



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 20, 2011

Please Remember in Prayer

Charles Hilton (newly-departed), Helen Taylor (newly-departed), Martha, Don Coughlin, Karen Nichols, Michelle Wilson, Howard Peters, Irene Clenney, Denise Royal, Gabriela Jones, Scott & Maryann, Roman Szvec, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Garrett Cuppels, 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.

Twice in One Month!

It is our privilege to have Fr. Daniel back again, graciously covering once more for Fr. John. We can get use to this! Thank you, Fr. Daniel! You can reach Fr. John via 302-537-6055 or frjohn@orthodoxdelmarva.org.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Prodigal Son Sunday

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

7:00p.m. Orthodoxy 101
 8:15p.m. Compline

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Memorial Saturday

5:00p.m. Memorial
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

Sunday of the Last Judgment

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



Orthodoxy 101 – Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

Preparing for Great Lent. All welcome to come!

Choir Practice

will be held on Sunday, February 27th, following the coffee hour. The purpose of this practice is to prepare for the special tones and hymns of Great Lent.

The Women's Group – This Saturday!

will meet at 3:30pm on February, 26th at the rectory. Children are welcome. Please consider bringing a potluck dish to share at dinner before the 6:00pm Vespers service. Sorry, men: ladies only! Well, not for the Vespers, everyone is invited for the service, just for the get-together before. :)



Church Ushers Sought

If you would like to serve as an usher or have questions about what this entails, please speak with Fr. John or Don Young. We need more men and women to volunteer so as to establish a rotation.

Prayers for the Deliverance from Addiction

can be found on page 2 of this bulletin. These prayers can be offered on our own behalf or for someone who is struggling with addiction in any of its various forms (alcoholism, narcotics, smoking, gambling, etc).



What are Meat-fare (2/27) and Cheese-fare (3/6) Sundays?

These are the final days we partake of meat and dairy products, respectively, until Pascha. During the week before Great Lent, called Cheese-week, though we aren't partaking of meat anymore, dairy products are permitted on every day, including Wednesday and Friday. This week is meant to help transition us into the season of the Great Fast. Questions? Health concerns? Please ask Fr. John.

New Sound System Installed

A news release from our website can be found on page 2.

Looking Ahead:

- ❖ Feb. 27th – Meatfare Sunday
- ❖ March 6th – Cheesefare Sunday
- ❖ March 7th – Great Lent Begins
- ❖ March 25th – Annunciation
- ❖ April 17th – Palm Sunday
- ❖ April 22nd – Holy Friday
- ❖ April 24th – Pascha

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 27th

Bruce Eckerd

Sunday, Mar. 6th

Constantine Mitsopoulos





NEW SOUND SYSTEM INSTALLED

From OrthodoxDelmarva.org

Over the years, our parish has been blessed with many young children. As we all know very well, their innocence, simplicity and indefatigable zeal for life provide a great example for us to emulate as we seek to enter the Kingdom by becoming childlike. In an effort to give back to our children and their parents, we have decided to purchase a new sound system for the church.

In addition to allowing us "ring" bells before the services, we will now also be able to amplify and share the divine services in our fellowship area, where parents on occasion find themselves changing a diaper or comforting a crying child. This is no small thing for us, as now no one will be deprived of hearing the Gospel, sermon, or the Church's beautiful hymnology because they are attending to the needs of their little ones. For this we praise God!

This endeavor was possible in part through a donation from the Altar Society of Martha and Mary from Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Paramus, NJ. What a wonderful thing for the Altar Society of Martha and Mary to help our parents unite the virtues of their two saintly patrons, by making it possible for them to listen to the Lord's word while also serving their children!

Appreciation is also extended to Glen Mumbauer, who graciously installed the system free of charge!

