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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON—Tone 1

The Newmartyrs and Confessors of Russia

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John; Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters, Theoctiste, Theodotia and Eudoxia, at Canopus in Egypt; Ven. Nikita of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod; Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion and Papias of Egypt; Martyr Tryphaenes at Cyzicus; St. Arsenios of Pharos

Epistles: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Romans 8:28-39 (Martyrs)

Gospels: Luke 15:11-32
Luke 21:12-19 (Martyrs)

✕ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✕

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	<i>Meet and Greet Session</i> with our Bishop-elect, Hieromonk Michael Dahulich
	2:00 p.m.	Panihida for Edward Sosnowitz at Maliszewski Funeral Home in Sayreville
Mon, Feb 1	10:00 a.m.	Funeral of Edward Sosnowitz at Maliszewski Funeral Home in Sayreville
	7:00 p.m.	Great Vespers with Litiya
Tues, Feb 2	THE MEETING (ENTRY) OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE [Blessing of Candles]	
9:00 a.m.	Epistle: Heb 7:7-17	Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Divine Liturgy		
Fri, Feb 5	7:00 p.m.	Matins for the Departed
Sat, Feb 6	Memorial Saturday—Saturday of Meatfare	
9:00 a.m.	Afterfeast of the Meeting; St. Bucolus	
Divine Liturgy	Epistles: 1 Cor 10:23-28	Gospels: Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36
	1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)	John 5:24-30 (Departed)
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	
7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession (<i>This will be the LAST General Confession before Great Lent.</i>)	
Sun, Feb 7	SUNDAY OF MEATFARE—Tone 2—SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT	
9:00 a.m.	Afterfeast of the Meeting; St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus; Ven. Luke of Hellas	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2	Gospel: Matt 25:31-46

✕ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✕

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

There will be a brief **Special Parish Council Meeting** in the church **TODAY** following the Veneration of the Cross; all members are asked to attend.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Monday, February 1**, following Great Vespers.

Join the **Senior R Club** in a **Mardi Gras Bash** to the **Showboat Hotel & Casino** in Atlantic City on **Thursday, February 4**. A bus will be leaving from the main church parking lot at 9 a.m. The cost of the trip will be \$25, but each attendee will receive back \$30 in “slot” cash. For reservations and/or further details, please see or call Janice Meade at (732) 257-8671. Enjoy the sights and sounds of AC one last time before the beginning of Great Lent!

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the hall **next Sunday, February 7**, following Coffee Hour. Every family in the parish should be represented at this gathering. (**NOTE:** *A copy of the 2009 Annual Report is now available for you to take home and review. Don't forget to bring it with you next week.*)

It's that time of year again! The **Annual Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale** to benefit our mission team trip to Guatemala will get underway **next Sunday, February 7**. Order forms will be available from Susan Witkowski. Please help make this important fundraising effort successful! Orders will be taken through **Sunday, February 28**; delivery will be on **Sunday, March 21**.

The **Altar Society** will hold its **Annual Blini Batter Sale** on **Sunday, February 14**, during Coffee Hour. The price is \$5/quart. Orders can now be placed with Joan Pisuk at (732) 254-1519. (**NOTE TO SOCIETY MEMBERS:** *Help is needed to pour the batter on Saturday afternoon, February 13; time to be announced.*)

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, February 18**, following the Lenten service.

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **140**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne's Guild**. (**NOTE:** *This organization will be responsible for this ministry throughout February.*)

HELLO & WELCOME We take this opportunity to welcome our Bishop-elect, **Hieromonk Michael Dahulich**, Dean of *St. Tikhon's Seminary* in Waymart, PA. It is a great joy to have Fr. Michael worship and enjoy fellowship with us this weekend. As he prepares for his consecration and installation as our diocesan hierarch in May and the beginning of his new ministry among us, please remember him in your prayers, asking God to grant him the wisdom and strength to care for the flock soon to be entrusted to him.

We also extend warm greetings to **Subdeacon Joseph Shaluha**, who will be with us through Great Lent completing a job with his former electrical union. May God grant him continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THANKS to all the **Parish Volunteers** who hosted *Coffee Hour* this month; we are very grateful for their generosity. God bless!

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be generated this year **UPON REQUEST ONLY**. If you would like one for income tax purposes, put your name on the sign-up sheet at the Candle Desk. (**NOTE:** *Statements are now available in the church vestibule for those who requested them last week.*)

2010 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS are still available at the Candle Desk—pick one up today!

