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September 27, 2015

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8

Martyrs Callistratus and his company; Ven. Sabbatius the Wonderworker of Solovetsky Monastery; Apostles Mark, Aristarchus and Zenas of the Seventy; Martyr Epicharis of Rome; Ven. Ignatius the Abbot in Asia Minor; Martyr Sigebert the King of the East Angles; New Hieromartyr Anthimus the Georgian, Metropolitan of Wallachia

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

WORSHIP & STUDY

TODAY 10:30 a.m. Molieben for the start of the **2015-16 Church School Year**

Wed, Sept 30 7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya

Thurs, Oct 1 **THE PROTECTION (POKROV) OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY**; Venerable Romanus the Melodist; Apostle of the Seventy Ananias
9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy Epistle: Heb 9:1-7 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Sat, Oct 3 **Orthodox Education Day – St. Vladimir’s Seminary in Yonkers, NY**
10:00 a.m. Malankara Orthodox Matins
12 noon Keynote Address by the Very Rev. Dr. John McGuckin
1:00 p.m. Coptic Orthodox Raising of Incense
2:00 p.m. Sacred Music Concert
5:00 p.m. Confessions (*our parish*)
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession (*our parish*)

Sun, Oct 4 **18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1**
9:00 a.m. Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens
Divine Liturgy Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes for the 2015-16 academic year begin **TODAY** after the Liturgy. Students, along with their teachers, will be dismissed as a group following the molieben.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, September 29**, at 7 p.m.

Don't miss the **Men's Club Annual Fish Fry** on **Friday, October 2**, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the hall. This outreach event always brings parishioners and the community together in fellowship. For \$15 per plate, you will get a complete dinner with fish, fries, salads and dessert. (*Can't eat in? Take out orders will be available.*) Tickets can be obtained from Jay Pelleriti, Peter Silowka or any other Club member. Bring your friends and family! Come for the food...leave with a full tummy!

The **Men's Club** is hosting an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** on **Thursday, October 29**. Join us for a fun-filled day at the *Resorts Hotel and Casino*. The bus will depart from the church parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. The price is \$30 with \$25 back in slot vouchers. Reservations should be made as soon as possible; see/contact Edward (732-254-1200) or Paul (732-254-6991) Boshko.

Use the joy you find in baking to serve the church! Come to **Prospora Baking** in the church hall on **Saturday, November 7**, at 10 a.m., and help make the bread that becomes the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ at every Divine Liturgy. Not only is this a very spiritually rewarding undertaking, it is also a great honor...get involved!

Orders of **Homemade Fresh Kielbasa** for Thanksgiving and Christmas are being taken through **Sun, November 8**. This high-quality meat is made using only the freshest and finest ingredients. The cost is \$6.50 per pound. To place an order, get in touch with Debra Jones by telephone (732-238-0735) or E-mail (dshaluha@comcast.net). Pick-up will be in the hall on **Saturday, November 14**, between 2 and 4 p.m. The kielbasa freezes well, so stock up on enough to get you through the holidays and the long winter ahead!

BITS & PIECES

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **110**.

SERVING NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Gregory Chup**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Senior R Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Pituk**. (*NOTE: The Senior R Club and Team Pituk will be responsible for Coffee Hour and cleaning the church, respectively, throughout October.*)

THANKS to the **Men's Club** for hosting *Coffee Hour* this month and to **Team Rogozenski (Phi, Natasha & Daniel Rogozenski, Alexandra & Nicholas Romanofsky)** for cleaning the church throughout September. Everyone's selfless giving will not be forgotten—God bless!

WE ARE SO DELIGHTED TO WELCOME our parishioner from West Virginia, **Janet Hartman**. It's always a pleasure to have her "back home" with us. May the Lord continue to bless and keep her for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING Last Sunday, a *Special Parish Meeting* was convened to discuss our financial status, as of August 31, and to review the recommendations of Parish Council regarding the replacement of the roof on the rectory. After hearing the three bids presented by **Starosta James Kornafel**, the parish voted unanimously to award the contract to *Muscle Roofing* at a cost of \$7,450. Appreciation is extended to all who attended the meeting; **Treasurer Sandra Hoff** for giving a well-documented and thought provoking report; and to **Parish Council** for its preparation in advance of this gathering. Glory and thanks be to God! (*NOTE: A follow-up letter on stewardship and giving will soon be released by Fr. David and Parish Council. Bottom line: We are all called to give money to support the mission of our parish, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in our parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over?"*)

