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BULLETIN OF JANUARY, 16 2011

Please Remember in Prayer

Melvin Woodell (newly-departed), Don Coughlin, Karen Nichols, Michelle Wilson, Howard Peters, Irene Clenney, Denise Royal, Gabriela Jones, Scott and Maryann, Roman Szvec, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Garrett Cuppels, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Bruce, Julia Plisko & family, Stella.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 23rd

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 23rd, following the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour. Everyone is asked to please set aside this date for this important meeting. Everyone is invited!



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

The Chains of St. Peter

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00p.m. Orthodox Movie
8:15p.m. Compline

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

7:00p.m. Memorial Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

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

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8:40a.m. Hours
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2011 Annual Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 16th

A council meeting will be held today to finalize preparations for the Annual Meeting. This is the only purpose of the meeting.

Orthodox Movie Night – Wednesday – Jan. 19th

The film is "A Pilgrim's Way – A Search in Sacred Romania". Runtime: 73 minutes. All invited for this fascinating film! More info on page 3.



40th Day Memorial Service – Thursday, Jan. 20th

On Thursday at 7:00pm we will have a 40th Day Memorial Service for the newly-departed servant of God, Melvin Nicholas Woodell. May his memory be eternal!

2011 St. Tikhon's Calendar Update

The calendars should be in for next Sunday. There was a shortage in their initial printing and but this has been rectified. Thank you for your patience!



Website Update



Our website now has photos from the Baptism of Eric Daniel this past Sunday. Check them out!

Suggestions for 2011

Do you have any suggestions or requests for 2010? More services, classes, charitable initiatives, pilgrimages, etc.? We are always looking for ways to improve our Church life. Please don't hesitate to let Fr. John know.

Christian Sayings

- Can't sleep? Don't count sheep... talk to the Shepherd.
- A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.
- Need a new life? God accepts trade-ins.
- Sin: it seemed like a good idea at the time.
- Famous last words: I'll get right with God later.
- TGIF – Today God Is First!



READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 23rd

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, Jan. 30th

Constantine Mitsopoulos



METROPOLITAN JONAH TO LEAD ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MARCHERS AT JANUARY 24 MARCH FOR LIFE

From OCA.org

WASHINGTON, DC [OCA] -- Orthodox Christians everywhere -- especially those within driving distance of the US capital -- are being encouraged to bear witness to their faith at the annual March for Life on Monday, January 24, 2011.

As in years past, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah expressed his desire to see as many youth and young adults as possible to join him in proclaiming that all life is indeed a gift from God.

The faithful are asked to gather by 12:30 p.m. under the "Orthodox Christians for Life" banner to the left of the stage at the Ellipse, between the Washington Monument and the national Mall. Metropolitan Jonah will be one of several speakers to address the public at the pre-March program.

At the conclusion of the March, Metropolitan Jonah will offer prayers for the victims of abortion.

On Sunday, January 23, the eve of the March, the faithful are encouraged to join Metropolitan Jonah for Vespers at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Massachusetts Ave. NW, at 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow.

On the morning of the March, Metropolitan Jonah will preside at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the cathedral at 8:00 a.m. Following the March, Metropolitan Jonah will attend the annual Rose Dinner at DC's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

While additional details concerning the Orthodox Christian witness at the March will be forthcoming, general information on the March may be found at www.marchforlife.org.



Interested in Attending the March For Life?

If you have interest in going to the March For Life this year. Please sign your name to the interest sheet in the back of the church at the candle stand. Questions? Please see Fr. John.

