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A Warm Welcome!

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

Appreciation is Extended

to Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak for leading the Divine Services this weekend and for sharing his wisdom in today's homily.

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, be with us!



Blessing of Automobiles – Sunday, July 20th



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 into heaven on a fiery chariot. There will be a blessing of automobiles (bikes, tricycles, scooters, etc.) immediately after the Liturgy on Sunday, July 20th.

Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.



Why Not?

Consider sponsoring an item from our "Liturgical Needs" list which is posted in the back of the church at the candle stand. If you have a question about anything on this list, please see Fr. John.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them an email or a call. Let them know that you miss them.



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 a vacation from God? If you don't have the internet, ask your priest to help find you a parish while you are away.

Spiritual Reading

is an important 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, just ask Fr. John.



SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

4th Sunday of Pentecost

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

5th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Until suffering much in your heart, you cannot learn humility.

One must love God first, and only then can one love one's closest of kin and neighbors. We must not be idols to one another, for such is not the will of God.

Our starting point is always wrong. Instead of beginning with ourselves, we always want to change others first and ourselves last. If everyone would begin first with themselves, then there would be peace for all!

Elder Thaddeus +2003

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13th

Kathy Parrish

Sunday, July 20th

Joanne Patrick



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 5/31/14					CASH FLOWS IN JUNE 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 7/6		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
32,051	28,976	5,950	9,569	-544	7,091	5,368	281	281	+1,723	7,054	0	356,992



SISOES THE GREAT
LOOKING UPON
THE BONES OF
ALEXANDER THE
GREAT

CONTEMPLATING HOW
VAIN AND MEANINGLESS
LIFE IS WHEN IT IS
LIVED WITHOUT
GOD.

VENERABLE SISOES THE GREAT

Commemorated on July 6th

Saint Sisoes the Great (+ 429) was a solitary monk, pursuing asceticism in the Egyptian desert in a cave sanctified by the prayerful labors of his predecessor, St Anthony the Great (January 17). For his sixty years of labor in the desert, St Sisoes attained to sublime spiritual purity and he was granted the gift of wonderworking, so that by his prayers he once restored a dead child back to life.

Extremely strict with himself, Abba Sisoes was very merciful and compassionate to others, and he received everyone with love. To those who visited him, the saint first of all always taught humility. When one of the monks asked how he might attain to a constant remembrance of God, St Sisoes remarked, "That is no great thing, my son, but it is a great thing to regard yourself as inferior to everyone else. This leads to the acquisition of humility." Asked by the monks whether one year is sufficient for repentance if a brother sins, Abba Sisoes said, "I trust in the mercy of God that if such a man repents with all his heart, then God will accept his repentance in three days."

When St Sisoes lay upon his deathbed, the disciples surrounding the Elder saw that his face shone like the sun. They asked the dying man what he saw. Abba Sisoes replied that he saw St Anthony, the prophets, and the apostles. His face increased in brightness, and he spoke with someone. The monks asked, "With whom are you speaking, Father?" He said that angels had come for his soul, and he was entreating them to give him a little more time for repentance. The monks said, "You have no need for repentance, Father" St Sisoes said with great humility, "I do not think that I have even begun to repent."

After these words the face of the holy abba shone so brightly that the brethren were not able to look upon him. St Sisoes told them that he saw the Lord Himself. Then there was a flash like lightning, and a fragrant odor, and Abba Sisoes departed to the Heavenly Kingdom.

