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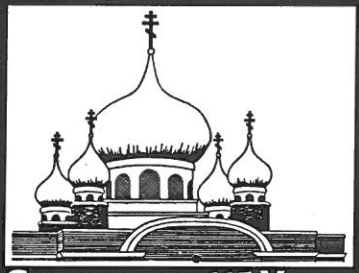

Celebrating 115 Years

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February 9, 2020

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—Tone 1
Beginning of the Lenten Triodion—Leavetaking of the Meeting

Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch in Syria; Hieromartyrs Marcellus, Bishop of Sicily, Philagrius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Pancratius, Bishop of Taoromina; Ven. Pancratius of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Nicephorus and Gennadius of Vazheozersk; The Uncovering of the Relics of St. Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk; Martyr Apollonia of Alexandria; St. Romanus the Wonderworker of Cilicia at Mt. Silpius near Antioch

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

The Church at Worship & Study

Tues, Feb 11	6:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion at *Fordham University (Lincoln Center Campus)* in New York City
Sat, Feb 15	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida: **Paul Machyowsky Sr.** (Annual) offered by **the family** **Nicholas Popsuy** (1 yr) offered by **the family**
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession *(This will be the LAST General Confession before Great Lent.)*
Sun, Feb 16	**35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2—SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON;** Martyr Pamphilius the Presbyter and those with him at Caesarea in Palestine	
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	

Our Parish Life

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

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the hall **TODAY** following the Coffee Hour. The election of Council officers and members will take place and the Treasurer and Rector will offer reports on the financial and spiritual *"State of the Parish."* **All parishioners** are requested to come and review the accomplishments of the past year and discuss the future of our ministries together. Please make every effort to attend; however, if you can't, we ask that you pray for our parish that the Spirit will continue to inspire our life together in Christ. *(**NOTE:** A copy of the **2019 Annual Report** is still available at the Candle Desk, for those of you who didn't get one last week.)*

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, February 11**, at 7 p.m.

There will be a **Senior R Club Meeting** at the Deerson home **next Sunday, February 16**, following Coffee Hour. Fundraising for the coming year will be discussed, so bring your ideas and let's see what we can accomplish.

Interested in learning more about the history, teaching and practice of our Holy Orthodox Faith? An **Inquirer's Session** with questions and answers (along with coffee and tea) will be held at the rectory on **Mon, Feb 17**, starting at 7 p.m. *(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!)* This session is an excellent way to renew your faith or explore becoming an Orthodox Christian—**ALL** are welcome!

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City (AC) Bus Trip** to the *Resorts Casino* on **Thurs, Feb 20**. The bus will leave the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. Cost is $30; $25 in slot play will be given at the casino. Phone (732-257-8671) or E-mail (janiceemeade@aol.com) Janice Meade to buy your ticket and secure a seat; availability is on a first-paid, first-served basis. All monies raised will help pay for grass-cutting at the church this spring and summer. Thanks in advance for your support—hope you will join us for a day of excitement in AC!

The next meeting of the **Men's Club** will be on **Thursday, February 20**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Prosphora (Holy Bread) Baking will take place in the hall on **Saturday, February 22**, starting after the Memorial Liturgy (between 10-10:30 a.m.) Newcomers are always welcome to be a part of this holy vocation. Jesus Christ deserves the best from us and our group of bakers does not believe in providing anything less than the very best for Him!

News Bites

FOR THE RECORD Attendance at the Liturgy last Sunday was **129**.

SERVING THE CHURCH The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Chup**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Brown**.

