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THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3

Afterfeast of the Meeting

St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont; Ven. Luke of Hellas; The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia; New Hieromartyrs Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich, Peter, Archbishop of Voronezh, and Basil, Bishop of Priluk; Presbyter Stephan and Martyr Boris; Hieromartyr Augulius, Bishop of Augusta; The Six Martyrs of Phrygia; St. Mastridia of Jerusalem the Woman Ascetic of the Desert; St. Euthymius the Monk of Glinsk Hermitage; Newmartyr George of Alikianes on Crete

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

THE PARISH AT WORSHIP & STUDY

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| Sat, Feb 13 | 5:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Panihida for Paul Machyowsky Sr. (Annual) offered by the family |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Vespers |
| Sun, Feb 14 | 37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4—SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia | |
| Divine Liturgy | Epistle: 1 Tim 4:9-15 | Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 |

THE PARISH AT WORK & FELLOWSHIP

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

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, February 9**, at 7 p.m.

Because Father David will be away attending the funeral of +Archpriest John Udics, the **Faith Enrichment Series** scheduled for **this Wednesday, February 10**, has been **CANCELLED**.

The **St. Anne's Guild Annual Sweetheart Bake Sale** will be held in the church hall **next Sunday, February 14**, after Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to bake or donate goods to support this fundraiser. Proceeds will be given to *International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)*. Buy a yummy dessert for the special people in your life or treat yourself—there will be something for everyone's sweet tooth! As always, your participation is appreciated.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the hall on **Thursday, February 18**, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to attend.

Help "sweeten" the joy of Holy Pascha by purchasing some wonderful *Gertrude Hawk* chocolate! Our **Annual Easter Candy Sale** will end on **Sunday, February 21**, so don't delay! Order forms/brochures are available at the Candle Desk and in the church hall for the duration of the sale. Income generated from this fundraiser will enable us to continue our mission of supporting the *Hogar San Rafael Ayau Orphanage* in Guatemala. Payment must accompany all orders and checks should be made out to *SS. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church*, **NOT Gertrude Hawk**. Completed orders can be given to Jay Pelleriti. We ask for the participation of ALL parishioners so that the blessed work at the *Hogar* may continue to thrive.

Feeling lucky? The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Resorts Casino* on **Tuesday, Feb 23**. Phone or E-mail Janice Meade (732-257-8671 / janiceemeade@aol.com) early to reserve your seat. Cost of the excursion is \$30 (*You'll receive \$25 in slot pay back once you arrive.*) and the bus will leave from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue promptly at 9 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you all come out for some pre-Lenten fun!

Come help celebrate a great pre-Lenten tradition by participating in a **Russian Mardi Gras** in our hall on **Friday, Feb 26**, starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy zakuski (appetizers), blini and all the trimmings, music, dancing and entertainment. The seating is limited, so **reservations are a must** for this BYOB event. The tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and older; see Carol Deerson, Sandra Saurman or Karen Berezniak for purchases. (**NOTE: ALL the proceeds will go to the parish.**) Let's get together for one last "bash" before the Great Fast!

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 28**, in the hall after Coffee Hour.

Those who wish to participate in **Prospora (Holy Bread) Baking** are asked to meet in the hall on **Sat, March 5**, following Liturgy. This is a worthwhile ministry within the parish—please come!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday ago was **161**.

ON DUTY NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Greg Chup**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Gulbin**.

HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR Volunteers are needed for this ministry 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**. Please see Gregory Messeka to find out what's required to host.

MEMORY ETERNAL The servant of God, **Archpriest John Udics**, fell asleep in the Lord on Wed, February 3. Before becoming the rector of *SS. Peter & Paul Church* in Herkimer, NY, Father John shepherded *Assumption of the Virgin Church* in Philadelphia for over 32 years; he was also a good friend of Father David, having visited our parish many times to attend liturgical celebrations and facilitate faith enrichment series. We extend our sympathies to Fr. John's family and to all who were touched by his ministry, as we mourn his passing and celebrate his new life in Christ. May the Lord fill everyone who knew him with hope and bring them peace—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

UPCOMING LENTEN/PASCHAL DATES Been wondering about Lenten and Paschal dates this year? Here's a guide to important days coming up: Meatfare Sunday (**Mar 6**)...Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday (**Mar 13**)...Great Lent Begins (**Mar 14**)...Sunday of Orthodoxy (**Mar 20**)...Lenten Youth Sunday (**Apr 10**)...Palm/Willow Sunday (**Apr 24**)...Good Friday (**Apr 29**)...Great & Holy Pascha (**May 1**)

HAVE YOU MOVED? Please let Fr. David know your new contact information.

