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June 21, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2

Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia; Hieromartyr Terence, Bishop of Iconium; St. Julius the Presbyter of Novara and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon; Martyrs Archil II and Luarsab II the Kings of Georgia; St. Cormac of the Sea, Abbot of Durrow; St. Raoul the Abbot and Archbishop of Bourges; Martyr Aphrodisius in Cilicia; Martyr Theodore the Right-believing Prince of Starodub; Newmartyr Nicetas of Nisyros, near Rhodes, at Chios; New Hiero-confessor George the Archimandrite of Kaluga

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

WORSHIP & STUDY

TODAY	10:30 a.m.	Annual Church School Closing/Graduate Recognition Exercises
Tues, June 23	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litiya
Wed, June 24 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy		THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN Epistle: Rom 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Luke 1:5-25, 57-68, 76, 80
Fri, June 26	7:00 p.m.	Annual Florovsky Lecture at <i>Fordham University (Lincoln Center Campus)</i> in New York City
Sat, June 27	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Panihida for John Kotkovich (40 th day) offered by the Kornafel Family Vespers
Sun, June 28 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.		4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3 The Translation of the Relics of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John Epistle: Rom 6:18-23 Gospel: Matt 8:5-13 <i>Faith Feedback Session</i> with Fr. David Great Vespers with Litiya
Mon, June 29 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy		THE HOLY GLORIOUS AND ALL-PRAISED LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL (Our Patrons Saints) Epistle: 2 Cor 11:21-12:9 Gospel: Matt 16:13-19 <i>(A procession around the church will take place after the Liturgy, followed by a Festal Potluck Meal; everyone is invited.)</i>

WITHIN THE PARISH

The **Annual Church School Closing/Graduate Recognition Exercises** will be held after the Liturgy **TODAY**.

Parish Council will convene in the church hall on **Monday, June 22**, at 7 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, June 23**, following Great Vespers.

Father David's **Faith Feedback Session** is an opportunity for you to ask a religious, historical or ethical question to be answered by him **next Sunday, June 28**, during the Coffee Hour. All he requests beforehand is that you write your query down on a card provided at the Candle Desk and then drop it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box* located in the church vestibule. Father's goal in this gathering is simply to provide a forum for Orthodox guidance, education and info. So go ahead and ask away!

Our **Annual Patronal Feast Celebration** will take place on **Monday, June 29**. Immediately after the Divine Liturgy and Procession, there will be a potluck meal in the hall. Come enjoy good food and good fellowship! **All** are invited to attend this **FREE** event. A sign-up sheet is posted in the church vestibule for those who would like to donate something (covered dish, salad, dessert, beverage, etc.) for the repast. Let's join together as a parish family and worthily honor SS. Peter & Paul, the heavenly protectors of our community.

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring a **Bus Trip to Atlantic City** on **Thurs, July 16**; the profit from this fundraiser will be used to finance the grass cutting at the church this summer. Spend the day trying your luck, on the beach or strolling the boardwalk. The cost per person is \$30, with \$25 rebated in slot money upon arriving at the *Resorts Hotel and Casino*. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. To purchase tickets, E-mail or phone Janice Meade (janiceemeade@aol.com / 732-257-8671).

BITS & PIECES

THE RECORD Attendance at the Liturgy last Sunday was **119**.

SERVING NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Parish Council**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Kozak**. (**NOTE: The Altar Society and Team Mazzei will be responsible for Coffee Hour and cleaning of the church, respectively, during the month of July.**)

OUR THANKS to **Fr. Peter Baktis** from *Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow Mission* in Rocky Hill for serving Vespers and General Confession last night in Fr. David's stead. May God bless him and his family with good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANK YOU to the following individuals for their recent donations to the parish:

Church General Fund: **William Aring** (in memory of **Sergio Dubowski**)

Cemetery Tree Planting Fund: **Edward & Elaine Boshko** (in memory of **John Kotkovich**)

Handicap Access Fund: **Jay Pelleriti** (in memory of **Gloria & Joseph Basara Jr.**)

Prosphora Baking Fund: **Jay Pelleriti** (in memory of **Joseph Rock**)

May God bless them for their thoughtfulness.

SUMMER GIVING If you miss Divine Liturgy here at our parish while on vacation this summer, please remember to submit your offerings for those Sundays missed. Our donations typically slow down during June, July and August, but our expenses continue as usual. **Support the work of this God-protected community all year round!**

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY works to keep our place of worship in tiptop shape. Helping out requires no specialized skills and takes very little time per week. This is an important activity in which **all parishioners** should participate. Professional cleaning is expensive; by volunteering, you're helping our church's budget stretch farther. Dollars that would otherwise have to be earmarked for janitorial services can now be used elsewhere to glorify the Lord.

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

JULY
KATHY COOPER
CRAIG & ELAINE MAZZEI
WALTER "BLACKIE" SUDNIKOVICH
LINDA WOOD

AUGUST
EDWARD & ELAINE BOSHKO
PAUL & ELEANOR BOSHKO
EMILY SZESTAKOWSKI

SEPTEMBER
PHILIP & NATASHA ROGOZENSKI
DANIEL ROGOZENSKI
SANDY & NICHOLAS ROMANOFISKY

All the cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have questions, concerns or conflicts, see Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. When you help to keep our church beautiful, you are showing others that we are serious about serving the Lord. Thanks.