MEMORY ETERNAL Our brother in Christ, **Iwan Jakimtschuk**, fell asleep in the Lord on Wed, September 23. He was a faithful communicant of our parish for many decades. Our condolences go out to his wife, **Maria**, as well as to all of his extended family and friends. May God, Who watches over us, be with them in their sorrow and give them comfort and courage—Vechnaya Pamyat!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY to **Elaine (Craig) Mazzei** on the falling asleep of her uncle, **George Russian**, last Sunday. May he rest now in God's peace and may those who are suffering this loss find comfort in the care and concern of those around them.

NEW DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER *Beyond the Plateau*, a monthly diocesan newsletter on parish outreach and growth, is included in today's bulletin. Read it and put to use this valuable info.

THANK YOU to **Joan Shenko Miller** and **Eugenia Spaulding** (in memory of **Nonna Burlak**) for their recent donations to the church; their faithful giving and support are greatly appreciated.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS are extended this week to **Janet Hartman, Janet Machyowsky, Judy Znaiden** and **Andrew Steffaro**. May their lives continue to be filled with brightness, beauty and love for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER Purchase your gift cards for the holidays now and help support *Saint Andrew's Camp* in upstate New York and the summer programs it provides to our children throughout the Diocese, the National Church (OCA) and other Orthodox jurisdictions. There are gift cards for EVERYONE—relatives, teachers, co-workers and friends—and they make PERFECT stocking stuffers! Orders will be taken **next Sunday, October 4** and again on **Sunday, November 1**; pick up will be on **Sunday, October 11** and **Sunday, November 8**, respectively. See Natasha Rogozenski or Sandy Romanofsky for the details. Save time and money, stick to your spending budget and enjoy the holidays without any shopping craziness; give the gift of relaxation to yourself this year!

EXTRA COPIES of the *2015 Interim Financial Report* are available at the Candle Desk.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK Please include in your daily prayers the following parishioners, family members and friends:

Departed

Thomas Noto	Toni Frost
Thomas Verdon	Myrna Woznica
Alexander Socrates	George Russian
Paula Kozlen	Iwan Jakimtschuk

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
 Priest Sean Levine
 Elizabeth Brent
 Tyler Dean

Sick

Aunika Browne	Jessica Hu	Beth Williscroft
Darlene Posluszny	Beth Giordano	Nancy Filak
Patricia Lowry	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Carol Luongo	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Mary Dean
Maria Freccia	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Sgt. Peter Roselli	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Simon Kozlov Jr.	Pauline Pullo	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
William Begley	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	Archpriest George Hasenecz	Wendy Packard
Michaela Fox	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Harriet Miele	Grace Diriwachter	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Carol Sommers	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Robert Ingram
Timothy Brown	Pamela Inman	James D'Amore Jr.
Aspasia Alfaro	Dorothy Vernak	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Archpriest Joseph Kreshik	Aidan Brown
Rina D'Amico	Archpriest Paul Shafran	Victor Rugala Jr.
Deborah Krusius	Chester Andrzejewski	Robert Fedak
Michael Marsteller	Archpriest Paul Lazor	Elaine Fedak
John Weyland	Matushka Juliana Schmemann	Jeremy Posluszny
Peter Coniglio	Archpriest John Nehrebecki	Miriam Eby

Requests for additions/deletions to this list should be given to Father David or Starosta.

RIDE NEEDED TO CHURCH There are several Orthodox college students attending *Rutgers* that would like to go to church on Sundays, but can't because they have no transportation. If you are willing to pick up and drop off one or more of them, please contact Fr. David at the rectory. Let's try to be a "home away from home" for these kids!

WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU! If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up and you would like to have it mentioned in the bulletin and from the ambo, please contact Fr. David or Starosta.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for next Sunday's edition should be directed to Father 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).

The **2015-16 Church School Year** officially begins today in our parish. Our teachers and parents are to be commended for their participation and involvement in the spiritual formation of our youth for, in the words of St. Theophan the Recluse: "**Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.**"

In our modern, fast-paced society, Church School faces many challenges from other activities and programs which compete for our children's attention. They, along with their parents, are under enormous pressure to seek first the things of the world rather than the things of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is, therefore, the obligation of **all of us** to help our parents and youth maintain the proper balance in life. We must do everything possible to bless our children with the teachings of our Faith, never forgetting that religious education is a daily experience for people of all ages.