JULY CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

7/4 Fr. Christian Lesinsky

Birthdays:

7/7 Yvonne Eckerd
7/10 Krista McElwee
7/13 Antonio Kokkinos
7/13 Gerald Milite
7/16 Ana Breha
7/22 Maksimilian Morsey
7/25 Tony Patrick
7/27 Holden Peter Stewart
7/29 Joanne Patrick

Namesdays:

7/5 *St. Elisabeth the New Martyr*
Isabella Morsey
Elisabeth Parsells
7/11 *St. Olga*
Olga Bozic
7/15 *St. Vladimir*
Vladimir Bozic
7/16 *St. Valentina*
Isabelle Bekeshka
7/17 *St. Marina*
Laurie Morsey
Denise Royal
7/24 *St. Christiana*
Christiana Milite
7/28 *St Irene Chrysovolantou*
Cheryl Kokkinos
Chyrsovalantis "Londy"
Kokkinos

THE CHURCH: A BODY IN MOTION

By VRev. Daniel Kovalak

"With what garlands of praise shall we crown Peter and Paul, the greatest among the heralds of the word of God, distinct in their person but one in spirit. The one, the chief ruler of the Apostles; the other who labored more than the rest. Christ our God fittingly crowned them with immortal glory, for He alone possesses great mercy" [Vespers of Ss Peter and Paul].

How wonderfully the feast of Saints Peter and Paul fits into the liturgical scheme of our Holy Church as yet another manifestation of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These two great pillars of the Church offer us significantly more practical wisdom than we imagine. The confession of Peter—that Jesus is "truly the Christ, the Son of the Living God"—is the rock of faith upon which the Church is built. And the perils of Paul, wherein he came to rely totally on the sufficiency of God's grace, is something for all of us to consider.

But in addition to their individual lives and struggles as recounted in the festal readings, it is their combined witness and testimony from which we can learn a great deal.

We've probably all heard of Sir Isaac Newton, the 17th century English mathematician who, among other things, formulated the laws of gravity and motion. In doing so, Newton coined two words to describe the forces of motion: centripetal and centrifugal. Centripetal force is what keeps things down on earth though the planet revolves at incredible speed. Centrifugal force moves things away from a center point—like going around a curve on a roller coaster and your body is forced toward the outside. Can't we see these 'forces of motion' wonderfully illustrated in the persons of Peter and Paul?

Peter, as seen in his epistles, was always encouraging the early Church and Christians in the Roman diaspora to maintain unity within a hostile environment. He instructed Christians to band and keep together, regardless of the distance that separated them, in order to bear witness to Christ. "Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind" (1 Peter 3:8). Peter was a centripetal force for the Church.

Paul, on the other hand, was the missionary apostle; the centrifugal force of the Church that challenged her, and led the challenge, to expand her mission to include the Gentiles: "...I am eager to

preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom 1:15-16).

Do you see the wisdom here? The Church was, is and must always be 'a Body in motion;' living and active, never stagnant. And the forces of motion and perfectly exemplified, respectfully, by Peter and Paul. Without the centripetal force of Peter, the Church would have become little more than loosely connected groups 'doing their own thing' with no cohesiveness or foundation upon which to build in a unified manner. And without the centrifugal force of Paul, the Church would have remained a relatively small Jewish sect in Palestine.

The Church needed both of these 'forces' to implement the great Commission to teach and baptize all nations!

In like manner, we—as individuals and members of parish communities—need to practically apply these same forces of motion today. Our lives must be centered on Jesus Christ, anchored in intimate communion with Him Who alone is the Source of our being and the Author of our Salvation. We need centripetal force to keep us grounded in faith as we go about our daily activities and face the trials and tribulations of life. And the Church wonderfully provides this in her worship, sacraments, and ascetic life. But we also need the centrifugal force that 'moves' us to adapt to changing circumstances and relationships, helps us to gain new insights into God's love for us, and share our faith with others!

The laws of motion are also important for practical administrative purposes within the Church. Every parish must recognize two types of goals in its collective life: maintenance and growth. We must be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us and concerned with the welfare of our parishioners. But we must also be willing to adapt, expand and widen our scope to fulfill our function as the Church to 'teach all nations'.

May we learn from the example of Peter and Paul of the diversity of spiritual gifts within the Church that, though they may not always reflect uniformity, nevertheless serve a common purpose: to reveal, manifest and announce the living God that all may know Him and love Him as we do, and keep the Body of Christ 'in motion'!