THE FLOWERS on the center tetrapod today were offered by **Ann Krynicky** in celebration of *Father's Day* and in memory of her beloved parents, **Vasily & Anastasia**. We appreciate the lovely gesture and extend our heartfelt appreciation—God bless!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS go out this week to **Brian Posluszny** and **Margaret Butch**. May their lives continue to be filled with much happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

WE ARE PRAYING ESPECIALLY FOR the following relatives and friends, as well as the victims and families of the tragic shootings at *Emmanuel AME Church* in Charleston, SC that left nine dead, including the pastor and associate pastor:

Departed

John Kotkovich	Joseph Rock
Michael Sivetz	Ruby Klink
Timothy Donovan	Darren Flynn
Edward Powers	Gloria Basara
Joseph Basara Jr.	Jean Zapora
Maria Maihart	Marie Chomiak

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

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

If you would like us add/delete someone from the abovementioned list, please contact Father David or Starosta.

WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR KINDNESS We extend our deepest appreciation to three very special ladies—**Dorothy Messeka, Joan Pisuk** and **Leslie Zelanko**—for all the planting and weeding they've done around the church and parish hall throughout this spring. Their thoughtfulness and caring for the beauty of our properties are truly worthy of all God's blessings.

GOOD MANNERS & ORDER IN CHURCH A good Orthodox Christian arrives at church **on time**. If you are unavoidably late, try to enter during a quiet moment; do **not** go in during the reading of the Epistle and Gospel. Take part in the service; light a candle, sing the hymns, bow your head for prayers and listen attentively to the sermon. For what other reason is there for attending church but to join in? Also, all able body attendees should remain **standing**, reverently and quietly, during Holy Communion.

BULLETINS ONLINE View the Sunday bulletin online at our website, www.saintpeterandpaul.org.

THE DEADLINE for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**; submit announcements to Fr. David or Starosta James Kornafel by then. Note that all notices are subject to editing. Questions? Call Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), telephone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

CHURCH SCHOOL CLOSING / GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015

It is with immense gratitude and deep satisfaction that we close the 2014-15 Church School Year. Our program continued to be a healthy, strong, active and fun place to be on Sunday mornings after the Liturgy. How wonderful it was to see our children growing in the Orthodox Faith and to be so enthusiastic and keen to take part in church life wherever they could.

*We extend our thanks to all those parishioners who so generously volunteered their gifts, time and talents to this ministry this year. Special recognition is given to the following: **Karen Berezniak**, for her selfless service in, again, being the driving force in overseeing our Church School so capably and successfully; **Father David**, for his unwavering support, guidance and wisdom; **Basil Kozak**, for his leadership during singing rehearsals and for coaching during special liturgical services and occasions; all the **parents, grandparents and godparents** for their very heartfelt concern and encouragement; the **Church School teachers and assistants** for their dedication and willingness to share their knowledge; the **Saint Anne's Guild** for their smiling faces and helping hands; and all our **well wishers** for their prayers and support towards this wonderful ministry. Last, but certainly not least, we thank **God** for all His blessings on our Church School and pray that His abounding mercies may continue on all our kids. We must keep in mind that they are the lifeblood of our parish and, that without them, we will die. We all either had or were children, so we must lift them up in any way we can; that means accepting the noise and confusion, as well as the hugs and smiles they bring to us.*

*And now a brief word to our **high school and college graduates**. While this is an exciting time in your lives, there are many unknowns ahead. You will find yourselves in unfamiliar territory. You may be going off to college; you may be leaving school and heading to work; or you may be moving from one town to another. Wherever you go and whatever you do, remember that you are never alone. You are part of the Body of Christ and you are part of the family of God here at SS. Peter & Paul. Our prayers are with you. You will be a part of what we do while you are at school and away. And what you do affects us. Don't forget who you are. We give you a hug of congratulations and send you on your way with love.*

Finally, to all those children returning in the fall: May the Lord give you the rest and refreshment you need this summer to come back with a new spirit and new energy to continue to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace.

CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS

PRE-K – GRADE 1 (Karen Berezniak/Amanda Lupkin)

Dylan Arango, Sebastian Deerson, Catherine Domboski, Sara Jaworuk, Maximillian Lupkin, Victoria Mekbeeb, Arianna Steffaro

GRADES 2-4 (Allison Steffaro)

Kathryn Illenye, Vladislav Kachur, Gabriella Kozak, Patricia Leoniuk, Nia Lomjaria, Sophia Mekbeeb, Andrew Steffaro

GRADES 5-7 (Gregory Berezniak/Anastasia Essl)

Marianna Kachur, Elizabeth Leoniuk, Lizzie Lomjaria, Brian Posluszny

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Natalie Siemienczuk is graduating from Bridgewater Raritan HS and will be attending Rutgers Newark Business School.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Fiona Garretson graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from the DePaul University Theatre School.

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP

The Schemick-Tolls Scholarship was established as a living memorial to John Tolls, his deceased wife Leatrice, their daughters Lea and Lynley, and that of honorees Anna, John and John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory, whose intention it was to assist the youth of this parish as they pursue their studies at an accredited college, university or trade school.

Many qualified high school seniors and full-time undergraduate college students applied for this year's scholarships. After thoughtful deliberations by the Selection Committee, the three recipients chosen were **Kristen Berezniak**, **Luke Naumiuk** and **Paul Rogozenski**. We are proud to honor these remarkable young adults for not only excelling in the classroom, but giving back to their community and church and inspiring their peers and all of us.

We are very grateful to the funders for making these scholarships possible each year and to the Selection Committee for all its time, support and dedication. Thanks to all who applied; best wishes on your educational journeys!

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