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH, has appointed our Bishop-elect, **Hieromonk Michael Dahulich**, as Administrator of the *Diocese of New York & New Jersey*, effective January 1. As Administrator, Fr. Michael will work with the Diocesan Chancellor, **Archpriest Joseph Lickwar**, on all routine issues. He may, on behalf of His Beatitude, sign letters of approval of Parish Council members, begin scheduling visitations to parishes and deaneries, review pastoral and/or parish issues and, in cases where the action of a hierarch is required, notify the Metropolitan. His Beatitude will remain the *Locum Tenens* of the diocese until May 8. He will vacate the diocesan center in Bronxville on March 1, at which time Fr. Michael may begin moving his personal items in. The diocesan archives, currently held by the Chancellor, will also be returned to the center.

EVERY BIRTHDAY IS A GIFT Birthdays wishes are extended to the following parishioners this week: **William Dozenko, Diane Dreyer, Sandra Saurman, Joan Pisuk, Kelly & Kristy Witkowski** and **Jane Zelasko**. May their celebrations continue to bring God's good gifts—happiness, love and joy—for many years. Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR THANKS to **Maria Spasenyj** for her donation to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*. Her generosity is appreciated; may God's love and care be with her for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

AXIOS! AXIOS! AXIOS! On Friday, January 22, **His Grace, Bishop IRINEJ (Gavrilovic) of Niš**, was elected the 45th Patriarch of the *Serbian Orthodox Church*. He succeeds **Patriarch PAVLE**, who fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 95 on November 15, after a lengthy illness. We offer our heartiest congratulations to the new Patriarch and pray that, through the Holy Spirit, he be given the courage to preach the Gospel, the wisdom to govern the Serbian Church and the zeal to lead his flock in the paths of holiness for many years. Eis Polla Eti, Despota!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as the departed, sick and suffering people of Haiti:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Raymond Petruska	Elaine Ashton	Dorothy Swenticky	Ivan Shidlovsky
Helen Armstrong	Irene Boulle	Sara Cseh	Lisa Beard
Geronimo Carreras	Mary Lementowicz	Olga Smith	Gregory Nosol
Edward Figueroa	Joseph Casall	Reginald Thomas	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Marie Olsen	Victor Mueller	Anthony Garito	David T. Floyd
Irene Kniel	Brahm Dubin	Ermelinda Faziola	Patrick Lohr
Mary (Dutka) Silva	William Dilubert	Kirsten Hyland	Keith Sudder
Mark Van Houten	Nadja Lewis	John Cameron	Priest Paul Rivers
Edward Sosnowitz	Thomas Fackovic	Vivian Hunkele	Andrew Kubik
	David Ogan	Janet Firestone	Jason Vaughn
	Edward Romanofsky	Adam Krosnowski	Patrick Baldwin
	Harold Symanski	Ellie Shipman	Timothy Stepan
	Edwin Paz	Archpriest Sergei Glagolev	Michael Gregus
	Walentyna Posluszny	Vera Rosenthal	Peter Shaw
	Morgan Prittchit	Edna Maletz	Jacqueline Martinez
	Alan Zenkert	Savanna Dore	Robert Mahrer
	Christopher Collins	Dorothy Dabkowski	Karen Bonet
	Myron Stepas	Joan Roshak	David Gambert
	Michael Dargento	Sarah Hall	Gregg Poole
	Virginia Moran	Dotsy Hartman	Fred Bush
	Daryl Deissinger	Katherine Tarzewski	Travis Hartman
	Cynthia Denlinger	Paula Hila	Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.
	Constantine Romanofsky	Joseph Posluszny	Elizabeth Brent
	Linda Martinovich	Nancy Filak	Kyle Abbott
	Josephine Tillison	Stefan Wilczynski	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Anna Durovich	
	Julia Glazer	Kira Gregor	
	Sonia Fineberg	Lisa Muhs	
	Joseph Casale	Denise Yager	
	Donna Casale	Martha Drobnak	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Chrise Murrell	
	Karen Kennedy	Patricia Larkin	
	Randall Cline	Archpriest David Vernak	
	Joseph Lynch	Dorothy Sopchak	
	Jean Staples	Elaine Boshko	
	Joan Tita	William Leggon	
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Andre Tirenin	
	Aiden Gowarty	Glynne Smith	

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

THE FLOWERS adorning the icons of the Prodigal Son and the Newmartyrs and Confessors of Russia on the center tetrapod were lovingly donated by **Sandra Saurman** in memory of her dear husband, **John**, on what would have been the occasion of their 41st wedding anniversary last week. Such goodness is a true blessing that will not be soon forgotten. Thank you!

