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September 20, 2015

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross—Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Greatmartyr Eustathius Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus of Rome; Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his councilor Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernigov; Right-believing Oleg the Prince of Briansk; Monk-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete; Martyr John the Confessor of Egypt, beheaded in Palestine, and with him 40 Martyrs; SS. Theodore and Euprepus and two named Anastasius, confessors and disciples of St. Maximus the Confessor; St. John the Monk of Crete; St. Eustathius, Archbishop of Thessalonica; The Synaxis of All Saints of Briansk; St. Meletius, Bishop of Cyprus

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

WORSHIP & STUDY

Sat, Sept 26 5:00 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Sun, Sept 27 **17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8**
9:00 a.m. Martyrs Callistratus and those with him
Divine Liturgy Epistle: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
(Following Divine Liturgy, a Molieben for the start of the 2015-16 Church School Year will be served.)

WITHIN THE PARISH

A **Special Parish Meeting** will be held in the church **TODAY** following the Divine Liturgy. Two important issues will be discussed: (1) an update on the parish's financial status and (2) the replacement of the roof on the rectory. For those of you who did not get one last Sunday, a copy of the *2015 Interim Financial Report* is still available at the Candle Desk. We need a healthy quorum for voting, so make every effort to attend. (*3rd & Final Announcement*)

Church School Registration for the 2015-16 academic year will take place in the church hall **TODAY** after the Liturgy; the **Opening Molieben & First Class** will be **next Sun, Sept 27**. If you have any questions, see our Church School Coordinator, **Karen Berezniak**, or contact her at (732) 754-0033.

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, October 2**, from 5-7 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 Ave. 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.

Orders of **Homemade Fresh Kielbasa** for Thanksgiving and Christmas are now being taken through **Sunday, 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 E-mail (dshaluha@comcast.net) or telephone (732-238-0735). 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 **130**.

SERVING NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Robert Pisuk**. The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Rogozenski**. (*NOTE: The Senior R Club and Team Pituk will be responsible for Coffee Hour and cleaning the church, respectively, during the month of October.*)

THANKS to **Janet & Paul Machyowsky** for singing the responses at Vespers last evening in Choirmaster Basil Kozak's stead; their selfless assistance will not be forgotten.

RIDE NEEDED TO CHURCH There are several Orthodox college students attending *Rutgers* that would like to attend 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!

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

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
James Cloughley	Alexander Socrates	Ivan Shidlovsky
Mary Olender	Toni Frost	Priest Sean Levine
Thomas Noto	Myrna Woznica	Elizabeth Brent
Thomas Verdon		Tyler Dean
<u>Sick</u>		
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
Iwan Jakimtschuk	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
Vladimir Kozak		

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY WISHES go out this week to **Ronald & Paula Mindzak**. May the Lord continue to strengthen their love and deepen their joy through every moment of their marriage. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

THE FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS on the center tetrapod were generously donated by the **Rogozenski & Romanofsky Families** in commemoration of the 40th day of the falling asleep of beloved brother and uncle, **Vladimir Batenko**. Today's center arrangement was offered by **Sandra Saurman** in remembrance of the birthday of her cherished husband **John** of blessed memory. May their souls eternally rest in God's heavenly kingdom.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to **Archpriest Sophrony Royer**, Pastor of *SS. Peter & Paul Church* in Bayonne, on his 25th anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood. His selfless ministry in Christ has been inspiring, fruitful, worthy of the Lord and most pleasing to Him. May Fr. Sophrony continue his faithful and dedicated service to the Church for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

REFUGEE CRISIS IN SOUTH SUDAN As civil fighting in South Sudan continues, more than 196,000 people, of which nearly two-thirds are children, have been forced to become refugees in Ethiopia. They have endured months of searing sun, torrential rains/floods and living in deteriorating camps without water, food or shelter. Many have resorted to drinking directly from the very same rivers in which others wash and defecate. **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** has issued a desperate appeal for peace between the two sides and for humanitarian relief. In cooperation with the *Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC)*, this organization has constructed new communal latrines and distributed soap, water cans and blankets to bring an added measure of comfort to families with malnourished children and people living with HIV/AIDS. But it needs additional help. Please consider making a financial gift to assist in IOCC's efforts; just visit www.iocc.org on the Web, call 1-877-803-4622 or mail a check or money order payable to *IOCC, PO Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297*. And, of course, pray for the victims of this violence and for God's mercy upon this critical situation. Thanks.

OUR MOST SINCERE BELATED BEST WISHES to **St. Spiridon Church** in Perth Amboy on its 100th anniversary last Saturday. All members of our sister parish, both past and present, should be very proud of the momentous milestone they celebrated together. May the Lord bless this community with another 100 years of wonderful ministry and service. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BEST OF LUCK & GODSPEED to **Edward Novis** who is leaving this Tuesday to participate in *Project Mexico*, an Orthodox charity program that strives to improve the lives of struggling families through building permanent homes in Tijuana. May this be a great learning and spiritual experience for Ed, as he accomplishes something for the Lord God which will inevitably result in him being told, "*Thank you; well done, good and faithful servant.*"

FOOD CARDS If you have a particular grocery store you'd like us to offer food cards for, other than *Acme, ShopRite* and *Stop & Shop*, see *Matushka Shari* in the hall during the Coffee Hour. **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

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 ANNUAL PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

There're just four weeks until our **Annual Parish Fall Festival!** Come out and support this event on **Sat, Oct 17**. Co-chairmen Greg Messeka, Sandy Saurman and Pete & Deb Silowka can sure use your help, as we share our Slavic culture with all our friends and neighbors. Remember: this fundraiser is not just about food, music, raffles and "chachkies;" it's also about coming together as a parish family, having a real 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 Deb and lend a hand...no volunteer will be turned away!

Pierogie Making will take place in the hall **this 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) or phone (732-238-0735) through **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, Oct 15**, between 2 and 7 p.m.

A **50/50 Raffle** will be offered. To save on postage, Sandy and Deb will be in the church vestibule and parish hall **TODAY** handing out tickets for you to sell; see either one of them to get your envelope. 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! (**NOTE: If you are in need of more tickets, extra books will be available.**)

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!