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August 9, 2015

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1
The Glorification of Ven. Herman of Alaska the Wonderworker of All America
Afterfeast of the Transfiguration
Apostle Matthias; Martyr Anthony of Alexandria; Ven. Psoi of Egypt; Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John Jacob, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius, Peter, Leontius and Mary of Constantinople

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Saint)

Gospels: Matthew 17:14-23
Luke 6:17-23 (Saint)

WORSHIP & STUDY

Mon, Aug 10	7:00 p.m.	Panihida for **Vladimir Batenko**
Tues, Aug 11	10:00 a.m.	Funeral of **Vladimir Batenko**
Fri, Aug 14	7:00 p.m.	Vigil and Blessing of Flowers at *SS. Peter & Paul Church* in Manville Vespers and Blessing of Flowers at *Annunciation Church* in Brick
Sat, Aug 15 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy		**THE DORMITION *(FALLING-ASLEEP)* OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY [Blessing of Flowers]** Epistle: Phil 2:5-11 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
5:00 p.m.		Confessions
6:30 p.m.		Panihida: **Nonna Burlak** (40th day) offered by **the family** **Leonard Starr** (40th day) offered by **the family**
7:00 p.m.		Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, Aug 16 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy		**11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2** **Afterfeast of the Dormition;** The Translation of the Image *Not-Made-by-Hands* of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople Epistle: 1 Cor 9:2-12 Gospel: Matt 18:23-35

*Father David will be leaving for Atlanta this Wednesday to commemorate with his family the one-year anniversary of his father's falling-asleep; he will be returning home on Monday afternoon, Aug 17. Please note: Although there will be Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition on Saturday morning, there will be **NO GREAT VESPERS** for the eve of the holiday on Friday; you are encouraged to attend services at either SS. Peter & Paul Church in Manville or Annunciation Church in Brick. Fr. Volodymyr Chaikivskyi from St. Spiridon Church in Perth Amboy will be serving next weekend in Father David's stead. In the event of a pastoral emergency during Father's absence, call Fr. Peter Baktis at (703) 615-9617. If you cannot reach him, contact Starosta at (732) 462-3388.*

WITHIN THE PARISH

There will be a **Parish Council Meeting** in the hall on **Monday, August 17**, at 7 p.m.

The next meeting of the **Men's Club** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 20**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall; all members are asked to attend.

Please join us for **Prosphora (Holy Bread) Baking** in the church hall on **Saturday, August 22**, beginning at 10 a.m. This is a spiritually rewarding undertaking, as you will be preparing the bread that will become the Body of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a great honor—come!

Every year, many children in South River enter school without the basic tools of learning they require to grow and thrive in class. To meet this challenge, you are asked to take part in our **11th Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive**. Through **Sunday, August 23**, you are requested to bring in the following items—pencil sharpeners, backpacks, pencil boxes, non-spiral composition notebooks, pencils, crayons and erasers—and leave them at the Candle Desk. Store shelves are already filling with school supplies and retailers are advertising back-to-school specials, so start taking advantage of all these bargains and give back to the community in need. Help to make this year's fundraiser a great success! Thanks so much for your support.

The **25 Week Club** is an annual fundraiser coordinated by the **Men's Club**. A donation of $25 per entry is requested and you can buy as many tickets as you want. With every entry, you're eligible to participate in each of the 25 weekly drawings for cash prizes, leading up to the *25 Week Club Nite* in January. The tickets are drawn during Coffee Hour on Sundays and you **don't** need to be present to win. Drawings will begin in September. The winning name from each drawing will be posted on the bulletin board near the hall kitchen entrance. *(Please note that you can win more than once.)* The more people joining in this game, the more money you can win. So, see Jay Pelleriti, Hank Dziemian or any other Club member for tickets.

Want something to do over the Labor Day weekend? How about going to a **Barbecue Rib and Chicken Dinner** hosted by the **Senior R Club**? The event will begin at 1 p.m., in the hall, on **Sunday, Sept 6** and the public is invited to attend. Besides ribs and chicken, the menu will include corn, salads, beans, corn bread, dessert, coffee and soda. The tickets are $25 per person ($10 for children 12 and under) and can be purchased from Allison Steffaro or any other Club member. Come hungry!

The **Altar Society** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to *Resorts Casino and Hotel* on **Thursday, September 10**. Pick-up will be from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. sharp. The cost is $30, which includes $25 back in slot play and a bag lunch. Try your luck; shop the outlet stores; or enjoy a walk on the beach without making the long drive. For reservations, please call Dorothy Edwards (732-257-4724) or Sonja Harris (732-257-6774).

BITS & PIECES

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **112**.

