



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## BULLETIN OF MARCH 29, 2009

### Please Remember in Prayer

Carole Boris (newly-departed), Kathy & Bill Parrish, Diane Evanusa, Marie, Raymond, Thomas, Judith Kocinski, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Yvonne, Katherine, Michael, Gregory, Todd & Olga Leisure, Nina Gordon, Fr. Christian, Constantina & Christos. If you have a request, let Fr. John know.

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

#### SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>

7:00p.m. Orthodox Movie Night

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

7:00p.m. Canon of St. Andrew

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### LAUDATION OF THEOTOKOS

9:00a.m. Akathist  
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

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

*Educators can distinguish between the programs of study suitable for beginners, for the intermediate, and for teachers. And we ought to ensure that we do not spend an unduly long time at the beginner's stage, for it would be a disgrace to have an old man going to kindergarten.*

*St. John of the Ladder – 7<sup>th</sup> Century*

### READER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sandy St. Germain

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy Parrish



### Orthodox Movie Night – Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Next week's movie will be "America's Holy Mountain – St. Tikhon's Monastery" This film (runtime 88 minutes) offers a glimpse into the past of the first Orthodox Monastery in the Americas. The film will be shown on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the church. All invited!



### The Canon of St. Andrew – Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

This beautiful service will be offered for the final time this Lent on Wednesday at 7:00pm. If you have not yet attended this service, don't miss your last chance.

### Reading Group – Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

The next Reading Group will meet on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the church. The texts will be the Life of St. Mary of Egypt and Selections from the Ladder of Divine Ascent. Copies are available for pickup at the candle stand. All are encouraged to pickup the reading.



### The Mysteries of Confession and Communion

should be received by all Orthodox Christians on a regular basis and at the very least during Great Lent and Pascha. If you have not availed yourself of these life-giving sacraments, please be sure to do so. Likewise, frequent communicants should make a confession during this and all lenten periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened.



### Church Readers Sought

If you are interested in helping to read the Hours and Epistle, please let Fr. John know. This is an important ministry and we are always looking for more Readers. If you do not know how to chant, don't worry, it is easy to learn.

### St. George's in Ocean City's Paschal Dinner

All are invited for a Paschal Dinner Celebration on Sunday April 19 2009 from 2-5pm at the Roxana Fire Hall in Roxana DE. A flyer with details of the event is available at the candle stand. St. George's is blessed with many excellent cooks so the food will be wonderful. They offer a Easter Egg hunt for the younger children, as well as, music and dancing for all. Please consider supporting St. George's by celebrating the Feast of Feasts with them and sharing in their annual Paschal Dinner.



## **IN MEMORIAM: CAROLE BORIS**

Carole Yuschak Boris 62, of West Fenwick, DE, formerly of Laurel, MD, died Monday, March 23, 2009 at her home. Born in Charleroi, PA, she was the daughter of Julia Yuschak of Belle Vernon, PA and the late John Yuschak.

Carole earned her Bachelor of Science degree from California University of PA, and her Masters in Education degree from Western Maryland College and had been the Director of Counseling Services for Montgomery County (MD) Schools. She was a member of National Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, Montgomery County Educational Association, and Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Dagsboro, DE.

In addition to her mother, Carole is survived by her husband Gregory "Mick" Boris of West Fenwick; a daughter Tanya B. Jenkins and her husband Lee of Ocean View, DE; two sons, Gregory M. Boris II and his wife Melissa of Rising Sun, MD and Geoffrey M. Boris and his wife Rachel of Columbia, MD; two sisters, Claudette Yuschak of Belle Vernon, PA and Gloria Yuschak of Fayette City, PA and two brothers John Yuschak of Newburgh, IN and David Yuschak of Plano, TX. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Alexandra Boris, John Jenkins, Gabriella Jenkins, Alice Jenkins, Julia Boris, Graham Boris, Michael Boris and Sydney Boris.



## **Teachers – Fr. Peter Pawlack**

We have all had many teachers in our lives – parents, schools and colleges, the Church and life itself. We have all learned well the rules of the world and how to apply them in our everyday lives. But where does the teaching of Christ and the Church apply? How often do we look the other way when Christ's teachings "interfere" with our life style, will all our supposed fun and enjoyment? To be true children of the Teacher of all, we must be willing to sacrifice, to give to others without the thought of return and to live a life pleasing to God. We will be judged by God not on the standards of society, of our peers or of the world but by the teachings of Jesus Christ. "If anyone hears my words and does not keep them... my words that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. (St. John 13:47-50)

## **Teaching: A Unique Craft – St. John Chrysostom**

Let us arouse ourselves, because if you do not make some effort on your own part, all that we are doing will be for nothing. Why? Because teaching is not like any other occupation. The silversmith, when he fashions a vessel and lays it aside, will find it the next day just as he left it. The plumber, the stone mason and every other craftsman will take up his work again in the same state when he put it down. There is not so with us. Exactly the opposite since we have not lifeless objects to create, but rational beings. We do not, then, find you as when we left, but after we have labored diligently to refashion your thinking and increase your zeal, urgent matters pull you away and create for us all kinds of difficulty. For this reason I plead with you to help in the work yourself, and when you leave here, show the same interest in your well being that I have shown for your improvement.