PRAYERS TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR DELIVERANCE FROM ADDICTION

O most merciful Sovereign Lady, we run now to your holy protection. Despise not our petitions but mercifully hear us – wives, children, husbands, parents and all those bound by various additions. Hearken unto us for the sake of our Mother, the Church of Christ, for the salvation of our brothers and sisters who have fallen away and for the healing of the members of our families. O gracious Mother of God, touch their hearts and raise those up who are fallen in sin; establish them on the path of saving temperance. Implore your Son, Christ our God, to forgive us our sins and not to turn His mercy away from His people but that He would strengthen us in sobriety and chastity. Accept, O most holy Theotokos, the petitions of mothers shedding tears over their children, wives weeping over their husbands, children, orphans, the destitute, those under delusion, as well as all of us who venerate your icon. May your prayers carry our petitions to the throne of the Almighty. Cover us and preserve us from the snares and intrigues of the evil one and at the dreadful hour of our death enable us to pass through the trials without stumbling. By your prayers deliver us from eternal condemnation so that God's mercy may be upon us unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O most merciful Mother of our Sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, hear this our prayer: deliver us from every infirmity of soul and body and especially free your servant(s) / handmaiden(s) _____, suffering from alcoholism (and all manner of addition), that he (she, they) may not perish but be saved and thus always sing to God: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO BE SITE OF SYMPOSIUM ON GROWTH OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY IN 20TH CENTURY AMERICA

From OCA.org



Princeton University

PRINCETON, NJ [OCA] -- A symposium -- "Pilgrims and Pioneers:

The Growth of Orthodox Christianity in 20th Century America" -- will be held at Princeton Theological Seminary Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2011.

The symposium will examine some of the people and movements that contributed to the growth of the Church at that time. Special attention will be given to the role of missionaries, immigration and conversion, the emergence of Orthodox theological scholarship in English, and Orthodox engagement in American civic and political life.

The symposium will be cosponsored by the Society for Orthodox Christian History in the Americas [SOCHA], the School of Christian Vocation and Mission at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Father Georges Florovsky Orthodox Christian Theological Society at Princeton University.

Featured lecturers will include Father Demetrios J. Constantelos, Father Oliver Herbel, Scott M. Kenworthy, and Matthew J. Baker.

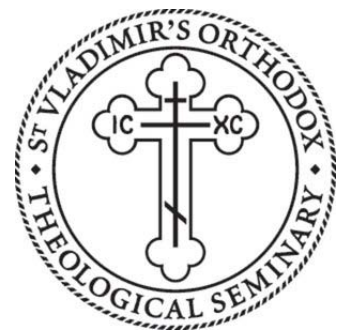
Interested scholars and members of the Society for Orthodox Christian History in the Americas [SOCHA] are invited to submit abstracts of papers related to the symposium's theme[s], which will also be considered for publication in the symposium's proceedings. Abstracts should be submitted via e-mail to Father Oliver Herbel no later than June 1, 2011. All abstracts will be reviewed by a committee comprised of leadership from the symposium's co-sponsors.

Detailed info, including schedules, registration, themes, etc. may be found at orthodoxhistory.org.

ST. VLADIMIR'S SEMINARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2011 PROGRAMS

From OCA.org

YONKERS, NY [SVOTS] -- Besides its annual offering of an Iconography Workshop and the Diaconal Liturgical Practicum, Saint Vladimir's Seminary here will be adding two specialized workshops to its June 2011 schedule -- one addressing Internet pornography and one examining missiology. In addition, the seminary will host a major conference, "Women Disciples of the Lord," which is open to women and men. The seminary invites participants to explore all of its upcoming summer programs.



June 7-8: Missiology and Evangelism Workshop: Outreach to people of African heritage and Spanish-speaking cultures, led by Fathers Moses Berry, Ash Grove, MO and Antonio Perdomo, Pharr, TX.

June 9-11: Workshop on Internet Pornography and Chastity: A dual focus workshop led by Dr. Albert Rossi for pastors, youth ministers, and educators, concerning pastoral counseling for adults with Internet pornography problems and chastity for youth and young adults.

June 17-19: Women Disciples of the Lord: An exploration of the potential ministries of Orthodox Christian women within the home, parish, workplace, and society to build up Christ's Church. Coordinators Tanya Penkrat, tpenkrat@svots.edu, and Dr. Peter C. Bouteneff, pcb@svots.edu, invite feedback to help shape the conference.

June 19-23: Fifth Annual Diaconal Liturgical Practicum: Practical liturgical training for deacons and lay diaconal candidates, supported by the celebration of liturgical services and intensive workshops; led by Archdeacon Kirill Sokolov, Father Sergius Halvorsen, and seminary faculty.