SERVING NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Greg Sprogis**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Boshko**.

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST We are in need of hosts this month, **OTHER** than representatives of **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **St. Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. If you would like to participate in this vital parish ministry, please see Gregory Messeka.

WE WARMLY WELCOME our former parishioner, **Natalka Pavlovsky Weismantel**, who is substituting as Choir Director today for our vacationing **Choirmaster Basil Kozak**. It is always a joy to have her with us and to have her share her God-given musical talent. We ask the Lord's continued blessings on her and her family for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MEMORY ETERNAL Our brother in Christ, **Vladimir Batenko**, fell asleep in the Lord on Mon, August 3; he was the beloved brother of **Lydia Romanofsky** and dear uncle of **Natasha (Philip) Rogozenski** and **Alexandra Romanofsky**. Visitation hours will be held **IN CHURCH** on **Monday, August 10**, from 6 to 8 p.m.; a Panihida will be served at 7 p.m. The funeral service will take place on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 10 a.m. Please keep Vladimir's family and friends in your prayers as they go through this difficult time—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THE SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK Do not forget to continue donating towards this outreach program. Bring all nonperishable foods and personal care items and place them in the collection boxes located in the church hall vestibule. Those who are hungry **DON'T** take the summer off!

A NOTE OF THANKS The Food Card Team would like to thank everyone who rallied to our parish's aid the past two Sundays by buying our overstock of *Pathmark* gift cards. Your very quick and enthusiastic response enabled us to sell **all** the cards, instead of having $1600+ tied up in nonrefundable inventory. A profit of **$81.25** was realized. Special recognition is given to **those parishioners** who don't usually buy gift cards; we hope you'll consider becoming one of our regular customers, even if it's just for part of your grocery spending needs every month. It costs you nothing and the church get 5% of each card's face value. Check out the graph in the parish hall vestibule and see how much we've made so far this year. We would greatly appreciate your help in meeting our goal of $4000 by the end of December. If everyone would purchase just one $25 card each month, we can do it! Again, sincere thanks; may the Lord bless and keep you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pray for the following relatives and friends this week:

Departed

Leonard Starr
Judy Rush
Nonna Burlak
Debra Selleck
Robert Murphy
Mary White
German Pavon
Shirley Hoff
Vladimir Batenko

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

Aunika Browne
Thomas Verdon
Patricia Lowry
Edward Walton
Kaitlyn Fox
Iwan Jakimtschuk
Natalie Matz
Dorothy Sopchak
Simon Kozlov Jr.
Ginny Wilmer
William Begley
Rosemarie Jachym
Dawn Zirch
Jane D'Amore
Martha Drobnak
Michaela Fox
Bruce Longo
Dean Prestino
Gaynelle Crowley
Myrna Woznica
Aspasia Alfaro
Beth Van Orden
Rina D'Amico
Deborah Krusius
Michael Marsteller
John Weyland
Natalie May
Darlene Posluszny
Jessica Hu
Beth Giordano
Mary Carol Burchill
Carol Luongo
Ruth Curtis
Mary Louise Viquez
Sgt. Peter Roselli
Josefa Calero
Theodore Christie
Walentyna Posluszny
John Cameron
Pearl Blower
Gloria Soto
Bernadine Trubilla
Donna Kara
Sergei Andreyev
Grace Diriwachter
Carol Sommers
Kendall McNamara
Pamela Inman
Dorothy Vernak
Victor Rugala Jr.
Archpriest Paul Shafran
Chester Andrzejewski
Archpriest Paul Lazor
Matushka Juliana Schmemann
Alexandra Romanofsky
Mary Olender
Beth Williscroft
Nancy Filak
Michael Dargento
Sandra Webster
Amelia Rugala
Ellen Dargento
Olga Miller
Allen Mioduszewski
Sophie Hyland
Kathleen Keimer
Tamara Diaczenko
Elaine Ashton
Michael Pelleriti
Gina Krusius
Wendy Packard
Gregory Sitze
Charles Csenica
Kenneth Crowley
Gabrielle Huba
James D'Amore Jr.
Jonathan Clayton
Aidan Brown
William Boyke
Robert Fedak
Elaine Fedak
Robert Ingram
Pauline Pullo
Harriet Miele

Contact Father David or Starosta to add/delete family members, friends and neighbors.