## **Accepting Correction – Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky**

Why is it that we can take correction from some people, but not from others? Parents usually learn how to criticize in the best meaning of the term, so that we eventually give them at least a grudging appreciation for having helped us correct a fault. Priests by definition must be able to help by their admonishments, so that we seek them out to find out what's wrong with our attitudes. The difference is that we discern who are the persons who truly want us to succeed in our relationships with others, from those who only look to put us down, in order to exalt their own egos. How rare are those we know who will soothe and comfort us with healing words; not always do they praise us, because their true praise would be ineffective if they were unable to chastise when we required straightening out; but they discipline with love and truth, and we can see it in their eyes. Would it not be the greatest condemnation of the Church, if a person cannot find there comfort and correction with love, acceptance with discipline, guidance through words that put us back on the narrow path which leads to God, and away from the winding road leading to destruction? Let us all strive towards making our Orthodox Church such a haven for sinners, and "Half-way House" for those who indeed desire to continue towards the Kingdom of Heaven.

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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"I didn't realize what I was getting into." That's a statement we sometimes make when we find it necessary to back out or turn away from some responsibility we've previously accepted. Perhaps we'd been asked to chair a community or school committee. We accepted, thinking of the honor. Months later, we resign after discovering that the job was all work, little thanks, and no honor at all. We hadn't seen all that when we'd agreed to take on the task.

Lent invites us to rethink our commitment to follow Jesus Christ and be good stewards of our time and talent. "My way," Jesus says, "requires you to deny yourself and carry a cross. Are you sure that you want to come with me?" Self-denial does not mean treating ourselves as dirt. Rather it means answering the call of Christ even when the call is to something we would not choose. It also means being so committed to Christ that we see Him brighter and more clearly than we see the hard road before us.

## REMEMBER THE PROMISE?

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Years ago, a young man knelt with his pastor and prayed as he committed to God his tithe. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the tithe was \$1.00. As he grew older he became more prosperous and his tithe was \$7.00 a week, then \$10.00. He moved to another city and soon his tithe was \$100 a week, then \$200, then \$500. One day the younger man sent his old friend a wire, "Please come see me." The pastor arrived at the man's house. They had a good time talking over old times. Finally the man came to his point. "You remember that promise I made years ago to tithe. How can I get released from it?" "Why would you want to get released," asked the pastor? "It's like this," replied the man, "When I made the promise I only had to give \$1.00, but now it is \$500. I can't afford to give away money like that."

The old pastor look at his friend. "I am afraid we cannot get released from the promise, but there is something we can do. We can kneel and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give \$1.00 again."

## THE GIFT

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As I was saying to Pastor Goodly, money is our easiest thing to give. Notice how nicely a ten dollar bill fits in a collection plate. Better yet, by writing a check we can stack a lot of dollars in that same place on the plate. But one thing we cannot do; we cannot fit a 150 pound person into that plate; not even 10% of that person. Which is just my ridiculous way of showing that giving of ourselves is our most difficult thing to give. Giving of ourselves means giving the best of our love, our devotion, our talents, our time, and our mind.

I told the Pastor that giving money is only 10% of our stewardship duties. The other 90% includes everything it takes to make a great Christian. That's why I like so much to talk about the 90%. Everyone knows they should give money, even those who never give. Just for an example, folks are startled when I point out that our attendance at worship, and other church activities is a steward's duty.

By that attendance, we are proclaiming to our town, the existence and wonder of our God and the church of Jesus Christ. We become a witness by example to all the people who observe our faithfulness. Actions always speak louder than words. We attend, not to demonstrate our saintliness, but to demonstrate the glory of God to others. I'm not talking about simply being there. You should look up that word "attendance" in a good dictionary. Of course, "being present" is the basic meaning, but note the further meanings, such as: "to be present for a purpose" or "to serve" or "to be attentive to."

So we have to be more than warm bodies taking up space. We need to keep alert to listen and to learn. We need to let down our barriers and draw close to our brothers and sisters; "Fellowship" as Pastor Goodly would call it. We need to serve, each according to their talents and abilities. Strangely, when we search persistently and prayerfully, we can find that one task for which we were especially equipped. As I told Pastor Goodly, money is the easiest thing we can give.

Dear Family and Friend *Christ the Savior Church,*

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to know and to love you. The time spent with you was always special to me. I learned so much from the people that I worked and socialized with during my lifetime.

Now that I am physically gone from your presence, please know that I was truly blessed to have made your acquaintance. My wish for you is to enjoy life and live your life to its fullest. Don't be afraid to try something different and out of character for you. Spend quality time with your family and friends. Help others and you will reap many benefits. Always know right from wrong and live by your conscience. Take a vow of kindness. Worship and have faith. Your profession is probably one of the main focuses in your life...don't forget that there are 24 hours in a day, and, spending 8 hours at work still leaves you 16 hours to just be yourself. If you are retired, ENJOY IT!!! You are entitled to enjoy it after all the years of service you gave to others.

I know that I always gravitated to people that have the highest integrity and are just generally good people. You are one of those people and were a special person to me.

Know that we all have a mission while here on earth. I was so fortunate to have such a wonderful and caring family, close friends and a career that I truly loved. I also never lost sight of where I came from. I was raised in humble surroundings with much love and a faith that was handed down to me from my ancestors. I believe that there truly is a God...you need to have faith in Him. Let your faith guide you to live an incredible life here on earth. For me, I have faith that there is something better waiting for me after my death because of my belief in God's word.

Do not grieve for me because I know that I am going where there is much love and happiness. Take care of yourself and each other. There will come a time when we will all meet again and continue our friendship, I am sure of that. Until that time comes...so long.

With love,

*Carole*