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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae; Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno and Macarius and 1,104 soldiers in Melitene; St. Archippus of Herapolis; Martyr Romulus and with him many others in Armenia; Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna on Crete; Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon and 11 others at Alexandria; St. David of Hermopolis in Egypt; Hieromartyr Priest Maksym Sandowicz of Carpartho-Rus; St. Beya the Virgin and First Abbess of Copeland in Cumbria; St. Magnus of Fussen the Enlightener of the Allgau region of Germany

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

## WORSHIP & STUDY

Mon, Sept 7	7:00 p.m.	Vigil at <i>SS. Peter &amp; Paul Church</i> in Manville Great Vespers with Litiya at <i>Annunciation Church</i> in Brick
Tues, Sept 8	9:00 a.m.	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY</b> The <i>Kursk-Root</i> , <i>Pochaev</i> and <i>Kholmok</i> Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos and other <i>Znameniye</i> Icons
	Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Phil 2:5-11      Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Fri, Sept 11	6:00 p.m.	Public Academic Convocation & Lecture with Patriarch IRINEJ of Serbia at <i>St. Vladimir's Seminary</i> in Yonkers, NY
Sat, Sept 12	9:30 a.m.	Parish Centennial Celebration & Consecration of the Temple of <i>St. Spiridon Church</i> in Perth Amboy
	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for <b>George &amp; Nina Volgyi</b> (Annual) offered by <b>the family</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, Sept 13	9:00 a.m.	<b>15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6</b> <b>Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross—Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross</b> Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection at Jerusalem; Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion
	Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Gal 6:11-18      Gospel: John 3:13-17
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for <b>Vladimir Batenko</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> day) offered by <b>the family</b>
	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litiya and Procession of the Cross
Mon, Sept 14	9:00 a.m.	<b>THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION (ELEVATION) OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS</b> <b>[Strict Fast Day]</b>
	Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 1:18-24      Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35
	7:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Fr. John Meyendorff Memorial Lecture at <i>St. Vladimir's Seminary</i>

## WITHIN THE PARISH

Because of logistical issues, the **Barbecue Rib and Chicken Dinner** which was to be hosted by the **Senior R Club** in the church hall today has been **CANCELLED**.

The **Altar Society** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to *Resorts Casino & Hotel* on **Thursday, September 10**. Pick-up will be from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. sharp. 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, phone Dorothy Edwards (732-257-4724) or Sonja Harris (732-257-6774).

The **Men's Club** will host its **Annual Picnic** for all members and their families from 12 noon to 5 p.m. on **Saturday, September 19**, on 7 Acres.

Save the date! A **Special Parish Meeting** will be held in the church on **Sunday, Sept 20**, following Liturgy. Two important issues will be discussed: (1) an update on the parish's financial status and (2) replacement of the roof on the rectory. We need a healthy quorum for voting, so make every effort to attend. (*1<sup>st</sup> Announcement*)

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, September 21**, at 6 p.m.

**Parish Council** will convene in the church hall on **Monday, September 21**, at 7 p.m.

Don't miss the **Men's Club Annual Fish Fry** on **Friday, Oct 2**, from 5-7 p.m., in the hall. This casual and fun 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. (*Take out orders will be available.*) Tickets will be on sale soon. Bring your friends and family! Come for the food...leave with a full tummy and a pleasant dining experience!

## **BITS & PIECES**

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**THE RECORD** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **127**.

**SERVING NEXT WEEK** The Epistle will be read by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Rogozenski**.

**WE ARE SO DELIGHTED TO WELCOME Fr. Deacon Theodore & Matushka Lorissa Gregory**, from *St. Tikhon's Seminary* in South Canaan, PA. It's a blessing to see their familiar faces again. May the Lord grant them continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**COFFEE HOUR ETIQUETTE** Please, please, please...when you are done with your food and drink, deposit the plates and cups in the trash bins located by the entrance to the kitchen. Help us keep our parish hall healthy and beautiful!

**YOU'VE GOT MAIL** Get up-to-date info from Fr. David through your E-mail; submit your address by sending a note to him at [dfmg@aol.com](mailto:dfmg@aol.com).

**THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY** works to keep our place of worship in presentable shape; it is one of the easiest ways to get more involved in the parish. Helping out requires no specialized skills; takes little time per week; and, best of all, the 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 September, October and November:

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>
PHILIP & NATASHA ROGOZENSKI	VAUGHN & LAURA BURKHOUR	MIRJANA DOSTANICH
DANIEL ROGOZENSKI	TANYA DAVIS	PETER DOZENKO
SANDY & NICHOLAS ROMANOVSKY	THOMAS & AUDREY PITUK	LOUIS & NADYA SILVA

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 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.

**HOSPITAL VISITS** Remember that due to new HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) privacy laws, Father David is not made aware of hospitalized parishioners unless the hospital has been given permission to contact him. You need to phone the rectory directly to schedule a visit or ask the hospital to reach out to Father at (732) 257-0102. All your wishes will be honored, but hospitalized parishioners or family members must make the request.

**CHURCH ETIQUETTE** Please help preserve the prayerful nature of our temple by refraining from all conversations until **after** the Divine Liturgy; this includes during the Reading of the Hours, the sermon and while the faithful partake of Communion. Your attention to this matter of church etiquette will be greatly appreciated.