June 19-24: Iconography Workshop: Training for aspiring and experienced iconographers in the egg tempera, Russo-Byzantine style of iconography, addressing both technique and a prayerful approach to this spiritual art; led by Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko.

For further information on these summer programs, visit www.svots.edu or contact events@svots.edu, or 914-961-8313 X351.

UPDATE ON THE REBUILDING OF ST NICHOLAS CHURCH AT GROUND ZERO

From GOARCH.org

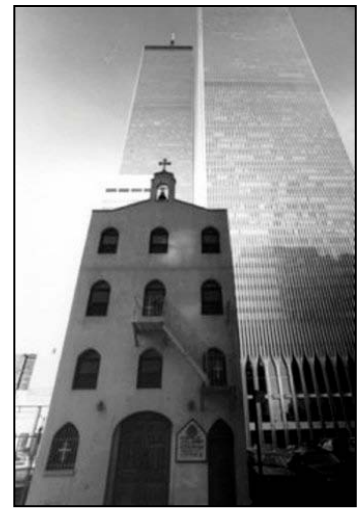
NEW YORK, NY [GOARCH] -- On February 14, 2011, Saint Nicholas Church and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court in Manhattan against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as well as other agencies and individuals, in order to foster the rebuilding at Ground Zero of the only house of worship destroyed by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Parish and the Archdiocese would have preferred to rebuild the Church without litigation. However, they have been unable to do so since the Port Authority renounced a long-standing agreement with the Church to rebuild at Ground Zero, seized the Church's land, barred the Church from access to it, and has refused to talk or meet with the Church or the Archdiocese. This legal action has been taken not only as a last resort to restore the property and rebuilding rights of Saint Nicholas Church, but also to fulfill the common vision of civil and church authorities that the Church be rebuilt as a place of prayer and meditation at Ground Zero for all people.

While the Port Authority has claimed publicly that it is currently in discussions with the Archdiocese in order to foster the rebuilding effort, in fact, in March of 2009 it summarily disavowed its agreement with the Archdiocese to rebuild Saint Nicholas at 130 Liberty Street, a site chosen by the Port Authority, which is adjacent to the original location. Since that time, the Port Authority has rebuffed all efforts by the Church to work with it regarding the rebuilding.

Contrary to working cooperatively with the Archdiocese and the Parish, a posture which had prevailed between 9/11 and the Port Authority's abrupt turnabout in March 2009, the Port Authority — without permission, notice, or any legal justification whatsoever — has sent its bulldozers onto both the land still owned by the Church at its original site at 155 Cedar Street, and the land provided to the Church at 130 Liberty Street pursuant to its agreement with the Port Authority. The Port Authority has conducted extensive excavation and other construction work that has kept the Church off of its own property, and has rendered both sites unbuildable by the Church without substantial remedial work.

The Parish and the Archdiocese hope that through this lawsuit, just and fair rulings will be made allowing for the prompt re-construction of Saint Nicholas at Ground Zero, not only as a church serving its flock, but also as a greater ministry bringing peace, reconciliation and a sacred space of recollection and remembrance for all people visiting Ground Zero.



CALM IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

The eye of the storm is the most peaceful place on earth. While wind and rain wreak havoc all around, pilots who fly storm-tracker planes say that all is perfectly still in that special place. In Psalm 91, David speaks about...terror...plagues...ten thousand falling at your right hand... "but it will not come near you." Why? Listen: "He who dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver [me]" (Ps 91:1-3).

There are two ways to go through a storm: in panic or in peace. When a storm suddenly threatened their boat the disciples cried, "Do You not care that we are perishing?" And where was Jesus? Sleeping peacefully in the back of the boat. That's because the Lord wanted to teach His disciples three things:

- 1) To get to where God wants to take you, you must go through certain storms. It's not optional.
- 2) When you're in the center of God's will, the storm can't take you under. It's in the storm, not the calm, that you discover this.
- 3) When it's over you come out knowing God better, and you're more equipped to help others!

So trust in the Lord (commit yourself to Him, lean on Him, hope confidently in Him); for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock [the rock of ages]" (Is 26:4). That's what it means to live in the eye of the storm!