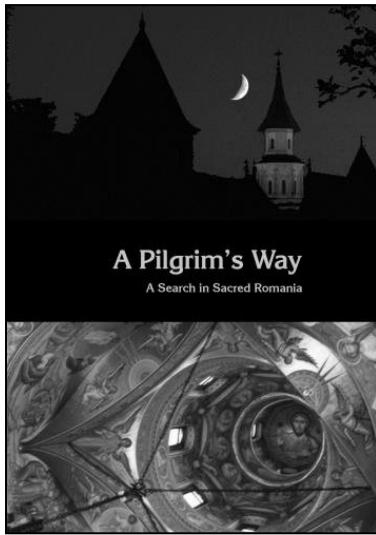
SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE (THE CHAINS OF ST. PETER)

From the Prologue of Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Saint Peter is commemorated on this day because of the chains by which he was shackled by the lawless Herod and which during the appearance of an angel in prison fell from him, "Suddenly the angel of the



Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' The chains fell from his wrists" (Acts of the Apostles 12:7). The chains were preserved by Christians as much for the memory of this great apostle as well as for their healing power, for many of the sick were healed by touching them as well as with the towel of the Apostle Paul, "then when the face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them" (Acts of the Apostles 19:12). St. Juvenal, the Patriarch of Jerusalem gave these chains as a gift to the Empress Eudocia, the exiled wife of the Emperor Theodosius the Younger. She divided them into two and sent one half to the Church of the Holy Apostle in Constantinople and the other half to her daughter Empress Eudoxia in Rome, the wife of Valentinian. Eudoxia built the Church of St. Peter and deposited these chains in it, together with those chains with which Peter was shackled before his death under Emperor Nero.



A PILGRIM'S WAY

A film by Mironel de Wilde

On a journey in search of faith and the truth of my heart, I go on a pilgrimage from Canada to Romania, Eastern Europe, to visit the world of Orthodox Christianity, to ask questions about the roots of our religious and philosophical heritage and find out if Christianity still has a living spiritual dimension.

The journey takes me to Bucharest to meet people with spiritual insights into the meaning of Christ's teachings. I go to Putna Monastery, near the Ukrainian border for immersion into monastic life, then on to visit some of the greatest elders of the church and I hear first hand where the Christian path can lead me.

This film will be shown at Christ the Savior Mission on Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:00pm. Runtime is 73 minutes.

QUESTIONS ON THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

1. What is the shortest prayer in the Bible?
2. What famous building did the Romans destroy in 70 AD?
3. Which book of the Bible was written by a tax collector?
4. What book ends with the admonition, "Keep yourselves from idols."
5. Who did the Lord send fishing to get money to pay the temple tax?
6. What king was hailed as a god but then struck down by an angel of the Lord?
7. At what event did a cloud hide Jesus from the Apostles' sight?
8. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of stealing?
9. Who said, "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord."
10. Who, using John as a scribe, wrote to the seven churches in Asia?

1. "Lord, save me." By Petr. (Matt. 14:30)
2. The Temple in Jerusalem.
3. The Gospel of St. Matthew.
4. The 1st Epistle of St. John
5. St. Peter (Matt. 17:24-27)
6. King Herod Agrippa (Acts 27:1-3)
7. The Ascension (Acts 1:9)
8. His silver cup. (Gen. 44:1-17)
9. The Virgin Mary (Luke 1:38)
10. The Lord (Rev. 1-3)



A PRAYER BEFORE READING OR LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

By St. John Chrysostom

O Lord Jesus Christ, open Thou the eyes of my heart, that I may hear Thy word and understand and do Thy will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth. Hide not Thy commandments from me, but open mine eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of Thy law. Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of Thy wisdom. On Thee do I set my hope, O my God, that Thou shalt enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of Thy knowledge, not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; that in reading the lives and sayings of the saints I may not sin, but that such may serve for my restoration, enlightenment and sanctification, for the salvation of my soul, and the inheritance of life everlasting. For Thou art the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from Thee cometh every good deed and every gift. Amen.