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST We are looking for volunteers for this month, **OTHER** than representatives of **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **St. Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. See Gregory Messeka to find out what's required to host.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS FOR RUSSIA (RBR) has been bringing the Word of the Lord to the far corners of Russia since 1979. Tomes by Fr. Alexander Schmemann, Fr. John Meyendorff and Fr. Thomas Hopko, Metropolitan ANTHONY (Bloom) and Ms. Sophie Koulomzin, along with prayer books and other Orthodox reading materials, have been translated, published and distributed, FREE OF CHARGE, to those seeking "spiritual food"—libraries, priests, laymen and theological schools. Financial assistance to keep this good work going is needed. The increasing tension between the Moscow Patriarchate and the government has led to a massive exodus of young people from the church. Your gift, be it $1, $10 or $100, can offer a vital lifeline of spiritual support. You can donate either online (www.rbrbooks.org) or via mail (RBR Inc. c/o Emily Waters, P.O. Box 226, Bethpage, NY 11714). Be generous in helping to "spread the Faith."

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY One of the greatest ways you can help serve our church is through its cleaning ministry. No "talent" is required—only a servant's heart. Each month, a small group of parishioners ensures that our house of worship is cleaned and tidied to enhance its beauty and to provide an inviting and welcoming environment. Tasks include removing candles/wax from the stands, vacuuming, dusting, mopping, polishing, replenishing votives, taking out the trash and straightening the prayer books in the pews. There is a checklist to help everyone understand what needs to be done; it is posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk.

Listed below are the "crews" for February, March & April:

February	***March***	***April***
Myra Brown	The Berk Family	David & Barbara Kaminsky
Karen Jones	Roman & Ewa Jaworuk	The Kharlamenko Family
Tatyana & Artem Latypova	Robert & Joan Pisuk	James Sopchak
John & Susan Witkowski		

Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any concerns and/or conflicts, see Hank Dziemian, Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Hats off to all our teams for making sure that God's house is clean and in good shape and condition!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out this week to **Archie Kananovich** (his 100th) and **Kathryn Illenye**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Lydia Romanofsky** who celebrated this past Friday. May the Lord God's goodness and kindness continue to follow them all the days of their lives. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CHURCH ETIQUETTE Parents are asked ***not to bring*** food, toys or games into church. ***Do*** position yourselves so that your children can see and take part; your participation in the prayers and movement of the church will be the best examples for them to follow. Also, kids should be taught to go to the rest room ***before*** the beginning of the Liturgy. If, in case of an emergency, they have to leave and go to the bathroom, it is ***your*** responsibility ***to escort*** them to the facilities, as our hall is open and anyone from the outside can enter it. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to Fr. David.

IMPORTANT DATES Forgiveness Sunday **(March 1)**...Beginning of Great Lent **(March 2)**...Daylight Saving Time Begins **(March 8)**...Parish Lenten Retreat **(March 14)**...Lenten Youth Sunday **(March 29)**...Holy Pascha/Easter **(April 19)**...Paschal Visit of Archbishop MICHAEL **(April 20)**...Ascension Day **(May 28)**...Pentecost Sunday **(June 7)**.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE we thank the **Machyowsky Family (Paul, Samira, Julian & Alexandra)** for the floral arrangement on the center tetrapod this weekend; it was offered in memory of beloved father and grandfather, **Paul Sr.** May his soul dwell with the blessed—Vechnaya Pamyat!

CHOIR NEWS We welcome all those who are interested in joining the Church Choir. No experience is necessary, but musical experience, a good "ear" and enthusiasm are pluses. For more information, see Basil Kozak during Coffee Hour or contact him at (917) 697-8058.

FOOD COLLECTION Help the *South River Food Bank* by donating non-perishable items, including *Chef Boyardee, Spam,* spaghetti & sauce, mac & cheese, peanut butter & jelly, ramen noodles, oatmeal, soup, crackers, granola bars, canned chicken and tuna. Contributions may be left in the boxes located in the church hall vestibule. Thank you and God bless you!

