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**HOLY APOSTLES PETER & PAUL
COMMEMORATED JUNE 29TH**

SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

5th Sunday of Pentecost

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

MONDAY, JULY 2ND

St. John of San Francisco

9:00a.m. Akathist

THURSDAY, JULY 5TH

St. Elisabeth the New-Martyr

9:00a.m. Akathist

SATURDAY, JULY 7TH

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

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH

6th Sunday of Pentecost

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

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

Independence Day

As we celebrate the civil holiday of Independence Day, we ask that God bless our nation's civil authorities, armed forces, and citizens. May we trust in Him, seeking His will not only for ourselves but also for our entire nation. O Lord, help us to truly be with You!



Open Pool

Today, after the Divine Liturgy, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Notes: 1) Swimming will begin after the food is blessed. 2) Toys, food, and garbage should be cleaned up before leaving for home. Thanks!



Blessing of Automobiles – Sunday, July 15th

It is a custom of Orthodox Christians to have their cars blessed both when newly acquired and on or near the feast of the Prophet Elias (July 20th), as he ascended as if into heaven on a fiery chariot.

Spiritual Reading

is a great way for Christians to grow in their relationship with God. This is because the more we come to understand our Faith, the better we can live it. What spiritual book are you currently reading? Want a recommendation, ask Fr. John.



Sync your Smartphone

From orthodoxdelmarva.org, you can sync the liturgical calendar to your smart-phone, Google calendar, Outlook, iCalendar, etc.. Check it out!



Bible Studies

are being held on Saturday evenings at 5:00pm in the "Quiet Room", and will conclude just before the Vespers at 6:00pm. This is a great and enjoyable way to learn together about your Faith. Everyone is invited to attend. As always: "Bring a Bible and a friend!"

Vacation Planning

An online directory of Orthodox churches in North America is available at orthodoxyinamerica.org. Everyone needs a vacation sometime, but who really wants or can afford to be without God, even for a day! When visiting another church, it is good practice to let the priest know who you are before visiting.



READER SCHEDULE



Sunday, July 8th

Rdr. George Kaloroumakis

Sunday, July 15th

Daniel Moss

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them. Our parish is a family, and families check up on each other.

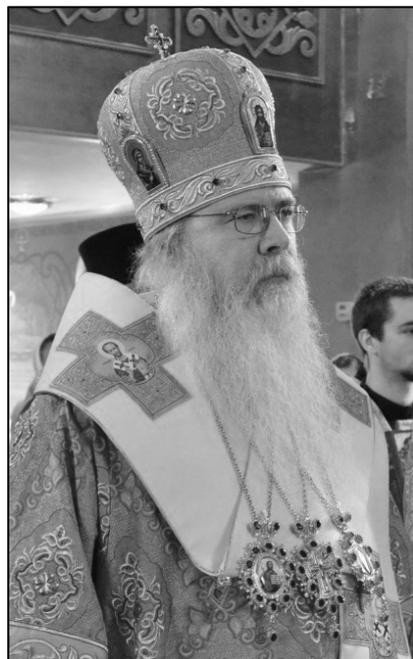
CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/18					CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2018					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
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METROPOLITAN TIKHON'S "OF WHAT LIFE DO WE SPEAK" RELEASED

From OCA.org

A long-awaited, 60-plus page document by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, titled "Of What Life Do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church," was released on Friday, June 29, 2018—the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul—in preparation for the 19th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America.

Drawing on Scripture and the writings of the late Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, Metropolitan Tikhon focuses on four essential areas, or "pillars," of the Orthodox Christian Tradition—the Spiritual Life, Stewardship, Relations with Others, and Outreach and Evangelism. In each instance, Metropolitan Tikhon relates these four pillars, individually and collectively, to the overall life of the Church for clergy and faithful alike while considering the challenges facing the Orthodox Church in America as it continues to minister and witness well into the 21st century.



"The work I am releasing today is the product of prayer and reflection, as well as the consideration of input I have received from the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Council, clergy and individual members of the Orthodox Church in America over the past four years," Metropolitan Tikhon said. "It was initially inspired by the theme of our 18th All-American Council which challenged us to respond to Saint Tikhon's question: How do we expand the mission of Orthodoxy in North America?"