ELDER PAISIOS ON SPIRITUAL STUDY

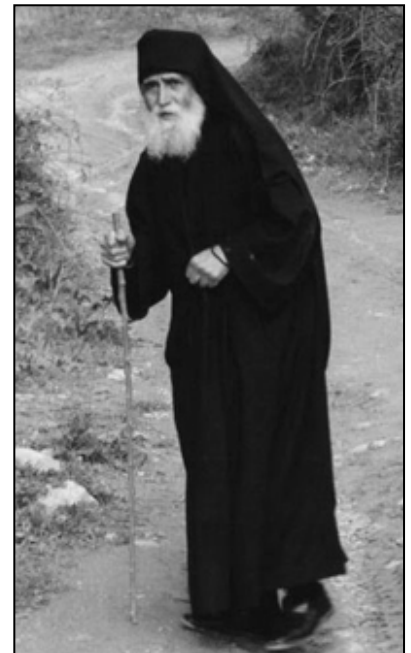
An Excerpt from Spiritual Awakening

Geronda, what books should be read by those who are beginning their spiritual search?

— First, they should read the New Testament to learn the meaning of Christ, to be shaken up a little; later they can read the Old Testament. Do you know how hard it is when they have read nothing and yet they come to ask for help? It is like an elementary school child going to a university professor and saying, "Help me." What can the professor tell him? "One plus one equals two"? Others, again, are not spiritually restless; they come and say, "Father, I have no problems and I am just fine; I only dropped by to see you." Man can never say that he has no problems, no concerns; he will have something. The struggle for the spiritual life never ends. Or some people come and tell me, "Tell us spiritual things." ... It is like going to the pharmacy and saying, "Give us medicines," without first saying what their illness is, or whether or not they went to the doctor, and what he advised them to do. Go figure! You see, whoever is seriously concerned over his spiritual condition knows, more or less, what he is lacking, and once he seeks it, he benefits.

As a novice, when I read something I liked, I wrote it down so as not to forget it, and I would try to apply it to my life. I didn't readjust to pass my time pleasantly. I had a spiritual restlessness and, when I could not understand something, I would ask for an explanation. I read relatively little, but I checked myself a great deal on what I read. "What point am I at? What must I do?" I would sit myself down and go through such a self-examination. I did not allow what I read to pass me by untaxed.

Today with so much reading people end up like tape recorders, filling up their cassettes with superfluous matters. According to Abba Isaac, however, Wisdom not based on righteous activity is a deposit of disgrace. You see, many who are interested in sports read sports magazines and newspapers while they are sitting. They may be like the fatted calf, but they still marvel at the athletes. "Oh he is marvellous! He is great! Bravo!" But they don't work up any sweat, and they don't lose any pounds. They read and read about athletic events, and then they go and lie down; they gain nothing. They are satisfied with the pleasure of reading. Some worldly people read newspapers, others romantic literature or an adventure novel, still others watch a football game at the stadium and pass their time. The same thing is done by some people who read spiritual books. They may spend the whole night reading spiritual books with great intensity and be content. They take a spiritual book, sit comfortably, and begin reading. "Oh, I profited from that," they say. It would be better to say, "I enjoyed myself, I spent my time pleasantly." But this is not profit...



The various patristic texts, which thank God are available by the thousands today, are very helpful. One can find whatever one needs and desires in these books. They are authentic spiritual nourishment and a sure guide on the spiritual path. However, in order to be of benefit to us, they have to be read with humility and prayer. Patristic texts reveal the inner spiritual condition of the soul, much as axial tomography reveals the inner structures of the body... In order to understand the writings of the Fathers one must constrain oneself, focus and live spiritually, for the spirit of the Fathers is perceived through and by the spirit only. Especially helpful are the Ascetical Homilies by Saint Isaac the Syrian, but they must be studied slowly so that they can be assimilated little by little as spiritual food. The Evergetinos is truly of great benefit, because it gives us insight into the whole spirit of the Holy Fathers, it is helpful because it describes the struggles of the Fathers against each and every one of the passions, and, by learning how they worked on the spiritual life, the soul is greatly assisted. Also, the Synaxaria, the Lives of the Saints, are sacred history and very helpful, especially for young people, but they should not be read as stories.

We do not need great knowledge to be devout. If we concentrate and meditate on the few things we know, our heart will be spiritually embroidered... So, read the Fathers, even one or two lines a day. They are very strengthening vitamins for the soul.