BOARD GAME NEEDED Matushka Shari is requesting that if anyone has the board game *Othello* that is no longer wanted or being played to please see her during Coffee Hour or contact her at (732) 257-3067.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you would like to receive a 2015 contribution statement for income tax purposes, you may sign up for it at the Candle Desk. All statements will be available for pickup within two weeks of the requests.

CANDLES that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord this past Tuesday are available for purchase at the Candle Desk.

A BLESSING AND A MIRACLE We share in the joy of **Alex, Jamie & Dylan Arango** as they welcomed a new member into their family this past Wednesday: their daughter and sister, **Delilah**. Very proud grandparents, **Robert & Sandra Hoff**, are also extremely happy. May this gift from the Lord grow in His love and care for many years—*Mnogaya Lyeta!*

SHHHH! Please silence all cell phones and pagers when entering the church. Thanks.

RENTAL INQUIRIES for the church hall should be directed to Jay Pelleriti (732-216-8121).

PARISH-WIDE E-MAIL LIST Want to be added to the parish-wide E-mail list? As a member, you will receive notices from Fr. David about upcoming events and activities in our parish, as well as last-minute announcements and reminders. To be included, E-mail Father at dfmg@aol.com and put *E-mail List* as the subject.

PARISH PRAYER LIST Continue to pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends who are departed, sick, in the service or in need of the Lord's care:

Departed

Archpriest John Udics

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Priest Sean Levine

Elizabeth Brent

Sick

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| Aunika Browne | Jessica Hu | Beth Williscroft |
| Darlene Posluszny | Beth Giordano | Nancy Filak |
| Gus Tsirkas | Mary Carol Burchill | Michael Dargento |
| Dylan Magee | Miriam Eby | Sandra Webster |
| Kaitlyn Fox | Ruth Curtis | Mary Dean |
| Maria Freccia | 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 |
| Peter Coniglio | Pearl Blower | Elaine Ashton |
| Dawn Zirch | Gloria Soto | Michael Pelleriti |
| Jane D'Amore | Bernadine Trubilla | Gina Krusius |
| Martha Drobnak | William Taylor | Richard Leming |
| Michaela Fox | Sergei Andreyev | Gregory Sitze |
| Harriet Miele | Grace Diriwachter | Anthony Abate |
| Dean Prestino | Nana Tikhashvili | 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 | Pauline Finnochio | Victor Rugala Jr. |
| Devon Pietrini | Chester Andrzejewski | Robert Fedak |
| Michael Marsteller | Archpriest Paul Lazor | Elaine Fedak |
| Margaret Stuart | Matushka Juliana Schmemann | Krista Wiley |
| Karen Yuschak | Brit Davis | Joyce Major |
| John Uhrin | Crystal Aldana | Vera Bilas |
| Sharon Fedak | Raymond Bevere | John Kozak |
| Janice Meade | Lucia Bennett | Richard Jones |
| Oleg Burlak | Leonard C. Wilson Sr. | Jamie Arango |
| Delilah Arango | | |

Prayer is an important resource for those who are in need, for as St. James says in his Epistle (5:16): *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."* Contact Fr. David or Starosta to add/remove someone from the list.

IN THE HOSPITAL? HOMEBOUND? LET US KNOW! In today's age of information privacy, pastors are not notified when parishioners are admitted to hospitals, nursing homes or other care facilities; they depend on being advised by friends or family members so that pastoral care and outreach can be offered. The same goes for those homebound. If you or any of your loved ones are experiencing illness or hardship, contact Fr. David so that prayers can be said and visitations arranged.

ALL WINTER DECORATIONS AND GRAVE BLANKETS must be removed from your loved ones' plots in the parish cemetery by **Tues, March 15**, so that spring cleanup by our landscaper can begin. Your prompt attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH HALL ORDER You are reminded to keep the church hall clean by putting any leftover cups, plates and napkins from the *Coffee Hour* in the garbage. Thanks for your cooperation.