MANY THANKS to the **Kornafel Family** for donating the flowers that adorned the center tetrapod for the Feast of the Transfiguration this past week; they were given in honor of husband and father, **Robert**, of blessed memory. The arrangement for today's Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska was offered by **Nicholas Shyko Jr.** in memory of his dear parents, **Nicholas Sr. & Olga**, and cherished sister, **Paula**. May their souls forever dwell with God in heaven—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY works to keep our place of worship in top presentable shape; it is one of the easiest ways to get more involved in the parish. Helping out requires no specialized skills; takes very little time per week; and, best of all, volunteers are free to complete this task on any day that they choose, though most people seem to do it after Liturgy on Sunday. Flexibility makes this ministry a viable service option for those with busy schedules.

Listed below are the teams for July, August and September:

August	***September***	***October***
Edward & Elaine Boshko	**Philip & Natasha Rogozenski**	**Vaughn & Laura Burkhour**
Paul & Eleanor Boshko	**Daniel Rogozenski**	**Tanya Davis**
Emily Szestakowski	**Sandy & Nicholas Romanofsky**	**Thomas & Audrey Pituk**

All cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any questions, concerns or conflicts, see Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Service in this area is a truly quiet blessing to the entire body of Christ who attend the church and for the teams themselves. If you're not already assigned, please consider volunteering. Thanks.

OUR APPRECIATION is extended to **Peter Kasper** and **Patricia Larkin** (in memory of **Nonna Burlak**) for their recent donations to the church. We thank them for giving back to God a portion of the blessings He has given them.

BULLETINS ONLINE View the Sunday bulletins on our website, www.saintpeterandpaul.org.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS go out this week to **Janice Meade** and **Christina Machyowsky**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Nadya Silva** who celebrated last week. May these dear ladies continue to have lives full of joy, love and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for next Sunday's edition should be directed to Fr. David or Starosta James Kornafel by **Thursday evening**. Call Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net) or fax (732-845-3515).

*On the Feast of the Dormition, we bring **flowers** into church to be blessed. We do this to pay homage to the Mother of God, who is the first flowering of redemption in Jesus Christ. As she was taken up bodily following her falling-asleep and preserved from corruption, she shows us what is to come for each and every Christian. Just as the first budded rose hints at what is to come in spring for the rest of the flowers, so, too, does this great holiday hint at our heavenly future in the celestial Garden.*

*Everyone should participate in this tradition and bring a bouquet for blessing **this Saturday**. Once your flowers are blessed, you are encouraged to share them with your family, friends and those parishioners who are either ill or homebound; you can also place one on the grave of a loved one.*

We are still in the **Dormition Fast**. This period of preparation for the great feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Theotokos began on August 1 and will end on August 15. During these two short weeks, we're called to abstain from sinful passions and instructed to increase our prayer life, Scripture readings and acts of charity. We do this in order to renew our relationship with Christ and one another, drawing closer to Him through our unworthy efforts.

In the days that remain, let us regard the Fast as a gift from the Lord, not as an "inconvenience" during this time of barbecues and vacations. If we commit ourselves to the prescribed Lenten disciplines, our awareness of Christ in our lives will increase. This is the example given to us by the Virgin Mary herself. Through her intercessions, may her Son strengthen us, reward our efforts and enable us to grow in love as His Mystical Body.

The Annual Parish Fall Festival

Come out and support the **Annual Parish Fall Festival** on **Saturday, October 17**. Co-chairmen Greg Messeka, Sandy Saurman and Pete & Debbie Silowka can use your help, as we share our Slavic culture with all of our friends and neighbors. Remember: this fundraiser is not just about food, music, raffles and "chachkies;" it is also about coming together as a parish family, having a good time and saying *Thanks* to the surrounding communities for enabling us, with their financial support, to continue our ministries and blessed work. So, if you have a few hours to spare, see Pete, Greg, Sandy or Deb and lend a hand…no volunteer will be turned away!

Pierogie Making will take place in the church hall on **Friday, Sept 25**, at 6:30 p.m., and **Saturday, Sept 26**, at 9:30 a.m. Whether you are a "veteran" at making these delicious, half-moon stuffed dumplings or a novice to this task, mark your calendar, loosen up those fingers and get ready to pinch!

O Most-holy Mother of God, after heaven and earth were honored by your presence, how is it possible to accept that your departure has left men deprived of your protection? Let it never occur to us to think in this way. For just as you, when living in this world, never felt estranged from a heavenly life, even so, after your departure, you are not spiritually separated from the earthly existence of man. If, on the one hand, you were consecrated as the heavenly tabernacle of God, because you held the Son of the Most-high within you, your womb being capable of carrying His weight; on the other hand, you have been called the spiritual earth because you received His body within you. Thus, it is right to think that, since you were intimately united with God during all of your earthly sojourn, you never abandoned those who continue to live in this world, when you left this world's life.

St. Geramus of Constantinople

Glory to Jesus Christ! **Glory Forever!**