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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1—SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia; The Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow; Ven. Anatolius of the Kiev Caves and Ven. Anatoly the Recluse of the Kiev Caves; St. Basil, Bishop of Riazan; Right-believing Princes Vasily and Constantine of Yaroslavl; Ven. John and Longin the Wonderworkers of Yarensk; Blessed John the Fool-for-Christ of Moscow; Ven. Nicodemus the Abbot of Kozhevezersk; Martyr Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus and Golinduc who suffered with Hyacinth; Martyrs Mocius and Mark; St. Alexander the Founder of the *Unsleeping Ones*; St. Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Monk-martyr Gerasimus; The *Milk-giver* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos of Chilandari Monastery on Mt. Athos; St. Anatolius, Bishop of Laodicea, and his successor, St. Eusebius; St. Isaiah the Solitary of Scetis and Palestine; St. Germanus, Bishop of the Isle of Man, Enlightener of Peel and nephew of St. Patrick of Ireland; St. Symeon the Third Stylite of Cilicia

Epistles: Romans 2:10-16
Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Saints)

Gospels: Matthew 4:18-23
Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Saints)

THE PARISH AT WORSHIP & STUDY

Tues, July 5	10:00 a.m.	Funeral of Elizabeth Danilo at <i>St. John Russian Orthodox Cathedral</i> in Mayfield, PA
Sat, July 9	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for Henry Dziemian (Annual) and Elizabeth Zubrick (Annual) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, July 10	9:00 a.m.	3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2
Divine Liturgy		Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia
	Epistle: Rom 5:1-10	Gospel: Matt 6:22-33



Father David will be going out-of-town this Wednesday evening; he'll be returning home on Monday afternoon, July 11. Fr. Gregory Rubis will be serving Vespers and Liturgy next weekend. If there is any need for a priest, contact Father Gary Breton at (732) 458-9032. In the event you have trouble reaching him, phone Starosta at (732) 462-3388.

THE PARISH AT WORK & FELLOWSHIP

The **Senior R Club** is organizing an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Resorts Casino* on **Thursday, July 14**. The departure time is 9 a.m. The \$30 cost includes a \$25 slot voucher. For reservations, call Janice Meade (732-257-8671).

Parish Council will meet on **Monday, July 25**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

In partnership with the *South River Police Department* and the *Municipal Alliance of South River*, our parish will again be hosting this year's **National Night Out Campaign** at 7 Acres on **Tuesday, Aug 2**. Anyone interested in helping with the preparation and serving of potato pancakes at this event should see Gregory Messeka during Coffee Hour.

The next meeting of the **Men's Club** will take place on **Thursday, August 18**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS/TITHES Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **112**.

ON DUTY NEXT WEEK The Epistle will be read by **Robert Pisuk**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Kaminsky**.

PASTORAL CARE If you're in need of pastoral care, including home and hospital visits, please contact Fr. David at the rectory.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES are extended to **His Grace, Bishop MATTHIAS**, and **His Eminence, Archbishop MELCHISEDEK**, on the recent falling asleep of his dear father, **Lawrence Moriak**, and his loved mother, **Johanna Pleska**, respectively. May their faith in the Resurrection uphold them and their families in this time of sadness. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Gregory Sprogis, Helene Titsch, Vera LeGates, Jay Pelleriti** and **Karen & John Gregory Berezniak**. May the Lord continue to bless them for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY This ministry is a hidden one with very little public recognition for the tremendous care given to make sure the church is presentable for worship. Listed below are the teams scheduled to clean in July, August and September:

JULY

KRISTY DOMBOSKI
BARBARA KAMINSKY
VLADIMIR & YELENA KHARLAMENKO
JAMES SOPCHAK
GREGORY SPROGIS

AUGUST

ANDREW JAYCNOVITCH
ARTHUR & DOLLY ZENKERT
NATALIE ZENKERT

SEPTEMBER

WALTER & CAROL DEERSON
WAYNE & JOYCE NICE
MICHAEL & ALLISON STEFFARO

Cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any concerns or conflicts, see Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Thanks for your continued support with the maintenance and upkeep of God's home.

BEST WISHES to **Fr. David & Matushka Shari** and **Michael & Allison Steffaro** on the occasion of their 29th and 19th wedding anniversaries, respectively, this week. May the Lord continue to bless their marriages and give them many more happy days together—Mnogaya Lyeta!

ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT Any adult, 18 years and older, who desires to become a **registered parishioner**, is morally and spiritually obligated to financially fulfill his/her annual parish assessment of **\$200**, as well as offer regular financial support through the envelope system. If you have questions about this, please see Fr. David or Starosta. Thanks.

