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BULLETIN OF MAY 30, 2010

Please Remember in Prayer

Irene Clenney, Gabriela Jones, Roman Szewc, Constantina, Valerie and Michelle Wilson, Melvin, Mat. Dunia, Mat. Emily, Patti Lease, Peg Feeser, Anna Varone, Jerrie Rife, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Steven, Yvonne, Todd & Olga, Nina Gordon, Constantina & Christos, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Nada & Caleb. Requests? See Fr. John.

Congratulations!

to Gabriela Jones, who has recently become an American citizen. We extend our warm wishes to her and her husband Philip on this joyous occasion!

The Fast of Ss. Peter & Paul

begins on Monday, May 31st (the day after All Saints Sunday) and extends until the celebration of the feast of the Holy Apostles on June 29th.



About the Apostle's Fast

Having rejoiced for fifty days following Pascha (Easter), the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to spread Christ's message. According to Sacred Tradition, as part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them in their missionary undertakings. The Apostle's Fast has been kept to this day to strengthen us as well for our own missionary endeavors.

The Outreach Committee

will meet next on Sunday, June 6th, following coffee hour. Minutes from the previous meeting have been communicated via email.

The Parish Council

will meet next on Sunday, June 13th, following the coffee hour. Minutes from the previous two meetings have been emailed out.

Schedule Change

There will be no Compline this Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Our Poor Box

is located in the back of the church and is used primarily to minister to the needs of members in our local church community. Therefore the donations you make have a direct impact on the lives of those you see every Sunday. May God bless your generosity!



Recognition of Graduates – Sunday, June 6th

Next Sunday, we will offer a short prayer in thanksgiving to God for those who have completed the school year, especially those who have graduated.

SUNDAY, MAY 30TH

ALL SAINTS

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH

5:00p.m. Orthodoxy 101
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Prayer for Graduates
Coffee Hour
Outreach Meeting

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 6th

Jodi McElwee

Sunday, June 13th

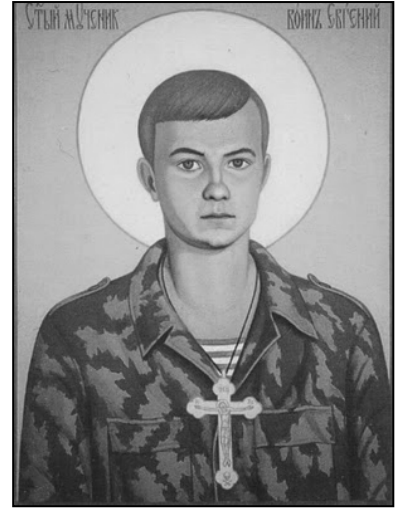
Bruce Eckerd



HOLY MARTYR EVGENY

Commemorated on May 23rd

Evgeny (or Yevgeny) Aleksandrovich Rodionov was eighteen years old and serving his obligatory military service when he was captured by Muslim insurgents near Chechnya. After enduring months of extremely harsh captivity he was told he could save himself by converting to Islam. But he refused to remove the cross he wore. On May 23rd 1996, his 19th birthday, after enduring great torture he was decapitated by his captors and buried with three other murdered soldiers in a shell crater. His mother went to great lengths and expense to locate and recover her son's remains which have been reburied with honor. His grave is now a popular shrine for pilgrims and St. Evgeny has become the unofficial patron of the Russian Army. His mother is still alive and often writes and speaks about her son. Great Martyr Evgeny pray for us!



ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY SET TO WELCOME FAITHFUL AT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE

SOUTH CANAAN, PA [OCA] -- The brotherhood of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery is set to welcome faithful to their annual pilgrimage here over Memorial Day weekend.

A comprehensive schedule is available in PDF format at www.sttikhonsmonastery.org/files/Pilgrimage-Schedule-2010-RIGHT.pdf.

The pilgrimage opens on Friday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. with a blessing of the well and the celebration of Vespers and Matins in the Monastery Church. Dinner will follow in the monastery dining hall to which pilgrims are invited.

The Miraculous Myrrhstreaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God, to which many cures from cancer, blindness, and other illnesses have been ascribed, will arrive at the monastery on Saturday morning, May 29, at approximately 11 :00 a.m. The icon will be available for veneration throughout the pilgrimage.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah will preside at the main pilgrimage Divine liturgy on Monday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. Throughout the day, various foods and religious items will be available for purchase.



All Orthodox Christian singers are invited to join the choir that will sing the responses at Monday's Liturgy. According to Father Sergius, Abbot, a special rehearsal, at which all who wish to sing must attend, will be at 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning in the Pavilion.

Father Sergius also noted that, due to road work, a potential detour exists for those traveling from Hamlin (from I-84) to the Monastery. It is recommended that pilgrims take the Cobb Mountain Exit.

The pilgrimage is open to the general public.

For more information on the monastery visit www.sttikhonsmonastery.org.



EPISCOPAL ASSEMBLY ISSUES MESSAGE, ENDS WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY

NEW YORK, NY [OCA] -- The Episcopal Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Hierarchs of North and Central America closed with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral here on Friday morning, May 28, 2010.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, and the diocesan and auxiliary bishops of the Orthodox Church in America were among the hierarchs who communed at the Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Frank Marangos, Holy Trinity Cathedral Dean.

Assembly sessions came to a close on Thursday afternoon with the signing of a statement by the sixty-some hierarchs, the text of which reads as follows.