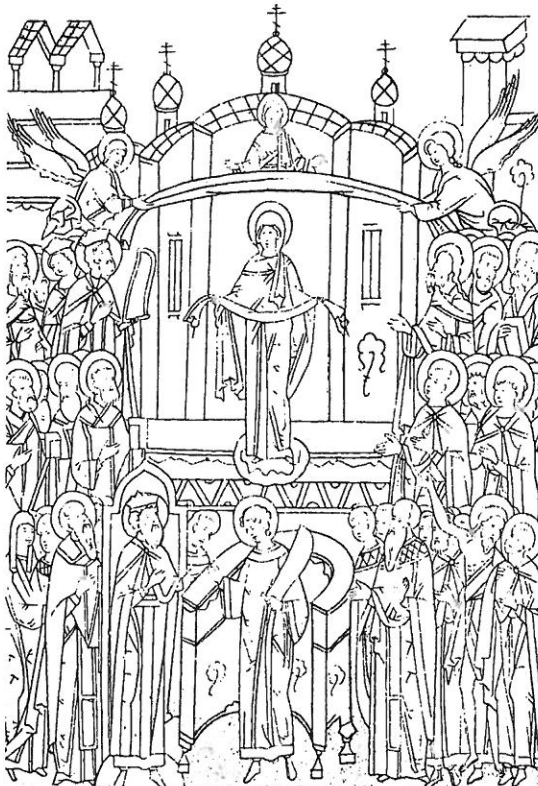
May God bless our Church School, to be a lively center for sound learning, new discovery and the pursuit of wisdom.

THE ANNUAL PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

There're just three weeks until our **Annual Parish Fall Festival!** Come out and support this event on **Sat, Oct 17**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Co-chairmen Greg Messeka, Sandra Saurman and Peter & Deb Silowka can sure use your help, as we share our Slavic culture with 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 *Thank You* to the surrounding communities for enabling us, with their financial support, to continue all of our blessed ministries and work. So, if you have a few hours to spare, see Pete, Greg, Sandy or Debbie and lend a hand...no volunteer will be turned away!

Babka Orders are being taken by **Debra Jones** via E-mail (dshaluha@comcast.net) or telephone (732-238-0735) through **next Sun, Oct 4**; varieties include apricot, cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, poppy, prune, raisin and raspberry for \$10.50 each and apricot cheese, chocolate cheese and raspberry cheese for \$11. All orders can be picked up in the hall on **Thursday, October 15**, between 2 and 7 p.m.

Please continue to sell your **50/50 Raffle Tickets**. Chances are \$1 apiece for three opportunities to win a prize. Drawings will be held at the end of the Festival; you need **not** be present to win. All sold and unsold tickets should be returned to one of the co-chairmen. This is a great way to bring in some extra money, so do your best to distribute your allotment in a proactive manner; no one is going to come up to you asking you to sell him/her a ticket!



THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS

From time immemorial, the Church has celebrated the Most-holy Theotokos as the patroness and protectress of the Christian people who, by her intercessory prayers, implores God's mercy for us sinners. The help of the Mother of God has been clearly shown numerous times, to individuals and to nations; in peace and in war; in monastic deserts and in densely populated cities. The event that the Church commemorates and celebrates on October 1 confirms the Theotokos' consistent protection of Christian people.

In 911, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise, there was an all-night vigil in the Blachernae Church of the Mother of God in Constantinople. The church was full of people. St. Andrew the Fool-for-Christ was standing in the rear of the church with his disciple Epiphanius. At 4:00 a.m., the Most-holy Theotokos appeared above the people, holding her omophorion outstretched as a protective covering for the faithful. She was clothed in gold-encrusted purple and shone with an ineffable radiance, surrounded by apostles, saints, martyrs and virgins. St. Andrew said to Blessed Epiphanius: "*Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady of All praying for the whole world?*" Epiphanius replied: "*I see, Father, and am struck with amazement!*"

The Feast of the Protection was instituted to commemorate this event and to remind us that we can prayerfully receive the unceasing protection of the Most-holy Theotokos in any time of difficulty.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!