



## SS. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church

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### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy; Monk-martyr Anastasius the Persian; Monk-martyr Anastasii the Deacon of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Makary the Wonderworker of Zhabynsk; The Martyrs of Bulgaria: Bishops Manuel, George, Peter and Leontius; Presbyters Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius and Paradus and 377 companions

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

### \* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead \*

Tues, Jan 24 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Sat, Jan 28 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Sun, Jan 29 **33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8—SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

9:00 a.m. **The Newmartyrs and Confessors of Russia;** The Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch

Epistles: 1 Tim 4:9-15

Gospels: Luke 19:1-10

Rom 8:28-39 (Martyrs)

Luke 21:12-19 (Martyrs)

4:00 p.m. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fr. Alexander Schmemmann Memorial Lecture at *St. Vladimir's Seminary* in Yonkers, NY



*Father David will be leaving on union business this Thursday, January 26; he will be returning home on Friday evening, February 3. Our Pastor Emeritus, Father Sergius Kuharsky, will serve Vespers and Divine Liturgy next weekend. If any pastoral emergencies arise during Fr. David's absence, please call Fr. Michael Psenechnuk from St. Euphrosynia Church "up the hill" at (732) 257-5007. If you can't reach him, contact Starosta at (732) 462-3388.*

### \* What's Up in Our Parish \*

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

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church on **Tuesday, January 24**, at 7 p.m.

The **St. Anne's Guild** will meet in the hall **next Sunday, January 29**, around 11:30 a.m. Activities for the coming months will be planned and the election of officers will be held, after which everyone will lunch at the *Ria Mar Restaurant*. All present and future members should attend.

**Prospora Bakers** needed! Our *Holy Rollers* are looking for additional volunteers to assist in this vital and ongoing aspect of Orthodox Church life. If you like to bake, please meet in the church hall at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, February 4**—you won't be sorry!

There will be a **Special Parish Council Meeting** on **Monday, February 6**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

Join the **Senior R Club** for a fascinating **Evening of Chocolate & Wine Tasting** in the church hall on **Saturday, February 11**, at 7:30 p.m. Take part in an educational and delicious *Chocolate 101* class, learning the differences between dark, milk and white chocolates and tasting wines that pair with them. Cost is \$15 (bring your own glass). Space is limited, so make your reservations NOW! For tickets, see or call Allison Steffaro (732-698-1952). If you love the "food of the gods," this event is for you!

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 12**, following Coffee Hour. Mark your calendars and plan to stay for this very important gathering.

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\* *News That Matters* \*

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**STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **131**; envelope offerings for Sun, Jan 1 were **\$2,594**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next Sunday by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Pelleriti**. (**NOTE: Team Deerson** will be responsible for cleaning the church during the month of February.)

**OUR GRATITUDE** is extended to **Janet Machyowsky** and **Robert Pisuk** for offering their choral services at Vespers and the Liturgy, respectively, so that **Choirmaster Basil Kozak** could enjoy a well-deserved weekend off with his family. How truly fortunate we are to have such God-given talent in our parish. May Janet and Bob continue to be blessed with good health, happiness and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**COFFEE HOUR REQUEST** There is a need for volunteers for this ministry in February, **OTHER** than representatives of the **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **St. Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. Please see any member of Parish Council to find out what's required to host. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, Coffee Hour next month will be **CANCELLED**.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** go out this week to **Joseph Hartman, Patricia Larkin** and **Natalie Siemienczuk**. May God continue to fill their lives with blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

**Departed**

Gary Kottkamp  
 Maria Albino  
 Anna Silvanovich  
 Matushka Barbara Pavelchak  
 May Piorkowski  
 Carl Coleman

Elaine Ashton  
 Irene Boule  
 Edward Romanofsky  
 Walentyna Posluszny  
 Alan Zenkert  
 Michael Dargento  
 Julia Glazer  
 Joseph Casale  
 Donna Casale  
 Lasha Giorgi Pozidis  
 Dorothy Swenticky  
 John Cameron  
 Sarah Hall  
 Katherine Tarzewski  
 Denise Yager  
 Martha Drobnak  
 Dorothy Sopchak  
 Margo Stewart  
 Barbara Wyluda  
 Arlene Krell  
 Beverly Vietti  
 Adam Huba  
 Thea Casale  
 David Hebert  
 Robert Smith  
 Thomas Roche  
 Theresa Rogozenski  
 Olga Romanofsky  
 Alyssa Rosatelli

**Sick**

Timothy Magee  
 John Centrelo  
 Nancy Filak  
 Charles Csenica  
 Barbara Parhizgar  
 Mikola Zakrewsky  
 Kim Walker  
 Dennis Silowka  
 Benedetto Pelleriti  
 Alexandre Kurtanidze  
 Darren Flynn  
 Beth Williscroft  
 Malcolm Bradford  
 Rina D'Amico  
 Barbara Longo  
 Charlene Sofer  
 Brenda Foster  
 Paul Pavlik  
 Stavroula Parks  
 Priest Herman Schick  
 Subdeacon Basil Quinn  
 Archpriest Thomas Edwards  
 Eva Fedash  
 Olga Kozlov  
 Bishop NIKON (Liolin)  
 Archpriest Alexander Atty  
 Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt  
 Melissa  
 Anna Janiszewski