"Now, I am offering a framework which will further help guide the work of the Orthodox Church in America, her parishes, clergy, monastics, and faithful, not only during our discussions at the 19th All-American Council in Saint Louis, but for decades to come," Met. Tikhon concluded. "May the intercessions of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, whose memory we celebrate today, guide and inspire us on this journey."

The complete text of *Of What Life Do We Speak?* is available in PDF format for downloading. Copies also will be available at the 19th All-American Council, slated to convene in St Louis, MO July 23-27.

FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue of Ochrid

Until his last breath ceaseless repentance is necessary for a Christian. St. Mark the Ascetic says: "Think and you will see that the mystery of devotion in the chosen ones of God was realized through repentance." Repentance, even at the hour of death! This case occurred: an old ascetic and renown spiritual father was dying and he called for a priest to administer Holy Communion to him. Along the way a robber joined the priest and desired to see for himself how a holy man dies. The holy elder peacefully received Holy Communion and serenely talked with the priest. The robber then wept and said: "Blessed are you! Alas, what kind of death will I be worthy of?" The holy elder suddenly became proud and responded to him: "Be as I am and it will be to you as it is to me!" The robber returned along the road weeping all the time and lamenting over himself and, at that moment, dropped dead. Then a "fool for Christ" came forward, who wept over the holy elder and danced and sang over the robber. When he was asked the reason for this, he replied: "By the pride of that one [the elder] he lost all merits; the repentance of this one [the robber] he reaped all the fruits."





VIRTUES EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD SEEK

St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Praying inwardly. "When you pray, enter into your closet (your heart), and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father, Who sees in secret, and your Father, Who sees in secret, will reward you openly."

Freedom from things. "A man's life consist not in the abundance of the things which he possess" (Luke 12:15). The soul of a man is of more worth before God than the whole world. "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26). We ought to be on guard so as not to identify ourselves, our personality or our soul, with our material possessions, but to lift our souls above everything in the world.

Knowledge of the Scriptures and of the power of God must be increased every day. It helps mightily in strengthening our belief in Christ. The Lord rebuked the Sadducees because of their ignorance, saying: "You know neither the Scriptures, nor the power of God."

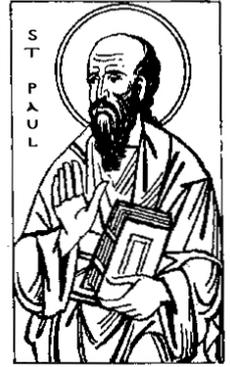
Thankfulness toward God is a great virtue. If you have received from God a little, and if you are thankful to Him for it, He will multiply it, as He multiplied the five loaves.



FOR CONSIDERATION

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

A true friend prays to God for his friend. A true friend is concerned about the salvation of the soul of his friend. To dissuade a friend from false paths and to direct him on the path of truth, that is precious friendship. The saints of God are the best friends of mankind. Two youths, Barnabas and Paul, were friends while together they were attending the school of Gamaliel. When Barnabas became a Christian, he persistently and tearfully prayed to God that He would also enlighten the mind and turn the heart of Paul in order that he becomes a Christian. Barnabas often spoke to Paul about Christ the Lord but Paul ridiculed him and considered him as one led astray. However, the Good Lord did not leave the prayers of Barnabas without fruit. The Good Lord appeared to Paul and turned him from the path of falsehood to the path of truth. The converted Paul then fell before the feet of his friend and cried out: "O Barnabas, teacher of truth, I am now convinced that everything which you spoke to me about Christ is the truth!" Barnabas wept with joy and embraced his friend. Barnabas, the friend saved the soul of his friend by his fervent prayer. If Barnabas has succeeded to place Paul as the emperor of Rome, he would have done less for him than what he succeeded in doing by bringing him to the truth by his prayers.



Some misguided men think more about the end of the world than the end of their lives even though it is obvious that for him to whom the end of his life comes the end of the world has come. A brother standing before St. Seraphim of Sarov continually kept in his mind how he was going to ask the saint about the end of the world. St. Seraphim discerned his thought and said to him: "My joy! You think highly of the wretched Seraphim. How could I know when the end of the world will be and that great day when the Lord will judge the living and the dead and render to each one according to his deeds will be? No, no, this is impossible for me to know!" And when the saints did not know how will the sinners know? Why should we know, that which the Savior Himself did not find beneficial to reveal to us? It is much better to think that our death will come sooner than the end of the world rather than the end of the world before our death.

