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March 15, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 7—VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius and two named Alexander at Caesarea in Palestine; Hieromartyr Alexander of Side in Pamphylia; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; St. Zachariah, Pope of Rome; St. Nicander the Monk of Gorodets; Newmartyr Manuel of Crete

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

WORSHIP & STUDY—FOURTH WEEK OF GREAT LENT

TODAY 4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission Vespers** at Church of the Holy Cross in Medford

Tues, Mar 17 7:00 p.m. Panihida for **Karen Tarallo** at Maliszewski Funeral Home

Wed, Mar 18 **The Repose of St. Nikolai of Zhicha**
10:00 a.m. Funeral of **Karen Tarallo**
6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri, Mar 20 6:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Matins for the Departed followed by Faith Enrichment Series in the church hall

Sat, Mar 21 **FOURTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Memorial Saturday**
9:00 a.m. St. James the Confessor
Divine Liturgy Epistles: Heb 6:9-12 Gospels: Mark 7:31-37
1 Cor 15:47-57 (Departed) John 5:24-30 (Departed)
(Confessions before Divine Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Please do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)
5:00 p.m. Confession of Church School Children
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Anna Elagin** (40th day) offered by **Valentina Fornadel** and **Maria Groszew**
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

Sun, Mar 22 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 8—ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER**
9:00 a.m. Epistles: Heb 6:13-20 Gospels: Mark 9:17-31
Divine Liturgy Eph 5:9-19 (Saint) Matt 4:25-5:12 (Saint)
(After Liturgy, the **St. Anne's Guild** will host a **Communion Breakfast** to which all parishioners are invited.)
4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission Vespers** at Church of the Mother of God in Mays Landing

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal. Because of the *Communion Breakfast*, there will be **NO** sessions next week. All classes will resume on **Sunday, March 29**.

A **Special Collection** was taken **TODAY** during Liturgy to support the young family of **+Fr. Matthew Baker** in the wake of his tragic death two weeks ago. (*He was their only source of income and had only recently begun his first full-time parish assignment.*) If you were unprepared to participate, please do so next week. You can also send your donation to *Metropolis of Boston, c/o Fr. Matthew Baker Fund, 162 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445.* May the peace of God be with Fr. Baker's family and may he forever rest in the arms of the Lord. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

The **Altar Society** will meet on **Monday, March 16**, at 6 p.m., in the church hall.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, March 19**, at 7 p.m.

Fr. David will be offering a **Faith Enrichment Series** on the basics of the Christian Faith **this Friday, March 20**, following the Matins for the Departed. Anyone interested is invited to the hall for some light refreshments, where Father will offer a reflection on the Creed and its application in our lives. Please give serious thought and prayer to taking advantage of this great "refresher" course.

The **Confession of the Church School Children** will take place **this Saturday, March 21**, from 5-6:30 p.m., and following Vespers. The youth will commune as a group during the Liturgy **next Sunday, March 22**. Afterwards, the **St. Anne's Guild** will host a **Communion Breakfast** for all parishioners.

Next Sunday, March 22, will be our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday**, where all our young people will take over many responsibilities of the Divine Liturgy. Make an effort to attend what, no doubt, will be a rewarding and significant day.

BITS & PIECES

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP Attendance at Liturgy was **109**.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS A *Communion Breakfast* will be hosted next week by the **Saint Anne's Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Machyowsky**.

CEMETERY ORDER Parishioners are asked to remove all winter grave blankets from their plots by **Tuesday, March 31**, so that the landscaper can begin his spring clean up.

