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May 3, 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 3—SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antioch in Egypt; St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis; Ven. Hegumeness Iulianiya and Ven. Nun Evpraksiya of Moscow; The *Svenskaya* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos; Greatmartyr Xenia the Wonderworker of the Peloponnesus; St. Ecumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tricca; St. Mamai, Catholicos of Georgia; SS. Michael and Arsenius the Georgians; St. Ansfried, Bishop of Utrecht; St. Theophanes of Vatopedi, Metropolitan of Peritheorion; Martyr Paul of Vilnius, Lithuania; Newmartyr Achmed the Calligrapher at Constantiople; Martyrs Diodorus and the Deacon Rhodopianus at Aphrodisia in Anatolia; The Finding of the Relics of St. Luke of Mt. Steirion

Reading: Acts 9:32-42

Gospel: John 5:1-15

WORSHIP & STUDY

Tues, May 5	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Wed, May 6	9:00 a.m.	MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST (Lesser Blessing of Water) Righteous Job the Long-suffering
Divine Liturgy	Reading: Acts 14:6-18	Gospel: John 7:14-30
Fri, May 8	10:00 a.m.	Panihida for Sergio Dubowski (40 th day) offered by the family
Sat, May 9	9:30 a.m.	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at <i>Saint John the Baptist Church</i> in Passaic in celebration of the 5 th anniversary of Archbishop MICHAEL's consecration to the episcopacy (<i>A luncheon at The Brownstone in Paterson will follow at 1 p.m.</i>)
	10:00 a.m.	Baptism of Kate Jocelyn Lukaszonas , newborn daughter of Michael & Kate Lukaszonas
	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for Karen Tarallo (40 th day) offered by Marie Mendoker
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, May 10		5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA—Tone 4—SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN
9:00 a.m.	Reading: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30	Gospel: John 4:5-42
Divine Liturgy	<i>(During Divine Liturgy, prayers for the deceased and living mothers of our parish will be offered.)</i>	

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, May 5**, following Vespers.

There will be an **Altar Society Meeting** in the church hall on **Monday, May 18**, at 6 p.m.

A **Memorial Day Panihida** honoring all the departed veterans of our parish will be served at the cemetery on **Monday, May 25**, beginning at 8 a.m. If you know of any recently deceased or forgotten servicemen/women who should be included on the memorial list, please contact Father David at the rectory.

Tickets are now on sale for the **Annual Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner** to be served on **Sat, May 30**, from 4-7 p.m., in the church hall. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children, 15 and under. Soda and water will be available for purchase at this BYOB event. See any Club member to obtain your ticket; you can also make reservations with Edward Boshko at (732) 254-1200. [**NOTE:** Tickets can also be purchased at the door.]

BITS & PIECES

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **122**.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Senior R Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Naumiuk**.

CONFESSION & COMMUNION DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON As is our parish practice, there'll be **NO General Confession** during these glorious days of the Resurrection. Those of you who confessed and communed during Great Lent may continue to approach the Holy Chalice on Sundays and holidays, provided that you prepare accordingly (prayer and meditation) and abstain from all food and drink after midnight. Remember that if you miss a Sunday, you must go to private Confession or speak with Father David before communing the next time. (**NOTE:** General Confession will resume on **Sat, June 6**, following Vespers. For those who desire private Confession before then, Father will be available on Saturday afternoons starting at 5 p.m.)

BIRTHDAY WISHES go out TODAY to **Christen Fornadel-Segal**. May God continue to brighten her life with blessings of love and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

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

MEMORY ETERNAL Our condolences to the **Rogozenski & Romanofsky Families** on the falling asleep of their cousin, **Edward Romanofsky**, on Thurs, April 30. In this time of loss and sadness, may God's love and compassion wipe their tears, comfort their hearts and breathe peace into their souls—Vechnaya Pamyat!

FOOD CARD PROGRAM Thank you to all those parishioners who helped raise a profit of **\$1,002** for the first three months of this year; our goal for 2015 is \$4,000. If you are not already a participant in this church fundraiser, consider purchasing food cards to any of these local supermarkets—**ShopRite, Pathmark, Acme and Stop & Shop**—before you do your grocery shopping. Each time you buy a food card, you are making a 5% donation to the parish at **NO EXTRA COST** to you. 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 *SS. Peter & Paul*. 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. Cards are available in denominations of \$20, \$25, \$50 and \$100. If you're not familiar with the program, stop by our table in the hall during Coffee Hour on Sundays and we will gladly explain how it works. Give it a try! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

A BROADWAY BENEFIT to aid the *St. Tikhon's Seminary Married Student Housing Project* will be held **TODAY**. Only **four tickets** are still available for the 3 p.m. matinee of the new musical *Dr. Zhivago* at the **Broadway Theater**, 1681 Broadway (between 52nd & 53rd Streets) in NYC. Following the performance, there will be a meet-and-greet with the cast and crew. Tickets are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis; they can be paid for with cash or by check. Prices are as follows: \$110 for rear mezzanine and \$120 for rear orchestra; included is a \$50 tax-deductible donation to *St. Tikhon's*. Any checks can be made out to the *South River R Club*. [**NOTE:** This is a **Diocesan fundraiser**; the *R Club* was requested to just sell the tickets.] For purchases, see Carol Deerson or Sandra Saurman. Support this exciting event!

