



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Please Remember in Prayer

Bill Yanuk, who is recovering from surgery. If you have a prayer request, please let Fr. John know and he will share it.



Sympathy is Expressed

to Matushka Dunia Hubiak on the repose of her brother, Boris, who departed this life on Tuesday, September 18th. May his memory be eternal!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

20TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

ST. DEMETRIUS SATURDAY

9:00a.m. Memorial Service
6:00p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

21ST SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

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

Special Parish Meeting

On Sunday, November 4, 2007, there will be a Special Meeting of the Parish in order to discuss the 2008 Budget and the future home of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church. All parish members, year-round and seasonal, are invited to attend. The meeting will be held immediately following the coffee hour. For more information regarding the meeting please pick up an information packet in the back of the church. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. John.



Did You Know?

If you are making cash offerings to the church and you are not using envelopes there is no way for the Mission to credit you for this donation, making it difficult to receive the appropriate tax break. Envelopes are available in the back of the church for full-time members, part-time members, and even visitors. There is no minimum donation required to use the envelopes, and you can use them as frequently or infrequently as you wish. If you don't yet have a set of envelopes please consider picking one up – just ask one of the ushers at the candle stand.

The 2008 Calendars / Planners

from Saint Tikhon's Bookstore are now available for order. To reserve a calendar or pocket planner please sign your name to the list in the back of the church. The total costs of the calendars and pocket planners, including shipping, are \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively.



Prayers for Those in the Healing Ministries

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Nov. 4th, the Sunday following the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1st). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy.



A Class on our Faith – Orthodoxy 101

will begin on Monday, October 29th, at 7pm at the church. The class will meet twice a month. For more information such as dates and topics, please see page four of this bulletin or speak with Fr. John.

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 21st

Hours: Mat. Emily
Epistle: Mat. Emily

Sunday, October 28th

Hours: Jen Alexion
Epistle: Jen Alexion



The Parish Website

now has a new section featuring questions and answers which have been posted in the Sunday bulletin. Currently there are about 35 questions on various topics relating to parish life and Orthodox Christianity. Check it out!



ON WORLDWIDE ORTHODOXY

From OCA.org and Fr. John Matusiak

Question: How is the Orthodox Church organized and held together as one worldwide Church?

Answer: The Orthodox Church as a whole is the unity of what are called local autocephalous or autonomous churches. These words mean simply that these churches govern themselves, electing their own bishops and organizing their own lives.

Each of these churches has exactly the same doctrine, discipline and spiritual practices. They use the same Bible, follow the same canon laws, confess the authority of the same Church Councils and worship by what is essentially the same liturgy.

It is nothing other than this communion in faith and practice which unites all Orthodox Churches together into one world-wide body. In this sense, there is no one dominating authority in the Orthodox Church, no particular bishop or see or document which has authority over the churches.

In practice, the Church of Constantinople has functioned for centuries as the church responsible for guiding and preserving the worldwide unity of the family of self-governing Orthodox Churches. But it must be noticed that this responsibility is merely a practical and pastoral one. It carries no sacramental or juridical power with it and it is possible that in the future this function may pass to some other church.



The Autocephalous Churches:

Constantinople	Bulgaria
Alexandria	Cyprus
Antioch	Greece
Jerusalem	Albania
Russia	Poland
Georgia	Czech Lands & Slovakia
Serbia	America
Romania	

The Autonomous Churches:

Sinai	Japan
Finland	Ukraine



DESERT PETE AND THE OLD WATER PUMP

From Parish Publishing LLC

In a book called *Growing Into Light*, Max Long writes about a leathery old westerner who called himself Desert Pete. Living out in the sun-beaten country where water is so very precious, Desert Pete wrote a note, put it in a baking-powder can and wired it to an old water pump.

Here is what he wrote:

Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water, out of the sun, cork end up. There's enough water in it to prime this pump, but not if you drink some first. Pour about one fourth, and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour the rest medium fast and pump. You'll git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you git watered, full the bottle and put it back like you found it for the next feller.

Desert Pete

P.S. Don't go drinking up the water first. Prime the pump with it.... I've given my last dime away a dozen times to prime the pump of my prayers, and I've fed my last beans to a stranger while a'sayin' "Amen." It never failed yet to git me an answer. You've got to git "Your Heart Fixed To Give" before you can be give to.

Desert Pete in his own special style was teaching the same lesson that Christ taught. "Give," said our Lord, "and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38). Mark adds, "... and still more will be given you." (Mark 4:24).

Have you ever met anyone who really had his "heart fixed to give," who did not testify that he was the one who benefited by the giving? Think about that as we consider giving to our Lord's work through your church. It is in giving that we truly receive.



FOUR REASONS WHY PEOPLE GIVE

From "Compelled to Give" By VRev. Vladimir Berzonsky



- 1) **Obligation** – People who give only because it's an obligation. We pay taxes that way. We open our bills and write checks reluctantly. Perhaps that's the way we deal with society at large, but this is not the attitude to take when we are asked to give from our heart to the upkeep and enhancement of the holy Church;
- 2) **Satisfaction** – There's something satisfying about contributing to charity. When we make a gift to an established charity, we feel good about ourselves. In the autumn season after Labor Day and through the remaining days of the year, we are solicited by so many appeals that we must make choices. Do we put something in the Salvation Army pots at each shopping center, or do we pick and choose?
- 3) **Pride** – We all know those who make an issue of their contributions. It doesn't count unless it appears in the media that the contributors are People of Importance. They used to flaunt their donations to the party of their choice or even hedge their bets, giving to both major political parties. With new rules they must find a way to do the same, but not so conspicuously.
- 4) **Love** – All of the above are acceptable to the recipients, and all of them have value in their own right; however, gifts at the highest level first come as a true sacrifice. They are not just an excess of funds that the giver can well do without and even derives tax benefits from them, but they come from hearts that feel a compulsion to contribute. When the feeling arises within that you cannot do otherwise than to meet the needs laid out before you, when you are presented with a situation, a crisis or a grief that so overwhelms you that you are desperate to provide from your means an alleviation for that person, group or situation, you are a cheerful giver.

FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue of Ochrid – St. Nikolai of Zicha

We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (II Corinthians 5:1), says the discerning Apostle Paul. All our efforts for God on earth have this purpose: to merit, according to our power, this eternal house in the heavens not made by hands. The Indian King Gundafor decided to build himself a magnificent palace, unlike any other on earth. When Abban, his envoy, sought a skilled craftsman to build the king's palace, he met the Apostle Thomas by God's providence. St. Thomas told him that he was a craftsman, and that no one else could build what the king wanted. Thomas therefore received much gold from the king for the building of this palace. As soon as he departed from the king, he distributed all the gold to the poor. The palace site was some distance from the king's capital, and after two years the king sent servants to ask Thomas if the palace was completed. Thomas replied: "Everything is ready except the roof," and he sought more money from the king; and the king gave it to him. Again, Thomas distributed it all to the poor, and went throughout the kingdom doing his work, preaching the Gospel. The king,



learning that Thomas had not even begun to build the palace, seized him and threw him into prison. That night, the king's brother died, and the king fell into great sorrow. An angel took the soul of the deceased and, leading him through Paradise, showed him a magnificent palace, such as the mind of man could not imagine. The soul of the deceased wished to enter that palace, but the angel told him that he could not, for it was his brother's palace, which the Apostle Thomas had built with his alms. Then the angel returned the brother's soul to his body. When he came to himself, he said to the king: "Swear to me that you will give me anything I ask." And the king swore.

Then the brother said: "Give me the palace that you have in the heavens." The king was amazed that he had a palace in the heavens. When the brother described everything in detail, the king believed and immediately released Thomas from prison. Then, when he heard the apostle's preaching of salvation and eternal life, the king and his brother were baptized. King Gundafor undertook new works of charity, and built an even more magnificent palace in the heavens for himself.

OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS!



Anniversaries:

10/9 George & Lois Hamaty

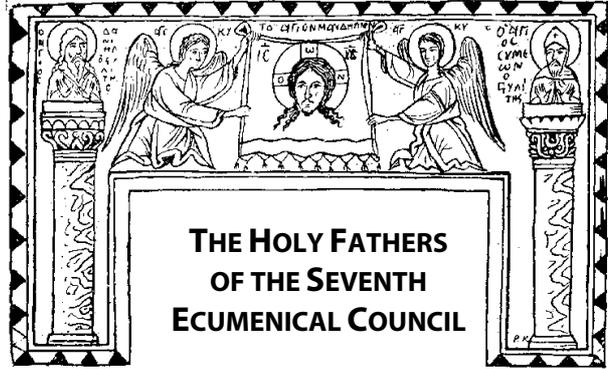
Birthdays:

10/8 Natalia Kurinij
10/13 Catherine Lupiwok
10/20 Gilbert Scheers
10/23 Deborah Royal
10/25 Sava Cook
10/28 Alan Royal
10/29 Nicholas Evanusa

Namesdays:

10/6 *St. Innocent of Alaska*
Fr. John Parsells
10/23 *St. James the Brother of the Lord*
Alan Royal

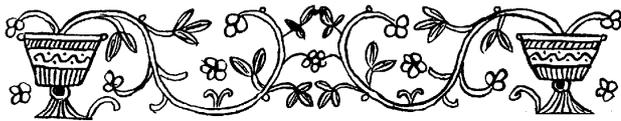
If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John, as soon as possible!



Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Council of 787, the second to meet at Nicaea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitus.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).



A CLASS ON OUR FAITH – ORTHODOXY 101

The following is a list of the topics for the first three classes being offered on the Orthodox Faith. Each class will run from 7:00-8:30pm and will consist of a 30 minute video, followed by a 30 minute presentation, and 30 minutes of discussion. The class is open to everyone, both inquirers and members alike. Light refreshments will be offered.

Monday, October 29

Pentecost - 4th Century

- ❖ Pentecost
- ❖ Apostolic Missions
- ❖ Early Church Structure
- ❖ New Testament Scriptures
- ❖ Relations with the Jews
- ❖ Persecutions under Rome
- ❖ Saint Constantine the Great

Tuesday, November 13

5th Century - 11th Century

- ❖ Church and State
- ❖ Ecumenical Councils
- ❖ Rise of Monasticism
- ❖ Icons / Architecture / Liturgy
- ❖ Islamic Invasion
- ❖ Missions to the Slavs
- ❖ Great Schism

Wednesday, November 28

12th Century - Present

- ❖ Slavic Christianity
- ❖ Fall of Byzantium
- ❖ Turkish Yoke
- ❖ Orthodoxy and the West
- ❖ Missions to North America
- ❖ Jurisdictions in America
- ❖ Future of Orthodoxy