FOOD BANK NEEDS LIST The *South River Food Bank* is in need of the following items: **cereal, jelly, ketchup, cans of Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli or Meatballs & Pasta, tuna, chicken and/or chili, boxes of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna and scalloped and/or mashed potatoes.** (*Gift cards are also welcomed.*) If you can help by donating any of these, it would be appreciated. Leave your contribution on the table in the church hall vestibule; Joan Pisuk will make sure they are delivered to the Food Bank. We thank all parishioners who have already participated.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Alexa DeCaro-Aleman** who became a child of God through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Chrismation yesterday. We rejoice with her family and friends, especially her great-grandmother, **Paula Hila**, and pray that she'll be filled with wisdom and grace for many, many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held last Sunday was well attended and everyone's participation was appreciated; it was a pleasure to see so many of you present. There was a good exchange of info, a lot of lively conversation and a few questions, which prove how much each of you loves and cares for *SS. Peter & Paul*. This church is truly full of life and may God continue to bless it for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

LENTEN SOUL SATURDAYS The last of this year's Lenten Memorial Saturdays will be **this Saturday, March 21**. Liturgy on Saturday morning will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening, at which time the names of deceased parish and family members will be read. Enclosed in the January 25 bulletin was the form for you to list those you want mentioned. (*There are still extra copies available at the Candle Desk.*) Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or forward it to the rectory. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services and offer his/her prayers, not only as a sign of love and respect, but to ask those who have passed away to intercede before God to protect us and our loved ones on earth until such time that we, too, can enjoy the fruits of blessed immortality.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out this week to **Nicholas Kovalenko** and **Natalie Eichler**. We wish both of them all God's precious gifts for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MEMORY ETERNAL Our sister in Christ, **Karen Tarallo**, fell asleep in the Lord yesterday. Please keep her precious family in your prayers, especially her husband, **John**, her daughters, **Kristen & Kaitlyn**, and her sister, **Marie Mendoker**, as they go through a difficult time—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THANK YOU Jim & Deb Jones would like to take the opportunity to thank the following volunteers who came last Saturday to help them make kielbasa: **Margaret Butch, Nicholas Dulski, Pat Januszewski, Joyce Major, Thomas & Audrey Pituk** and **Leslie Zelanko**. To date, close to **\$900** of sausage has already been purchased; if what is in the freezer is sold at the upcoming *Easter Bazaar*, a profit of approximately **\$1,100** will be realized! It would not have been possible without the assistance and full support of this small, but dedicated group of people; they did a great job!

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP All high school seniors and full-time, undergraduate students may obtain scholarship information and applications from Carol Deerson (732-254-4979). The deadline date for submission is **Fri, May 1**. This scholarship serves as a living memorial to John Tolls, his deceased wife Leatrice, their daughters Lea and Lynley, and that of honorees Anna, John & John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory, whose intention was to assist the youth of this parish, as they pursue their academic studies at an accredited college, university or trade school.

ASKING PRAYERS Please remember the following brothers and sisters in your prayers, as well as the 21 Christians murdered in Libya, the Coptic Church and the Egyptian nation:

Departed

Anna Elagin	James Koy
Dolores Hode	Priest Matthew Baker
Zinna Kusnirik	John (Jack) Rhoades
Katherine Tarczewski	Helena Bujdzicz
Stephanie Simons	Karen Tarallo
Mariami Naruslishvili	

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Beth Giordano	Nancy Filak
Patricia Lowry	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Matushka Dorothy Sulich	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Amelia Rugala
Iwan Jakimtschuk	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Gloria Basara	Theodore Christie	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
Sheri Long	John Cameron	Tamara Diaczenko
Edward Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	Gloria Soto	Michael Pelleriti
Joseph Basara Jr.	Eileen Swenticky	Gina Krusius
Martha Drobnak	Donna Kara	Wendy Packard
Sergio Dubowski	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Bruce Longo	Vladimir Batenko	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Pauline Dziemian	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	Simon Koslov Jr.	Mari Favire
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	John Kotkovich
Joseph Posluszny	Elaine O'Neill	

If you would like a prayer request included in the bulletin, see/contact Father David or Starosta. Also, if someone can be removed, let us know so that we can keep this list a manageable length.