EASTER FLOWERS AVAILABLE Flowers that decorated the Tomb of Our Lord on Good Friday and the church on Pascha are still available, while supplies last, behind the church; please take one home.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to **Seminarian Wesley & Lauren Pulley** on the birth of their son, **Walter Nicholas**, on Monday, April 27. This miraculous gift from God weighed in at 6 lbs 4 oz and measured 18". Other than being very tired and very hungry, both mother and baby are home and doing well. May the Risen Lord shower this family with heavenly blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MANY THANKS to **Helene Titsch** for the flowers adorning the icons of the Resurrection and the Healing of the Paralytic on the center tetrapod today; they were offered in commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the falling-asleep of her beloved mother, **Mary Urbanik**. May her memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Please continue to remember all the needs of the *South River Food Bank*. If everyone would bring just a few non-perishable items each week, we could make a huge difference. There are boxes in the church hall vestibule where you can place your donation(s). Any questions? See or contact Joan Pisuk (732-254-1519). God bless!

PRAYER LIST Please pray for the following brothers and sisters this week:

	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Pauline Dziemian	Lisa Woodward	Ivan Shidlovsky
Robert Mesinar	Sybil Levine	Priest Sean Levine
Sergio Dubowski	Edward Romanofsky	Elizabeth Brent
Marie Horvath	Dorcas Serpikov	
	<u>Sick</u>	
Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	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	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Gloria Basara	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
Joseph Basara Jr.	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	Simon Koslov Jr.	William Boyke
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	John Kotkovich
Joseph Posluszny	Archpriest Paul Lazor	Robert Ingram
Thomas Kurdonik	Matushka Juliana Schmemann	Elaine O'Neill
Lauren Pelleriti	Chester Andrzejewski	Robert Fedak

If you would like us to remember you or your loved one(s) in our prayers, see/contact Fr. David or Starosta.

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

<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>
GREGORY MESSEKA	HELENA CHRISTIE	KATHY COOPER
JANUSZ & TAISA NAUMIUK	JAMES & DEBRA JONES	CRAIG & ELAINE MAZZEI
YURI NERUSH	BASIL & REBECCA KOZAK	WALTER "BLACKIE" SUDNIKOVICH
ANATOL & ANNA SIEMIENCZUK		LINDA WOOD

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/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.

IOCC EXPANDS EFFORT TO ADDRESS FOOD CRISIS IN GREECE The financial crisis that has rocked Europe and deeply affected Greece has reached proportions where 300,000+ children now live in families that can't afford to provide a healthy diet, including meat and fish. So many people are experiencing a food deprivation that has not existed in that country since WWII. With the support of donors worldwide, **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** has been focusing the growing needs of Greece's vulnerable families by providing millions of dollars in food, medical supplies and heating fuel. Unfortunately, the need for assistance continues to grow, as an increasing number of people find themselves without income and access to social services. Cognizant of this harsh reality, IOCC is asking for your financial help to assist those most in want. You are asked to generously respond to this appeal by sending a contribution to the *Give for Greece Fund c/o IOCC, PO Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297*; you can also donate via telephone (1-877-803-4622) or the Web (www.iocc.org). May this Paschal season be even more spiritually rewarding to you because of you love and charitableness.

SHHHH! Please silence all cell phones and pagers when entering the church. Thanks.

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

Handicap Access Fund: **Paul & Eleanor Boshko** (in memory of **Pauline Dziemian**)

Church General Fund: **Paul & Eleanor Boshko** (in memory of **Karen Tarallo**); **Ronald & Paula Mindzak** (hall kitchen repairs) and **Joanne Tarczewski** (in memory of **Katherine Tarczewski**)

Hall Ice Machine Fund: **Gregory Messeka**

Well done, good and faithful stewards!

COMING SOON Ascension Day (**May 21**)...Memorial Day Pilgrimage to *Saint Tikhon's Monastery* (**May 25**)...Memorial Saturday (**May 30**)...Pentecost/Annual *Taste of the Parish* (**May 31**)...20th Annual *Run/Walk for the Church* (**June 6**)...Annual Visit of Archbishop **MICHAEL**/110th Anniversary Celebration (**June 7**)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS If you have bulletin announcements, contact Father David or Starosta James Kornafel by **Thursday evening** to have them included in next Sunday's edition. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).

We are called to recite or sing the Paschal Troparion ("Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and, upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!") before every meal until the Feast of the Ascension which, this year, falls on May 21. This hymn should also be included in our morning and evening prayers. Our homes and hearts should be filled with these words and truth continuously; we must let them overflow from our being into all with whom we deal daily.

*Also, there is **NO KNEELING** in prayer during the fifty days following Pascha, as we should not be focused on our failings and sinfulness but, rather, on the love of the Lord and the glory of His Resurrection.*

The **Midfeast of Pentecost** is the midpoint of the 50 days between Holy Pascha and Pentecost. On this day, we commemorate the event from the life of the Savior when He taught in the temple about His own divine ministry and the mystery of water, which He attributed as a sign of grace of the Holy Spirit that comes into the world to heal all of its infirmities, both physical and spiritual, and to grant a life of salvation to the thirsty. Accordingly, the **Lesser Blessing of Water** will take place following Liturgy **this Wednesday**. Please make every effort to attend and don't forget to bring a container with you to take some water home.

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC :



Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called Bethesda. It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof, laid very many sick people with various maladies, waiting for the moving of the water. The first to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever sickness he had.

*It was there that the paralytic in today's Gospel was lying, tormented by his infirmity of 38 years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to *Fathers of the Church*, the Lord healed this paralytic during the days of Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the feast, and lived there teaching and working miracles. According to *St. John the Evangelist*, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.*

CHRIST IS RISEN!

INDEED HE IS RISEN!