Episcopal Assembly

Of the Canonical Orthodox Hierarchs of North and Central America May 26-28, 2010

We glorify the name of the Triune God for gathering us at this first Episcopal Assembly of this region in New York City on May 26-28, 2010 in response to the decisions of the Fourth Pre-Conciliar Pan-Orthodox Conference held at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambésy, Switzerland, from June 6-12, 2009, at the invitation of His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Gathered together in the joy of the Feast of Pentecost, we humbly recognize our calling, in our unworthiness, to serve as instruments and disciples of the Paraclete, who "holds together the whole institution of the Church" (Hymn of Vespers of Pentecost).

We honor and express gratitude to the Primates and Representatives of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches who assembled at the Ecumenical Patriarchate from October 10-12, 2008 to affirm their "unswerving position and obligation to safeguard the unity of the Orthodox Church" (Chambésy Rules of Operation, Article 5.1a) and emphasized their will and "desire for the swift healing of every canonical anomaly that has arisen from historical circumstances and pastoral requirements" (Message of the Primates 13.1-2)

We call to mind those who envisioned this unity in this region and strove to transcend the canonical irregularities resulting for many reasons, including geographically overlapping jurisdictions. For, just as the Lord in the Divine Eucharist is "broken and distributed, but not divided" (Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom), so also His Body comprises many members, while constituting His One Church.

We are grateful for the gift of the doctrinal and liturgical unity that we already share, and we are inspired by our leaders, the Heads of all the Orthodox Churches throughout the world, who proposed that which we painfully yearn for in this region, i.e., the "swift healing of every canonical anomaly" (Message of the Primates 13.2). We are also grateful that they established a fundamental process toward a canonical direction and resolution.

We are thankful to almighty God for the growth of Orthodoxy, for the preservation of our traditions, and for the influence of our communities in this region. This is indeed a miracle and a mystery.

During our gathering, and in accordance with the rules of operation of Episcopal Assemblies promulgated by the Fourth Pan-Orthodox Pre-Conciliar Conference, we established:

1. A registry of canonical bishops (Article 6.1)
2. A committee to determine the canonical status of local communities in the region that have no reference to the Most Holy Autocephalous Churches (Article 6.2)
3. A registry of canonical clergy (Article 6.3)
4. Committees to undertake the work of the Assembly, among others including liturgical, pastoral, financial, educational, ecumenical, and legal issues (Articles 11 and 12)
5. A committee to plan for the organization of the Orthodox of the region on a canonical basis (Article 5.1).

In addition to the above, we agreed that a directory would be created and maintained by the Assembly of all canonical congregations in our region.

We as Episcopal Assembly understand ourselves as being the successors of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), assuming its agencies, dialogues, and other ministries.

Moreover, at the formal request of the Hierarchs who have jurisdiction in Canada, the Assembly will submit to the Ecumenical Patriarch, in accordance with the rules of operation (Article 13), a request to partition the present region of North and Central America into two distinct regions of the United States and Canada. Additionally, at the request of the Hierarchs who have jurisdiction in Mexico and Central America, the Assembly will likewise request to merge Mexico and Central America with the Assembly of South America.

As Orthodox Hierarchs in this blessed region, we express our resolve to adhere to and adopt the regulations proposed by the Pan-Orthodox Conferences and approved by the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, and to do everything in our power by the grace of God to advance actions that facilitate canonical order in our region.

We confess our fidelity to the Apostolic Orthodox faith and pledge to promote "common action to address the pastoral needs of Orthodox living in our region" (Chambésy, Decision 2c). We call upon our clergy and faithful to join us in these efforts "to safeguard and contribute to the unity of the Orthodox Church of the region in its theological, ecclesiological, canonical, spiritual, philanthropic, educational and missionary obligations" (Article 5.1) as we eagerly anticipate the Holy and Great Council.

The Assembly concluded with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City. During the Liturgy prayers were offered for the repose of the eleven victims of the current ecological disaster in the Gulf Coast, for the consolation of their families, for all those adversely affected by this catastrophe, as well as for all people living under conditions of war, persecution, violence, and oppression.

Of the sixty-six Hierarchs in the region, the following 55 were present at this Assembly:

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| Archbishop Demetrios, Chair | Bishop Christopher | Bishop Theodosius |
| Metropolitan Philip, Vice Chair | Bishop Vikentios | Bishop George |
| Archbishop Justinian, Vice Chair | Bishop Savas | Bishop Ieronim |
| Bishop Basil, Secretary | Bishop Andonios | Metropolitan Christopher |
| Archbishop Antony, Treasurer | Bishop Ilia | Bishop Maxim |
| Metropolitan Iakovos | Bishop Ilarion | Archbishop Nicolae |
| Metropolitan Constantine | Bishop Andriy | Bishop Ioan Casian |
| Metropolitan Athenagoras | Bishop Demetrios | Metropolitan Joseph |
| Metropolitan Methodios | Bishop Daniel | Metropolitan Jonah |
| Metropolitan Isaiah | Bishop Antoun | Archbishop Nathaniel |
| Metropolitan Nicholas | Bishop Joseph | Archbishop Seraphim |
| Metropolitan Alexios | Bishop Thomas | Bishop Nikon |
| Metropolitan Nikitas | Bishop Mark | Bishop Tikhon |
| Metropolitan Nicholas | Bishop Alexander | Bishop Benjamin |
| Metropolitan Gerasimos | Metropolitan Hilarion | Bishop Melchisedek |
| Metropolitan Evangelos | Bishop Iov | Bishop Irineu |
| Metropolitan Paisios | Bishop Gabriel | Bishop Irinee |
| Archbishop Yuriy | Bishop Peter | Bishop Michael |