**BULLETIN ONLINE** View the Sunday bulletin online at our website, [www.saintpeterandpaul.org](http://www.saintpeterandpaul.org).

**OUR BELATED CONGRATULATIONS** to **John & Helen Cameron** who celebrated 60 years of Holy Matrimony on Aug 28. These two have written a beautiful story rich with love, faith and commitment. May they cherish their memories, honor their achievements and continue their journey with the Lord at their side and joy in their hearts for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**NEW OFFERING COUNTERS' POLICY** All the volunteers who take on the fiduciary responsibility of counting the weekly offering have requested that those who "pay by check" include the check number on the line provided at the top of the envelope; by doing so, this will make reconciliation much easier. Thank you.

**THANKS** to **Ronald & Paula Mindzak** for their recent donation to the *Capital Improvement Fund* in memory of **Shirley Hoff**; their generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

**Departed**

Vladimir Batenko	Thomas Verdon
James Cloughley	Alexander Socrates
Mary Olender	Toni Frost
Thomas Noto	

**Servicemen**

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

**Sick**

Aunika Browne  
Darlene Posluszny  
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  
Harriet Miele  
Dean Prestino  
Gaynelle Crowley  
Myrna Woznica  
Aspasia Alfaro  
Beth Van Orden  
Rina D'Amico  
Deborah Krusius  
Michael Marsteller  
John Weyland  
Marianne Walsh

Jessica Hu  
Beth Giordano  
Mary Carol Burchill  
Carol Luongo  
Ruth Curtis  
Mary Louise Viquez  
Sgt. Peter Roselli  
Josefa Calero  
Pauline Pullo  
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

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  
Robert Ingram  
James D'Amore Jr.  
Jonathan Clayton  
Aidan Brown  
William Boyke  
Robert Fedak  
Elaine Fedak  
Jeremy Posluszny

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

**THANK YOU** to the **Zenkert Family** for donating a water cooler for the hall. We are most grateful for the gift and pray that God will reward them with every good blessing.

**THE SOUTH RIVER FOOD BANK** Don't 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. Hunger doesn't go away just because it's summer!

**BUY FOOD CARDS** All of us go shopping for groceries. If you pay with a food card instead of cash, the parish will earn funds without you noticing any difference. Pick up cards during Coffee Hour and use them often! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** for next Sunday's edition should be directed to Fr. David or Starosta James P. 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](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)) or fax (732-845-3515).



Tomorrow we observe **Labor Day**, in recognition of the work we're privileged to do and by which we earn our daily bread; it's also a day on which we can relax from all our labors and play. Whatever your plans, somewhere, sometime, take a moment to ask the Lord to bless all the men and women across this goodly land who work faithfully to provide for themselves and their families and to do those things needful for the well-being of the entire world. May we, who receive so much at their hands, honor and support them in all their work undertaken and accomplished, not for self alone, but for the common good.



The observance of **Patriot Day** marks the anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our nation. As you remember **this Friday** all those who died and all the heroes who responded with sacrifices of compassion, take courage with these words of hope and comfort from Psalm 25:2-3: "*O my God, I trust in Thee; let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on Thee be ashamed; let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.*" May the God of peace bring peace to our violent world; peace to the hearts of all men and women; and peace among the nations of the earth, so that such horrendous crimes never occur again. And may those who lives were spared live so that the lives lost may not have been so in vain.

## THE ANNUAL PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

There are just six weeks until our **Annual Parish Fall Festival!** Come out and support this event on **Sat, Oct 17**. Co-chairmen Greg Messeka, Sandra Saurman and Peter & Deborah 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 real good time and saying *Thanks* to the surrounding communities for enabling us, with their financial support, to continue all 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!

**Pierogie Making** will take place in the hall on **Fri, Sept 25**, at 6:30 p.m., and **Sat, 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!

**Babka Orders** are now being taken by **Debra Jones** via E-mail ([dshaluha@comcast.net](mailto:dshaluha@comcast.net)) or telephone (732-238-0735) through **Sunday, 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, Oct 15**, between 2 and 7 p.m.



### ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Prayer is not just a way of getting what we want, but also a way of becoming what God wants us to be. We see this in the lives of Saints Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Mother of God and the grandparents of Jesus Christ.

SS. Joachim and Anna were married in Nazareth where they lived in faithfulness and devotion to God and each other. They were known to give generously to the temple and to the poor; yet, they were sad because they were not blessed with children.

Tradition tells us that on one occasion, after they were both already very old, Joachim and Anna were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice in the temple. Joachim was not permitted to do so because he had no children. Both he and his wife were rebuked and scorned and their childlessness became a source of sadness and shame for them. Yet, they prayed earnestly to God for a solution and He answered their prayer in a most unexpected and delightful way! Even in her advanced age, Anna conceived and gave birth to a girl who became the Mother of God!

God answered their prayers and, at the same time, incorporated them into His plan for the salvation of mankind. Let us remember that He knows what we want—and what we need—even before we ask or are aware of it. And, the answer to our prayer may not only be for our benefit, but for the benefit of others, as well.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!