

# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF AUGUST 22, 2010

### Please Remember in Prayer

Irene Clenney, Gabriela Jones, Roman Szewc, Melvin, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Peg Feeser, Anna Varone, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Todd & Olga, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy Duker, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Nicholas Parsells, Bruce, Julia Plisko & family. Requests? See Fr. John.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>

5:00p.m. Bible Study  
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### BEHEADING OF THE BAPTIST

##### Strict Fast Day

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



### Welcome to Our Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting from near and far. Please consider staying for a bite to eat at our coffee hour following the service. But even if you have to run, we thank you for worshipping with us today, and we wish you a blessed remainder of your visit to Delmarva!

### Congratulations

to Dan Reynolds who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday yesterday. May the Lord grant him many more blessed years!

### The Finance Committee – August 22<sup>nd</sup>

will meet today, Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the coffee hour.



### Prayers for Teachers and Students – August 29<sup>th</sup>

will be offered for the new academic year today, Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Teachers and students will be asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### The Vineyard of the Lord

*I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered. And they gather and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. In this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you will be My disciples.*

John 15:5-8

### Strict Fast Day – August 29<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, is the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. This day is kept as a strict fast day. Please be attentive both at home and when preparing food for coffee hour – no meat, dairy, or fish.



### Parish Picnic – Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited for the annual parish picnic; this year being held at Constantine's condo on the beach. Save the date!



### Bible Studies

We are studying the first Catholic Epistle of St. Peter this Saturday night at 5:00pm. The Great Vespers will be held at 6:00pm as usual. All invited! Bring a Bible and a friend!

### Website Update

Photos from Dormition and our Patronal Feastday / the Baptism of Nicholas Parsells have been loaded on our website. Check them out!

### The Church New Year – September 1<sup>st</sup>

A time for new beginnings – let us recommit ourselves to the Lord.



### Suggestions?

If you have any ideas (service or class scheduling change, new charitable initiatives, etc.) for the new church year, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, please let Fr. John know.

### READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

Bruce Eckerd



## THE REBUILDING OF ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*From the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese / Aug 19, 2010*

NEW YORK - As is well known, on September 11, 2001 our city and nation suffered a terrorist attack of unparalleled proportions. In addition to the tragic and horrific loss of almost 3,000 innocent victims, a number of whom were members of our own community, the world witnessed the unimaginable collapse of the Twin Towers. When the second Tower fell, it landed on and erased all traces of the Greek Orthodox Christian Church of St. Nicholas, the only house of worship destroyed that day. Opened in 1916 by a group of Greek immigrants, the church not only served the spiritual needs of its parishioners but was also a sacred space in which people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds working in the surrounding area would often stop, light a candle and spend a few moments in prayer and reflection.

Following the events of 9/11, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and the St. Nicholas parish fully cooperated and worked closely with the relevant authorities. Former Governor George Pataki pledged without reservation his support for rebuilding in the belief that it was a necessary part of the healing of New York City and of our nation. Early on, as plans were being formulated for the reconstruction of the area, the Church agreed to relocate and rebuild its house of worship at a new locale to facilitate the envisioned design for the



overall site. In 2004, the authorities proposed that the new edifice be built at 130 Liberty Street, a parcel on the same block as the original site, and an agreement was reached between the Archdiocese and the Port Authority. Four successive LMDC/Port Authority administrations honored this

mutual agreement which entailed extensive on-going work and planning on the part of all parties. All site plans for the area which the LMDC/Port Authority v released to the public show St. Nicholas at this new locale. Regrettably, the latest Port Authority administration in 2009 unexpectedly and arbitrarily reneged on this agreement and as a result, the Archdiocese and St. Nicholas parish are suddenly offered no viable option. LMDC/Port Authority has re-

refused to meet with us. In the meantime the LMDC/Port Authority has excavated the original site without our consent, rendering it unusable, in flagrant violation of our legal rights.

The Archdiocese and parish leadership remain firmly committed to the rebuilding of the church honoring the long standing agreement with LMDC/Port Authority. Confident that we have acted in good faith and trusting in Almighty God, we expect that justice will prevail and that we will be successful in this sacred endeavor.