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS are days set aside, throughout the year, for commemoration of the dead. Within the Church, Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the deceased, because Christ lay dead in the tomb on Saturday. Memorial Saturdays are

devoted to remembering departed relatives and others among the faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The first of this year's five commemorations will be **this Saturday, February 6**. The Liturgy on this day will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned at these services was included in the January 17 bulletin; if you didn't get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. As Orthodox Christians, we should never neglect our responsibility of praying for the dead, for remembering them is a sign of our love for the Church Triumphant. In response to our heartfelt petitions, our Lord will, in turn, show His mercy upon our departed loved ones and us. Attend these services and you will be richly blessed!

WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE & ANNUAL REPORT In spite of tough, economic times, 2009 was a wonderful and gratifying year for this charitable organization. Since its modest beginning in August 2000, parish organizations and parishioners throughout the United States have continuously provided clothing, school supplies and this year, sports equipment, to Orthodox sponsored orphanages, homes and missions in Russia and Belarus. In just this past year alone, 77 boxes were shipped weighing 2,764 pounds—well over one ton! Everyone who contributed so generously to help orphaned, needy and sick children is to be sincerely commended. WTC just could not be what it is today without you—a welcome relief to children struggling to keep warm. How can I help, you ask? What better time than now, during these cold, blustery winter days, than to pull out your needles, yarn and favorite pattern and knit or crochet something! If you lack the skill to do so, then a financial contribution to defray shipping costs would be most appreciated. Contact WTC Coordinator, Barbara Nafranowicz, by phone (908-232-2632), E-mail (bnafanowicz@verizon.net) or post (167 North Cottage Place, Westfield, NJ 07090) for more information. Reach out to those less fortunate, for many of the debts we owe to God are payable to man.

TETRAPOD FLOWERS Please see or call James Kornafel (732-462-3388) if you would like to donate a floral arrangement for the center tetrapod. The cost is \$55. The following holidays are available through May:

Mar 7	Cross Veneration Sunday
Mar 25	Feast of the Annunciation
Mar 28	Palm Sunday
April 11	St. Thomas Sunday
April 28	Midfeast of Pentecost
May 9	Mother's Day
May 13	Ascension Day
May 23	Pentecost

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Please help us reach out to others in our community by donating non-perishable items for the *South River Food Bank*. A basket is located in the church hall vestibule. Thank you for your assistance with this vital ministry!

SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL A representative from this year's *Nominating Committee*, either **Sonja Harris** or **Jay Pelleriti**, may approach you about serving as a member of Parish Council this year. Please respond favorably; the donation of your time and talent in this capacity is a way to return the gifts that God has given to you.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE In an effort to be welcoming and inclusive, let's all move toward the front of the church. It may be a bit uncomfortable, at first, but leaving seats readily available in the back for visitors and newcomers is a real gesture of welcome. Think about how intimidating it is to have to walk to the front of a room when you don't know anyone or what's expected of you. We can all take this simple step to be more welcoming and inviting. Thanks.

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Edward Sosnowitz**, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, January 26. We share in this sorrow with Edward's family and friends. May the Lord, Who is ever faithful, bring comfort to strengthen them in their time of grief—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI A total of **\$685** was collected last Sunday in response to the mounting human suffering due to the earthquake in Haiti earlier this month. The money received will be sent directly and immediately to the *IOCC Emergency Fund Relief*. Many thanks to all those who contributed; God's love for those less fortunate is truly evident in your thoughtfulness and caring. (**NOTE:** *If you were unable or unprepared to make an offering last week, please feel free to do so next Sunday.*)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for next week's edition must be submitted by **Thursday evening** to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Please note that all submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.



***This Tuesday**, after the Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord, it is customary to bless **candles** to be used by the faithful throughout the year. These tapers will be available for you to purchase and use in your homes during your prayers.*

Always remember that every time you light a candle, the flame should remind you of God Who, in the history of salvation, has appeared, time and again, as fire and light. It should also express your belief that Jesus is the Light of the World and that, as His followers, we are called daily to reflect His life in our lives.

*It is important to have blessed candles in your home. Sure, you can buy them at a grocery or department store, but they have not been blessed in church! They are not made for the same purpose: to remind us of Jesus Christ. So, participate in this beautiful tradition and keep Christ in your heart and in your home and you, too, shall become a “**candle of the Lord!**”*

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!