IN YOUR PRAYERS Continue to pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

Departed

Judi Phillips
Vera Dorn
Liza Schmit
Patricia Talbot
Thomas DeLillo
Joseph Patria
Patricia Cottrell

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
Todd Adams
Mark Lopez
Alexander Demydenko

Sick

Kaitlyn Fox
Janet Hartman
Miriam Eby
Jay Pelleriti
Barbara Trojan
Alan Diaz
Dean Greenwald
Sandra Sasso
Denise Montervino
Dean Prestino
Mary Martin
Beth Van Orden
Jamie Arango
Robert Ferro
Virginia Staples
Neil Gluckman
Kathleen Roe
Barbara Koch
Karen Berezniak
Raymond Curtis
Doris Melillo
Owen Cusanelli
David Sommers
Lucia Bennett
Colleen Mindzak
Carson Prisco
Lydia Romanofsky
Adalyn Aleman
Barbara Kopet
Gerald Fletcher
Beth Giordano
Denise Lafemina
Victor A. Rugala Jr.
Ruth Curtis
Josefa Calero
Walentyna Posluszny
John Radionoff
William Taylor
Karey Anne Coppage
Allen Zdroik
Nicholas Gold
Christine Marie Parker
Lola (Delores) Shimski
Landon Drew Policastro
Anna Marie Cruse
Allen Mioduszewski
Dr. Richard Fitzpatrick
Louis Catana
Carol Luongo
Robin Sueling
Paul Matyas
Margaret DeVito
Christopher Impomeni
John Bihuniak
Barbara Florczak
Laura Borak
John Langenbacher
Ellen Soucheck
Georgette McLaughlin
Mary Jane Schaaf
Jeff Bush
Barbara Ingram
Michael Dargento
Clare Carbone
Ellen Dargento
Steven Mitchell
Evangeline Hahn
Mario Troyani
Kevin Meurer
Billy Friday
Jonathan Dzoba
James D'Amore Jr.
Aidan Brown
Gregory Staples
Stephen Sueling
Joyce Major
Brit Davis
Stefania Lazor
Suellen Shimski
Barbara Horsky
Dylan Lascoli
Ellie Jacobs
Dominick Maresca
Irene Mitchell
Jay Sommers
Natalie Demidenko
Mark Davis
Tracey Smith
Elaine Wolak

If you would like to have a name added to or removed from this list, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

FOOD CARD PROGRAM Purchasing food cards is a wonderful way to help support the church; they are on sale every Sunday in the hall after the Liturgy. You only pay the card value since the *Food Card Committee* gets them at a discount, earning 5% in proceeds from each card sold. There is NO EXTRA cost to you! These cards make terrific gifts for birthdays or other special occasions—pick one up today! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make *Cents* Not To!**

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS Enclosed in last Sunday's bulletin was the form that is to be used in submitting the names of those you wish remembered at this year's six Memorial (Soul) Saturdays: **February 22, March 14, 21 & 28, June 6** and **October 24**. *(Extra copies are available at the Candle Desk.)* Once completed, you can either drop it off in the church or send it to the rectory. The Liturgy on Saturday morning will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening, at which time the reading of the names of the deceased will take place. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services for by your presence and your prayers, you will be strengthening the bond of everlasting love with the departed and keeping their *memory eternal.*

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to **Lou & Brenda Adams** who celebrated their wedding anniversary last week. May their love for each other continue to reflect the light of God's love in their marriage for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANK YOU to **Joanne & Michelle Senko** for their very generous Christmas offering in memory of the **departed members** of the **Senko Family**. We also acknowledge the following recent donors to the *Handicap Access Fund:* **Patricia Florek** (in memory of **Amelia Rugala**), **Kathryn Paprota** (in memory of **Helen Rosinski**) and **Dennis & Carolyn Welch** (in memory of **Amelia Rugala**). We are most grateful—God bless!

CANDLES FOR SALE Candles that were blessed last Sunday on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord are still available for purchase. If interested, please see anyone at the Candle Desk.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Parishioners are asked to submit announcements, to either Fr. David or Starosta James P. Kornafel, by **Thursday evening** to allow for timely compilation. 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).