### **DONATE TO HELP REBUILD ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

*Destroyed On September 11, 2001*

On September 11, 2001 the barbaric attack not only destroyed the majestic Twin Towers but also the tiny yet historic St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, located south of the second tower of the World Trade Center. In the aftermath of its destruction, very little survived: two icons, one of St. Dionysios of Zakynthos and the other of the Zoodochos Pege, along with a few liturgical items, a book, and some candles.

Within days, Archbishop Demetrios of America traveled personally to Ground Zero, setting foot on the site where the Church of St. Nicholas stood, in order to conduct a memorial service for the victims of those who perished in the attacks and to offer prayers for the families in mourning.

To support the rebuilding of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church you may make a donation as follows:

- ❖ **JustGive.org** - Make a secure online donation through our partner JustGive.org. All donations will be used for the rebuilding of the Church and are tax deductible.
- ❖ **Facebook** - Make a secure online donation when you join the Facebook cause 'Rebuild St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Destroyed on September 11, 2001'
- ❖ **Cell Phone** - Donate \$10 to help rebuild by simply texting "REBUILD" to 27722.

## **SPRING/SUMMER PRINT EDITION OF "THE ORTHODOX CHURCH" SENT IN BULK TO PARISHES**

From the Orthodox Church in America / August 18, 2010

SYOSSET, NY [OCA] -- The print edition of the Spring/Summer issue 2010 of "The Orthodox Church" magazine, published by the Orthodox Church in America, was mailed in bulk to all parishes and missions during the first week of August 2010.

The online edition has been available since July on the OCA web site at:

<http://www.oca.org/PDF/DOC-PUB/TOC/2010/toc-spring-summer.pdf>

For over four decades, TOC was mailed directly to the homes of OCA faithful whose names and addresses were submitted by their respective parishes. Due to budgetary considerations, in part caused by a series of sharp spikes in the cost of paper, printing and mailing in recent years, the previous two issues only appeared online in downloadable PDF format. This, however, precluded many from reading the magazine, since not everyone is connected to the internet.

Reducing the number of printed copies from some 27,000 to 10,000 and distributing TOC in bulk yielded considerable savings, making it possible to print a limited number of copies within the designated budget. The number of printed copies of the current issue sent to each parish hopefully will "fill the gap" for those who otherwise would not have access to the magazine.

While all bulk packets of TOC were mailed on the same day, the actual delivery date of each parish's packet will vary, in some cases by up to three or four weeks, depending on the local post office. Parishes that do not receive their packets within the next few weeks should check with the delivering post office while sending notification to [info@oca.org](mailto:info@oca.org).

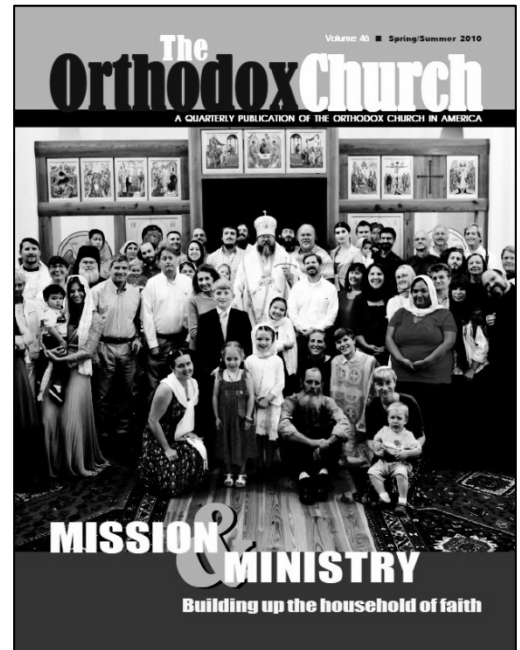
Individual subscriptions, sent directly to home addresses, are available. Subscription information will be available on the OCA web site at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) in the near future.

