “odors” of virtue and sweetness that emanate from her.*

*Please participate in this beautiful tradition by attending Vespers and/or Liturgy **this Tuesday & Wednesday** and bringing your flower bouquet for blessing. After it is blessed, take it home and decorate the family table or icon corner with it. You can also distribute it among relatives or fellow parishioners who were absent from church for honorable reason.*

*Remember that once the flowers are wilted, they should be disposed of by burning or by being put on the ground to decompose naturally. The main thing is **not** to throw them out with the ordinary garbage, as if their blessing means nothing.*



The **Dormition Fast** is quickly coming to an end and with it the preparation of our minds, bodies and souls for the celebration of the great feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Theotokos this Wednesday. Have you let God’s wisdom and power speak to you through these days of prayer, abstinence, deeds of kindness, Scripture reading and other activities or have you ignored His call to meditate on the life of His Mother, the Ever-Virgin Mary, so that we can well emulate her life of virtue? If not, there’s still time to do so!

In these remaining days of the Fast, remember that it’s never too late to take the time to learn the value of prayer and the benefits of fasting for the Lord’s glory. If you do so willingly and eagerly, then you, too, can become a true servant of the Lord, just as Mary was her entire life. And what was her reward for accepting the holy will of God? A painless, blameless and peaceful eternity with her Son. Through her prayers, may you also be found worthy of receiving such a gift as she helps you focus on the most important thing of life: a deepened and strengthened faith in our Heavenly Father.

***Glory to Jesus Christ!***

***Glory Forever!***