CHURCH ORDER Let's endeavor to maintain a meditative atmosphere in church by speaking quietly to our fellow parishioners before Liturgy. Thank you!

FOOD CARD PROGRAM UPDATE Thank you to all those parishioners who helped raise a profit of **\$1,245.50** for the past three months of the year; this was a **\$244.25** increase from the second quarter of 2015. The total to date earned through this program is **\$2,617.25**; our goal for 2016 is \$4,500. Food cards are available in the hall each Sunday following Divine Liturgy. They work like cash and by using them to buy groceries at your favorite supermarket, you are helping to put extra money in the parish treasury. **THERE IS NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!** If you purchase a \$25 card, you will be able to spend \$25 at the store. Could it be any easier? If you are not already involved, you're strongly encouraged to do so. Don't delay—do it today! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

MEMORY ETERNAL It's with deep sadness that we announce the falling asleep of our sister in Christ, **Claire Shaluha**, early yesterday morning. She was an active and faithful parishioner and we all feel a keen sense of loss in her passing. Our sincere condolences and love are with her dear children, **Robin, Kathy & Deacon Joseph**, and their extended families. May the thought of their mom now rejoicing in the kingdom of heaven bring them comfort—Vechnaya Pamyat! *(NOTE: Funeral arrangements are still pending; please look online or in your local newspaper for more information.)*

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to the **Witkowski & Danilo Families** on the falling asleep of their beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Elizabeth Danilo**, on Tues, June 28. May it bring them solace to remember Jesus Christ's promise that love is eternal and in Him we live forever. Memory Eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

ASSYRIAN PEOPLE IN NEED Tens of thousands of Assyrian Christians have fled Syria as a result of the civil war currently engulfing the country. **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**, along with its partner, **Norwegian Church Aid**, is working actively to provide food and medical relief to the refugee families, as well as housing assistance and education support for their children. You can assist with this effort by making a donation to the **IOCC International Emergency Response Fund**, either online at www.iocc.org, by phone (1-877-603-4622) or mail (IOCC, PO Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297). Remember that the dollars you give, when combined with the dollars of others, can keep a student in school, build a house, dig a well or put medicine into the body of a sick child. Take action and contribute; thank you and God bless!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS Continue to pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends, as well as for the victims of the terrible massacre that took place in Orlando last month:

Departed

Stella Mioduszewski	Johanna Pleska
Helen Jaskowsky	Elizabeth Danilo
Robert Ingram	Peter Coniglio
Lawrence Moriak	Claire Shaluha
Mary Brennan	

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent
Michael Asprocolas
Michael Dean
Todd Adams

Sick

Jack Fama
Ronald Ostrowski
Gus Tsirkas
Dylan Magee
Kaitlyn Fox
Oleg Burlak
Natalie Matz
Archie Kananovich
Simon Kozlov Jr.
Ginny Wilmer
William Begley
Elaine Boshko
Dawn Zirch
Jane D'Amore
Ann Puchala
Michaela Fox
Harriet Miele
Dean Prestino
Gaynelle Crowley
Timothy Brown
Aspasia Alfaro
Beth Van Orden
Ann Dahulich
Devon Pietrini
Michael Marsteller
Margaret Stuart
Karen Yuschak
John Uhrin
Sharon Fedak
SaraLee Pindar
Guido Gargione
Suzanne Murphy
Raymond Bevere

Michele Melnyk
Beth Giordano
Linda Buxton
Miriam Eby
Ruth Curtis
Mary Louise Viquez
Sgt. Peter Roselli
Josefa Calero
Pauline Pullo
Walentyna Posluszny
John Cameron
Pearl Blower
Gloria Soto
Emily DiTolla
William Taylor
Sergei Andreyev
Grace Diriwachter
Nana Tikhashvili
Kendall McNamara
Pamela Inman
Donna Helfrey
Archpriest Joseph Kreshik
Pauline Finnochio
Chester Andrzejewski
Archpriest Paul Lazor
Matushka Juliana Schmemann
Leonard C. Wilson Sr.
Tracy Suchcicki
Thomas Sommerville
Landon Drew Policastro
Fred Diriwachter
Tom Diriwachter

Crystal Aldana
Barbara Ingram
Michael Dargento
Sandra Webster
Mary Dean
Ellen Dargento
Olga Miller
Allen Mioduszewski
Sophie Hyland
Kathleen Keimer
Margaret Butch
Elaine Ashton
Michael Pelleriti
Gina Krusius
Richard Leming
Gregory Sitze
Anthony Abate
John Adams
Elizabeth Reynolds
James D'Amore Jr.
Jonathan Clayton
Aidan Brown
Victor Rugala Jr.
Robert Fedak
Patricia Knett
Richard Jones
Joyce Major
Vera Bilas
Brit Davis
Jamie Arango
John Holod
Christopher Reynolds

If you'd like to add/delete a name to this list, you can do so by contacting Father David or Starosta and remember the words of David the Psalmist: *"Let my prayer be set before Thee as incense, the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice."* (Psalm 141:2)

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT If you are planning to make or change your will, it would be a very nice gesture to name the parish as one of your beneficiaries. This would be a thoughtful remembrance not only on your behalf, but also on behalf of your family. Give some serious consideration to this matter.