WAYS TO GIVE BACK We are currently offering ways for you to give back to our local community: consider donating food to the *South River Food Bank* or buying grocery gift cards for those who ask Father David for help. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

SINCERE THANKS to **Valentina Fornadel** and **Maria Groszew** for offering the beautiful floral arrangement on the center tetrapod today in commemoration of the one-year falling asleep in the Lord of their dear mother, **+Anna Elagin**. May her memory be eternal—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

WEBSITE TRANSMISSIONS can be given to Barbara Kaminsky at barbarakaminsky@optimum.net.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE for next Sunday's edition is **Thursday evening**. Announcements can be sent to Fr. David at the rectory or to Starosta James P. Kornafel by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).



*Today, scouts across the United States celebrate **National Scout Sunday**, an annual event among all faiths which recognizes the good work and accomplishments of all boys and girls in scouting.*

Orthodox churches in America have been actively supporting both the Boys & Girls Scouts since the 1960's. The values demonstrated, especially those that strengthen family, community and faith, remind us that we are all God's creatures made in His image or, more precisely, to image (reflect) Him to the world. Scouting is an effective way to help Orthodox youth do their duty to the Lord and to their country; it builds character and teaches devotion to Him in an environment that provides fun, under the guidance of strong adult role models. Scouting programs offer a wonderful channel to involve youth in the life of Orthodox parishes throughout the country.

We thank everyone involved in scouting for their efforts and service to this worthwhile organization and offer a prayer and word of gratitude for their work and dedication. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

ANNUAL EASTER BAZAAR - MARCH 26, 2016

This year's 2016 Easter Bazaar Committee (Pete Illenye, Greg Messeka, Sandy Saurman, Pete & Deb Silowka) has started planning for this parish fundraiser and needs **YOUR** help! It'll be held in our hall on **Sat, March 26**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Delicious Lenten & Paschal specialty cuisine/pastries will be offered, as well as ethnic sales and church tours. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please contact a co-chairman.

Project Pierogies is scheduled for **Friday, February 19**, starting at 7 p.m., and **Saturday, February 20**, beginning at 10 a.m. Assistance is needed on both days, but especially on Saturday morning. See Rebecca Kozak or Sandra Saurman at Coffee Hour to volunteer for as many hours as you can give them; you can also reach Sandy by E-mail (ssaurman@msn.com) or phone (732-939-1570).

The success of this event is crucial to our continued financial stability; so set aside some time to help your church on this day.

INFINITE WISDOM

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed, "Dear Lord, I go to work every day and put in eight hours while my wife merely stays home. I want her to know what I go through, so please create a trade in our bodies."

God, in His infinite wisdom, granted the man's wish.

The next morning, sure enough, the man awoke as a woman. He arose; cooked breakfast for his mate; awakened the kids; set out their school clothes; fed them breakfast; packed their lunches; drove them to school; came home and picked up the dry cleaning; took it to the cleaners; stopped at the bank to draw out money to pay the telephone and power bills; drove to the phone and power companies and paid the bills; went grocery shopping; came home; and put away the groceries. He then cleaned the cat's litter box and bathed the dog.

It was already 1 p.m. and he hurried to make the beds, do the laundry, vacuum, dust and sweep and mop the kitchen floor. After that, he ran to the school to pick up the kids and got into an argument with them on the way home. He set out a snack and got the kids organized to do their homework, then set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing.

At 4:30 p.m., he began peeling potatoes and washing greens for salad; breaded the pork chops; and snapped beans for supper. After supper, he cleaned the kitchen, ran the dishwasher, folded the laundry, bathed the kids and put them to bed.

At 9 p.m., he was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren't finished, went to bed where he was expected to make love, which he managed to get through without complaint.

The next morning, he awoke and immediately knelt by the bed and said, "Lord, I don't know what I was thinking. I was so wrong to envy my wife's being able to stay home all day. Please, oh please, let us trade back."

The Lord, in His infinite wisdom, replied, "My son, I feel you've learned your lesson and I will be happy to change things back to the way they were. You'll have to wait nine months, though; you got pregnant last night."

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!