**Servicemen**

Ivan Shidlovsky  
 Lisa Beard  
 Gregory Nosol  
 June Buyofsky-Rittman  
 David T. Floyd  
 Patrick Lohr  
 Keith Sudder  
 Priest Paul Rivers  
 Patrick Baldwin  
 Timothy Stepan  
 Michael Gregus  
 Peter Shaw  
 Jacqueline Martinez  
 Karen Bonet  
 David Gambert  
 Fred Bush  
 Travis Hartman  
 Elizabeth Brent  
 Kyle Abbott  
 Priest Sean Levine  
 Gary Amatrudo Jr.  
 Steven Moore

John Bihuniak  
Larry Kimpart  
Patricia Cottrell  
Elaine Schwartz  
Athene Demitry  
Anne LaMonica

Archpriest Paul White  
Myrna Woznica  
Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti  
Daniel Parker  
Jean Catherine Brooks

To place a name on this list, notify Fr. David or Starosta. Prayer still works miracles and wonders, for as St. James says: "*The sincere and effectual prayer of a righteous person does much good.*"

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH** General maintenance of the church (vacuuming, removing candles/wax, dusting, etc.) is being handled by **parishioners** on a **monthly basis**. Since this cost-saving measure was announced in late November, five "teams," comprised of families and/or individuals, have stepped up to cover January, February, April, June and July; seven more groups are needed for the remainder of the year. If no one comes forward voluntarily for this very important task, **ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE MADE!** See/Contact Carol Deerson (732-254-4979) or Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478) if you any questions or require assistance forming a team. We have a wonderful place in which to worship God—we should **ALL** do our best to take care of it!

**MEMORY ETERNAL** The handmaid of God, **May Piorkowski**, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, January 16. She was a longtime communicant of this parish before retiring to Palm Harbor, FL over 10 years ago. We offer our condolences to her family and friends. May the Lord, Who is ever faithful, bring comfort to strengthen them in their sorrow—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**THANK YOU** to the **Durovich Family** for the floral arrangement on the center tetrapod today in commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the falling asleep of **Anna Durovich**. We appreciate their kindness in offering this beautiful symbol of remembrance—God bless!

**SERVING ON PARISH COUNCIL** As we continue to grow as a community, we can always use more help, especially on the Parish Council. Many people have already answered the "call to action" by getting involved and volunteering their own personal time and talents. However, there is much more to be done. Even if you have not been on Council before, but have thought about it, now is the time to seriously consider joining. Please speak with Sonja Harris (732-257-6774) or Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478). Together, we can all make this God-protected community a positive stepping stone in our future.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Joseph & Gloria Basara** who are celebrating their 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week. May God continue to shower them with blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**OUR THANKS** to all those who recently gave donations in support of the endowments of the parish:

Handicap Access Fund: **Sonja Harris, Janet Hartman and Robert & Joan Pisuk** (all in memory of **Veronica Burak**)

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund: **Edward & Elaine Boshko, Vera Dorn, Violet Durovich, Mary Fritz, John & Carrie Hillyer, Robert & Sandra Hoff, Diane Horvath, James & Debra Ann Jones, David & Barbara Kaminsky, Craig & Elaine Mazzei, Harry & Janice Meade, Marie Mendoker, Dorothy Messeka, Sonia Plutnick, Leo & Nell Radionoff, Lynn Siry, Eugenia Spaulding, Leo & Nell Radionoff and Linda Walker** (all in memory of **Veronica Burak**); **Paul & Leslie Zelanko** (in memory of **Anna Durovich** and **John Pisuk**)

General Fund: **John Kushwara and John & Helen Pelak** (both in memory of **Veronica Burak**)

We also extend our appreciation to the **Altar Society** for its recent fuel offering. Every contributor truly did a wonderful thing and we are most grateful for the generous gifts.

**THE DEADLINE** to submit all info for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**. You can reach Fr. David at the rectory or get in touch with our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)).



*Our loving Father in heaven was pleased to create us in His image. He breathed life into each one of us and saw that what He had created was good. Unfortunately, sin enticed us away from our perfection and now we take the gift of life for granted by abusing our bodies and minds and mistreating others, be it the unborn, the aged, the disabled and the terminally ill.*

*As Orthodox Christians in America, we are given the opportunity on this **Sanctity of Life Sunday** to reaffirm, through fervent prayer, that God is the God of life. He values life. He cares about life. He is the Preserver of life and declares it to be precious and worthy. So, let us not be guilty of failing to defend life at all times and in all places. If, however, we lose sight of this fundamental belief of our Faith, let us ask forgiveness of this sin, for through repentance, everything can be erased; everything can be made new.*

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Forever!*