In addition to world, North American and OCA news briefs -- including an account of the consecration of His Grace, Bishop Michael of New York and New Jersey and a detailed announcement concerning the theme and preliminary plans for the 16th All-American Council in 2011 -- the Spring/Summer issue focuses on mission and ministry, the recent Episcopal Assembly, and related articles, including

- ❖ "The Episcopal Assembly, and Beyond" by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah, and an editorial on the same theme, "The Quest to be Truly Orthodox and Truly American," by Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky. The full text of the "Statement of the North American Episcopal Assembly" also appears. A fourth article on this theme, "First Steps," offers an account of the Assembly's sessions.
- ❖ "Christ's Ministry, Our Ministry" and "Six Principles for Christian Ministry" by Denise Jillions of Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa, ON, Canada.
- ❖ "The World Becoming Church: An Orthodox Vision of Mission," by Priest Richard Rene of Saint Aidan Mission, Cranbrook, BC, Canada, and a practical, "hands-on" titled "Mission and Ministry: Putting Our Words into Action."
- ❖ three articles highlighting practical ministry -- "Mission and Ministry: Putting Our Words into Action," "When I was in Prison: Rediscovering a Forgotten Ministry," and "The Mission Field at your Front Door" by Luke Loboda of Saint Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH.
- ❖ a reflection by Archpriest Alexander Garklavs, OCA Chancellor, titled "Forty Years of Autocephaly."
- ❖ a reflection on Ephesians 2:1-2, "Sons of Disobedience," by Archpriest Vladimir Berzonsky of Holy Trinity Church, Parma, OH.

The Fall 2010 TOC is slated to appear in October.

***You may pick up your copy of the Spring/Summer 2010 in the back of the church at the candle stand.***



## USING YOUR POTENTIAL

*From Parish Publishing LLC*

The story is told of two men who were caught stealing sheep. Their punishment was to be branded on the forehead, "ST" (sheep thief). One of the branded men, unable to deal with his brand, immediately moved to another area to live.

The one who stayed in the locality decided that he would show his townsfolk that he could change. As the story is told, many years later a newcomer in town, seeing the branded man, asked another person, "What does ST mean?" "I don't know," he replied, "but knowing the man I think it stands for 'saint'."

We are called not to be afraid of small beginnings, but also not to fail to begin.

What we have done, or what we have let ourselves become is of little concern to the Lord. What we decide to do with our God-given potential is the only concern. We have the potential, however small we may perceive it to be, to call to life the power of God's Holy Spirit within our lives, that His light and life may shine through our words and actions.



## ON FREEING THE MIND AND THE HEART FROM SIN

*From St. Nikolai Velimirovich*

When a man once truly repents, he need not think any more about the sins he committed so that he will not sin again. St. Anthony counsels: "Be careful that your mind not be defiled with the remembrance of former sins and that the remembrance of those sins not be renewed in you." Again, in another place, St. Anthony says: "Do not establish your previously committed sins in your soul by thinking about them so that they not be repeated in you. Be assured that they are forgiven you from the time that you gave yourself to God and repentance. In that, do not doubt." It is said of St. Ammon that he attained such perfection that from much goodness he was not aware that evil exists anymore. When they asked him what is that "narrow and difficult [sorrowful] path" (St. Matthew 7:14), he replied: "That it is the restraining of one's thoughts and severing of one's desires in order to fulfill the will of God." Whoever restrains sinful thoughts, does not think of his own sins or the sins of others neither of anything corruptible nor of anything earthly. The mind of such a man is continually in heaven where there is no evil. Thus, in him, sin gradually ceases to be, even in his thoughts.

## ON CHRISTIANS

*From the Epistle to Diognetus / Written sometime before the 4<sup>th</sup> century*

Christians are not distinguished from other men by country, language, nor by the customs which they observe. They do not inhabit cities of their own, use a particular way of speaking, nor lead an eccentric form of life... They live in their own countries, but they do so as those who are just passing through. As citizens they participate in everything with others, yet they endure everything as if they were foreigners... They marry, like everyone else, and they have children... They share a common table, but not a common bed. They exist in the flesh, but they do not live by the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, all the while surpassing the laws by their lives. They love all men and are persecuted by all. They are unknown and condemned. They are put to death and restored to life. They are poor, yet make many rich. They lack everything, yet they overflow in everything. They are dishonored, and yet in their very dishonor they are glorified; they are spoken ill of and yet are justified; they are reviled but bless; they are insulted and repay the insult with honor; they do good, yet are punished as evildoers; when punished, they rejoice as if raised from the dead. They are assailed by the Jews as barbarians; they are persecuted by the Greeks; yet those who hate them are unable to give any reason for their hatred. To sum it all up in one word, what the soul is in the body, that is what Christians are in the world. The soul is dispersed through all the parts of the body, and Christians are scattered through all the cities of the world. The soul lives in the body, yet is not of the body; Christians live in the world, yet are not of the world.