OUR THANKS to **Paul & Eleanor Boshko** for weeding and cleaning the church parking lot on Jeffrie Ave and the sidewalk around it. We are truly indebted to them for their efforts to maintain and beautify our parish grounds.

PATRONAL FEAST DAY Great food, great people and great fellowship made for a joyous celebration of our Patron Saints, Peter & Paul, last Wednesday. Concelebrating the Liturgy with Fr. David were our former pastor, **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky**, and **Fr. Gary Breton**, Rector of *Annunciation Church* in Brick and Dean of the *NJ Deanery*. The small choir, led by our director **Basil Kozak**, sang the responses in a heartfelt manner. At the conclusion of the service, a festal procession was made around the church. Afterwards, everyone moved into the hall where they enjoyed a most delicious brunch. **Anastasia Essl** and **Starosta James Kornafel**, along with **Diane Dreyer**, **Olga Kornafel**, **Ron & Paula Mindzak** and **Jay Pelleriti**, did a terrific job setting up the event and our sincere thanks go out to them, as well as all **those parishioners and guests** who not only brought salads, desserts and beverages, but also assisted in clean up after the meal; it wouldn't have been as memorable without them! All in all, it was a wonderfully prayerful patronal feast and we give glory to God for satisfying us with His heavenly and earthly blessings.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Have all bulletin announcements in by **Thursday evening**. Feel free to contact Fr. David at the rectory or get in touch with Starosta James Kornafel by telephone (732-462-3388), E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net) or fax (732-845-3515).



*Tomorrow is **Independence Day**, our country's most important holiday. Although we often complain about the infringements on our liberties, we have so many reasons to celebrate our precious heritage of political and religious freedom. As Americans, we enjoy more freedoms than any other country. We have the right to voice our opposing opinions and, most importantly, we can worship openly without the fear of arrest or hindrance.*

We should never take for granted the freedoms we have. That is why, in the midst of our fireworks, barbecues and cheers for the "red, white & blue," we should take time to pray for all our national, state and local leaders and give praise and thanksgiving to God for the gifts and benefits He has bestowed upon our land and the sacrifices that were made to ensure them. We should also intercede for those who are still under great restriction and persecution for their faith and ask the Lord to protect them as they try to love and serve Him. Above all, we should remember that although we're independent from political and religious oppression, we are still very dependent on the One Who made us, Who gives us life and liberty and Who blesses us.

Have a fun and safe Fourth of July holiday weekend!

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

*While the numbers have not been finalized, the **21st Annual Run/Walk for the Church** was an outstanding success. Under ideal conditions, close to 40 participants, spectators and volunteers from our parish and **Annunciation Church** in Brick took part on Saturday, June 4, in the eight-mile run/five-mile walk around the neighborhoods of South River, finishing in front of the church in a little over two hours. The aim of this gathering was not only to raise funds for the church, but to socialize with other people from other parishes. I am happy to report that the event had a real positive vibe and everyone enjoyed himself/herself. On completion of the course, we all continued our fellowship with each other at a get-together of munchies, pizza and ice cream in the hall.*

*I am truly grateful that this year's run/walk went ahead with zero issues, thanks to the following people who played pivotal roles in overseeing different aspects of this fundraiser: my head "route marshal," **Rick Joyce**, and his assistant drivers for making sure all of the participants were safe and hydrated; **Phil & Natasha Rogozenski** for providing morning coffee and treats; **Jim Kornafel** for his videography skills; and **all the parishioners** who bought water and/or made donations toward the purchase of T-shirts and food. From start to finish, their support was invaluable.*

*Of course, I want to express my heartiest thanks to **the runners and walkers**; their commitment, enthusiasm and dedication overwhelmed me. I'm really proud of what we achieved together; they all did exceptionally well and deserve a big pat on the back.*

Well, another run/walk is in the history books. I'm looking forward to next year's event—I hope you are, too!

Sincerely,

Hank Dziemian

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!