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BULLETIN OF JULY 15, 2018

SUNDAY, JULY 15TH

Great Prince Vladimir

Holy Fathers of the First 6 Councils

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

THURSDAY, JULY 19TH

St. Seraphim of Sarov

9:00a.m. Akathist

SATURDAY, JULY 21ST

No Bible Study or Vespers

SUNDAY, JULY 22ND

8th Sunday of Pentecost

9:00a.m. Typica Service
 No Liturgy, Coffee Hr, Pool
 10:00a.m. Div. Liturgy @ St. George

"To conquer pleasure is the greatest pleasure; neither is there a greater victory than the victory over one's desires. He who conquered one opponent, proved himself stronger than somebody else but he who conquered passion proved himself stronger than himself. Every evil is easier to conquer than a pleasure. For all other evils are repulsive while the pleasure of evil is attractive. He who frees himself from desires, frees himself from fear for, because of desires, fear proceeds."

St. Cyprian

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 22nd

Joanne Patrick

Sunday, July 29nd

Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones



A Warm Welcome!

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

Blessing of Chariots – Sunday, July 15th

Today, following the Post-Communion Prayers, we will have the annual Blessing of Chariots. 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.



IMPORTANT: Schedule Changes – July 21-22nd

Fr. John will be away from July 20-27 for the OCA's All-American Council in St. Louis, MO. There will be no Bible Study or Vespers on Saturday, July 21st. There will also be no Hours, Divine Liturgy, Coffee Hour, or Open Pool on Sunday, July 22nd. There will be a short Typica Service at 9am. Divine Liturgy will be held at St. George's in Ocean City at 10am.

Reception of the Hill Family – Sunday, July 29th

On Sunday, July 29th, we will welcome David, Miroslava, Marten, and Damira Hill into the Orthodox Church. Don't miss the celebratory day!



Vacation Church School

For the first time, we at Christ the Savior will be offering a Vacation Church School for our children. The dates are August 15-17 and fliers, registration forms, and permission slips are available in the back at the candle stand.

Questions? Please see Kelly Hageman, Cecilia Wyant, or Mat. Emily.

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!



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. Questions are welcome and discussion is lively. Come and see!

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.



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 6/30/18					CASH FLOWS IN JULY 2018					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 7/15		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
51,330	55,398	5,630	3,000	-1,438	4,257	9,233	0	0	-4,976	12,610	5,764	12,000

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Maleah Morsey (age 14), eldest daughter of Chris and Laurie Morsey, has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor. This tumor is about the size of a nickel and has compressed her optic nerve causing her to begin to lose vision in her left eye.

Brain surgery is currently being scheduled at John's Hopkins in Baltimore, MD.

This requires multiple trips to Baltimore to meet with specialists prior to surgery and countless trips post-surgery.

Every trip requires her dad to take an unpaid night off work, creating significant economic challenges for the family who has five other children in addition to Maleah.

Any contributions to help with travel expenses and financial hardships caused by missed work is greatly appreciated.

To help support the Morsey Family, please consider making a donation to Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, earmarked "Morsey Family".



ON THE DIVINE CRAFTSMAN

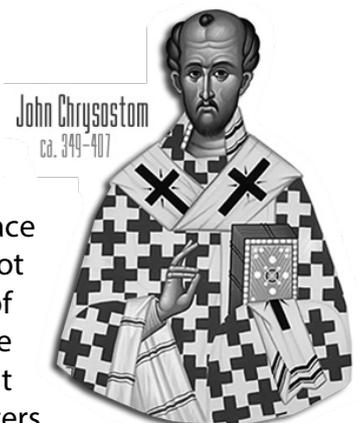
St. Methodius of Olympus

Seeing man, His fairest work, corrupted by envious treachery, God could not endure, with His love for man, to leave him in such a condition, lest he should be forever defective, and bear the blame for eternity; but He dissolved him again into his original components, so that, by remodeling, all the blemishes in him might waste away and disappear. For the melting down of the statue in the former case corresponds to the death and dissolution of the body in the latter, and the remolding of the material in the former, to the resurrection after death in the latter.

ON THE CHURCH TEMPLE

By St. John Chrysostom

Just as a calm and sheltered harbor provides great security to the ships moored there, so does the temple of God: when people enter it, it snatches them away from worldly affairs as from a storm, and gives them the capacity to stand and listen to God's words in calm and security. This place is the bedrock of virtue and the school of spiritual life... You need only set foot on the threshold of a church and at once you are liberated from the cares of daily life. Go on into the church, and spiritual dew will envelop your soul. The stillness there moves you to awe, and teaches you how to live spiritually. It elevates your thoughts and prevents you from remembering things or matters belonging to the present life. It transports you from earth to heaven. And if there is such great gain from simply being in church when no service is going on, then how much benefit will people derive from being present... when the holy Apostles proclaim the Gospel, Christ stands in our midst, God the Father receives the Mysteries that are performed and the Holy Spirit gives His own joy.



FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue of Ochrid

Christians must arm themselves against the abominations of this world. They must be armed against every attack and against all temptations, so that every evil rebounds from them. Armor is not made in a day, nor in two days but is diligently and laboriously wielded by long-lasting exercise. Of what value is all our virtue if we succumb to the first abomination? Speaking of this, Saint Gregory of Nyssa cites an example with a monkey in Alexandria. He says: "An animal trainer in Alexandria taught a monkey to skillfully impersonate a female dancer on stage. The spectators at the theatre praised the monkey who was dressed as a female dancer and danced to the beat of the music. But while the viewers were occupied observing such a novel spectacle, a comedian wanted to show everyone that a monkey is nothing more than a monkey. While they all shouted and applauded at the skill of the monkey, the comedian tossed sweets on the stage, sweets that monkeys particularly like. As soon as the monkey saw the sweets, he forgot the dance, the applause, the expensive clothing and jumped with his paws for the sweets but as his dress interfered, he began to tear it apart with his nails attempting to remove it. Instead of praise and amazement, laughter commenced among the viewers." For through the torn mask of the "dancer," a monkey was revealed.



Hospitality is respected in other faiths but Christianity emphasized hospitality as an obligation and responsibility. On the other hand, gratitude for hospitality is no less an obligation and responsibility for Christians. He who learns to be grateful to men for hospitality will know how to be grateful even to God for hospitality. For what are we here on earth except as guests of God? What are angels in heaven except as guests of God. The story is told about Emperor Philip of Macedonia, how he severely punished one of his courtiers for ingratitude. The emperor sent his courtier overseas to fulfill a task for him. The courtier accomplished this task and returned by boat. A tempest destroyed the boat and the courtier found himself in the waves. Fortunately, it was not too far from the shore. A fisherman saw the man drowning, hurried to his assistance with his small boat and brought him ashore. After he recovered and rested, the courtier returned to the emperor and related the misfortunate incident about



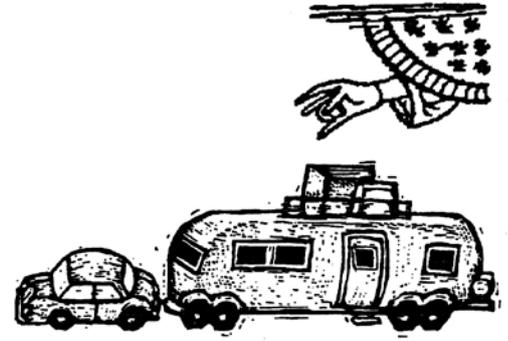
the tempest on the sea. The emperor wishing to reward the courtier asked him what does he wish the emperor to give him? The courtier mentioned that fisherman [though not how he saved his life] and said to the emperor that he would like most of all if he would grant him the property along the sea belonging to the fisherman. The emperor granted the courtier his wish. When the courtier settled on the estate of his greatest benefactor [the fisherman], then the fisherman in great despair went to the emperor, related all and complained. He said that he saved the life of the courtier and now he ousted him from his home. Upon hearing this, the emperor became furious with the ungrateful courtier and ordered that he be branded on his forehead with the words: "ungrateful guest."

If your entire life passed smoothly and without worry, then weep for yourself. For the Gospel and the experience of the people, with one accord assert that no one has, without great suffering and pain, left behind any great and beneficial work on earth or was glorified in the heavens. If, however, your earthly sojourn is completely adorned with sweat and tears to attain justice and truth, rejoice and be exceedingly glad for truly great is your reward in the heavens. Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. God knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the sufferings and pains of everyone. St. Nil Sorsky says: "When even men know how much weight a horse, or a donkey or a camel can carry and, according to that they are loading them according to their strength; when a potter knows how long to leave the clay in the kiln for it to be neither shattered nor over-baked, how could God not know how much temptation a soul can bear to make it ready and fitted for the Kingdom of Heaven?"



THE BLESSING OF AUTOMOBILES

O Lord our God, Who makes the clouds Thy chariot and Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who has sent to Thy servant, the Prophet Elias, a chariot of fire, Who has guided man to invent this (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) which is as fast as the wind. We thank Thee for Thou hast provided Thy servants with this vehicle to serve their various needs. Therefore, O Master, pour out now upon it Thy heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it from all evil. And as Thou didst grant faith and grace by Thy deacon Philip to the man from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot and reading holy Scripture, show the way of salvation to Thy servants. So that helped by Thy grace and always intent on doing good works, they may after all the trials of their pilgrimage on earth, attain to everlasting joys, through the intercessions of our Most-pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the prayers of the holy Angels; of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and of all the Saints: For Thou art the Provider and Sanctifier of all things and to Thee do we ascribe glory, and to Thy Only-begotten Son, and Thy All-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



10 COMMANDMENTS FOR DRIVERS

- I. Always begin a trip with prayer, making the Sign of the Cross and entrusting yourself to the Lord.
- II. Never drink and drive.
- III. Never try to shorten the time of a trip. If you started out late, you will arrive late. Do not speed.
- IV. Apologize to a driver whom you have interfered with, even when you did not intend to. After all, when we are walking, and bump someone, we apologize without thinking. So why should there be a different ethic behind the wheel?
- V. Always yield way to someone who is in a great hurry, or is driving aggressively. If you do not yield, he will still pass you, but the situation will be more dangerous.
- VI. Give a wave of thanks to a driver who makes way for you.
- VII. Drive in such a way that you won't fear seeing a police car. Remember that God is watching, even if the police are not.
- VIII. Stay as far away as possible from cars that have dents or show signs of accidents. But be careful not to judge, or you may share in their misfortune.
- IX. Never speed up when another driver tries to pass you, or to get into your lane. Do not treat your neighbor in a way you do not want to be treated.
- X. After every trip, thank God for its safe completion. Be thankful after any trip, and not just a successful one. After all, almost always it could have been worse!