FOOD CARD PROGRAM Please consider purchasing food cards to these local supermarkets—**Pathmark, Acme, Stop & Shop** and **ShopRite**—before you do your grocery shopping. If you purchase a \$100 gift card to *ShopRite* or *Acme*, for example, you will be earning the church a 5% profit or \$5. This may not seem like much, but if you do this a few times a month and other parishioners do the same, the profit received would be a tremendous help to this parish. Out of 88 families pictured in the new *Church Directory*, only 38 buy food cards on a regular basis. If the remaining 50 bought just one \$25 card per month, it would bring in an extra \$750 a year. The beauty of this fundraiser is that it doesn't cost you anything extra! Cards are on sale in the hall during Coffee Hour each Sunday—give it a try! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

JOIN THE CHOIR We encourage those parishioners with a God-given vocal talent to join the Choir. It takes many voices to sustain this ministry. Nobody is too young or too old to sing!

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY is made up of volunteers who oversee the weekly maintenance and upkeep of our place of worship. This is a very important activity in which **all parishioners** should participate. Listed below are the teams for April, May and June:

APRIL
BRENDA ADAMS
KENNETH DAVIS
MARIE MIODUSZEWSKI
SONIA PLUTNICK
CLAIRE SHALUHA
JUDITH ZNAIDEN

MAY
GREGORY MESSEKA
JANUSZ & TAISA NAUMIUK
YURI NERUSH
ANATOL & ANNA SIEMIENCZUK

JUNE
HELENA CHRISTIE
JAMES & DEBRA JONES
BASIL & REBECCA KOZAK

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/contact Jay Pelleriti (732-216-8121) or Starosta. Serving in this ministry can be humbling, yet surprisingly rewarding when done unto the Lord with the right attitude. Thanks.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS Notices from parishioners or parish organizations must be submitted to Fr. David or our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Thursday evening**, for inclusion in next Sunday's bulletin. You can contact Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



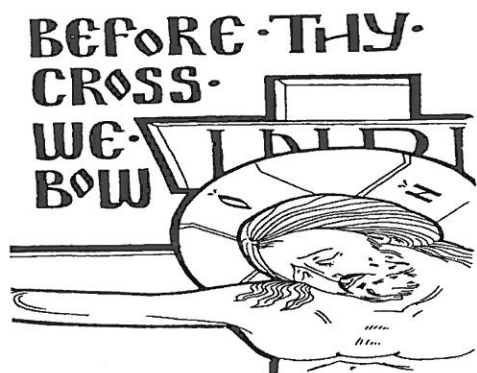
Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance are the actions that help us during Great Lent to focus on the Cross and the Resurrection of Christ. These four disciplines are provided by the Church to aid us on the road to reconciliation with the Lord. At this midpoint of the Fast, they should be a strategic part of who we are, as the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve and to act. If they are not, there's still time to utilize these practices and make changes in your life to center more on what God is doing and less upon what you are trying to do. Give Lent a new start in the days ahead; the Lord is offering you more than you can ask or imagine.

ANNUAL EASTER BAZAAR—MARCH 28, 2015

Our **Annual Easter Bazaar** is scheduled for **Sat, March 28**; its purpose is two-fold: to bring the parish together to raise funds to sustain its fiscal needs and to open our arms, hearts and doors as we share our cherished Lenten and Paschal traditions with the surrounding communities. Delicious specialty foods and pastries will be offered, as well as ethnic sales, church tours and gift baskets.

Need a sweet treat for Pascha, other than chocolate eggs and jellybeans? How about a delicious babka? Orders are being taken by **Carol Deerson** (732-254-4979) through **next Sunday, March 22**. Varieties include apricot, cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, poppy, prune and raspberry for \$10.25 each and apricot cheese, chocolate cheese and raspberry cheese for \$10.75. Pickup will be in the church hall on **Thursday, March 26**, after 3 p.m.

For this fundraiser to be really successful, the entire parish will be relied on heavily to prepare, work and participate in all activities. The fellowship and resulting friendships will be wonderful extra benefits of laboring for a good cause. So, please set aside some time to help your church during this major event. *(Additional details will be provided next week.)*



Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

St. John Chrysostom

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!