



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX Parish Church RESTON Newsletter

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June 2012

JUNE—DAY 15 HOURS, NIGHT 9

### 3 Sun FIFTIETH DAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY—PARISH FEAST

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Lynch**

*No Vespers of Pentecost Evening this year.*

■ After having celebrated Pentecost, **keep a feast** for one week...

4 Mon *Monday of the Holy Spirit — Begin the Weeks of Matthew*

**THE WEEKS OF MATTHEW WILL FERRY US TO THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS AND THE END OF THE CHURCH YEAR—OUR PILOT: THE HOLY SPIRIT (A THEME IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW).**

### 10 Sun FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Matyuf**

*Fifth anniversary of the death of Fr. Laurence (+2007)*

■ After having celebrated Pentecost, **keep a feast** for one week, and after that **keep a fast** for a week [*origin of the so-called Apostles' Fast—Ed.*]: for it is right to rejoice over the Gift of God [*meaning the Descent of the Holy Spirit—Ed.*], and then to keep a fast after the time of relaxation [*of fasting during the 50-day Paschal/Pentecost season*]. —Apostolic Constitutions, Syria (ca. 380 A.D.)

👉 17 Sun **8:45 a.m. Common Confession Rite in connection with the penitential season after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Morrow**

20 Wed *St. Nicolas Kavalas of Thessaloniki (+ca. 1385)*

22 Fri *Second anniversary of the death of Fr. Milorad (+2010)*

24 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Mosholder**

29 Fri *Saints Peter and Paul, Leaders of the Apostles (to Sunday next) ↓*

30 Sat *Synaxis for the holy Apostles*

JULY—DAY 14 HOURS, NIGHT 10

1 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Smith**

8 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Wayland**

15 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Belinsky**

22 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Busenberg**

*Twentieth anniversary of the sudden exodus of Fr. John Meyendorff (+1992)*

29 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Doyle**

AUGUST—DAY 13 HOURS, NIGHT 11

5 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Ellmore**

6 Mon ↑ *Transfiguration of the Lord—Bless fruit*

12 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Geoghegan**

15 Wed ↑ *Dormition of the Theotokos—Bless flowers*

19 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Hawkins**

26 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Honshul**

SEPTEMBER—DAY 12 HOURS, NIGHT 12

2 Sun 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Krisa**

9 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Lepnew**

We Orthodox Christians in America must strive to revitalize the mystical, sacramental life of our churches and monasteries. To renew sacramental participation in the life of the Church we need only begin.... We need only receive what the Church gives us, practice what the Church teaches us. It is a very sad fact... that... we Orthodox... are so lacking in proper practice of those sacramental treasures which we possess by the grace of God and the gift of Holy Tradition.

—Encyclical Letter on the Spiritual Life, Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, 1976.

### Something New: A Parish “Festal Brunch.”

The usual venue for celebrating our Parish Feast is not available to us this year. So Carlos Mariño is making his home available for a celebratory get-together after Liturgy on Pentecost. If you wish, you can call Marsha Morrow (703.288.1404) to see if anything needs bringing.

### Common Confession Rite.

As we have been doing these many years, in conjunction with the post-Pentecost penitential season, we will have a Common Confession Rite leading into the Divine Liturgy. It will begin at 8:45 a.m. Be sure to come. And come on time. In the right frame of mind.

### Also on the 17th.

Sister Vassa [Barbara] Larin, young scholar and protégé of Father Robert Taft, world-class path-breaking scholar of Liturgy who addressed us last year, will visit our community on June 17 and speak to us after the Liturgy. She is the daughter of the ROCOR priest in Nyack New York. After graduating from Bryn Mawr College, she entered a Russian convent in Provence, France in 1990. In 2008 she earned a Ph.D. in Orthodox Theology from Ludwig-Maximilians Universität in Munich, Germany. She teaches on the Faculty for Liturgical Studies at the University of Vienna, Austria. She writes in English, German and Russian. Her 60 publications include popular, pastorally oriented pieces. And it will be most interesting to hear what a daughter of perhaps the most conservative of Orthodox jurisdictions will have to say to us.

**Liturgy moves to 9:00 a.m. through September 2**

## **Sewer.**

So. With a fee of \$856.08 we make submission to Loudoun Water. As our consultant informs us, it either works, or we eliminate the Oak Lane gravity sewer as a possibility. Estimated cost—*eeeestimated cost*—is \$67,750, with a bond amount fixed at \$89,430. As our consultant says, it is more costly than pump and haul, but it would be permanent and would not expose us to more land use restrictions (as pump and haul most certainly will). The 64K dollar question is, on this second time around, will it meet VDoT's standards? Will Loudoun Water help VDoT see more clearly, in a better light? As our lawyer, John McGeehan, says, *Oremus*.

WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS to the Loudoun Interfaith Food Pantry we could do better. Will anyone disagree? None needs to go and buy a whole bunch of different things. If Giant, say, is selling 10 cans of soup for 10 bucks, buy that. Someone else could buy a half dozen cans of beans. Or tomatoes. Or baby food. Or anything else on the list. A bunch of one thing.... Bring it to church and we'll get it to the Pantry.

### **FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST**

Canned items—Peanut butter, Jelly, **Juices (100% fruit)**, Vegetables, **Canned fruit**, Canned beans, Tomato products, Stews, Soups. Boxed Items—Macaroni and cheese, **Cereal**, Pasta, Rice, Potatoes, Crackers. Other Items—Sugar, Powdered milk, Coffee, Tea bags, Dry beans. Needs for the Homeless—Pop-top canned foods, Individual serve items, Can opener. Infant Needs—Diapers (all sizes), Baby personal hygiene. Personal Hygiene—Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Bath/hand soap, Tissues, Tooth paste, Toothbrush, Laundry soap, Women's hygiene products, Shaving cream and razors. Distribution Center Supplies—Ziploc bags (all types), Paper towels, Disposable gloves, Disinfectants, Bleach, Window cleaner, Antibacterial hand soap, Copy paper (white and colors), File folders.

## **Fort Ross Celebration.**

### **Some of us have been there.**

This year the annual celebration at historic Fort Ross, California will not be held on July 4th as usual. Instead, the celebration will be held on August 25th, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of the fort. [Editor's note: Fort Ross (=Rus) is a spoor of the Russian exploration of the West Coast of North America in the early 1800s. Nearby is the Russian River. The OCA is custodian of the fort.]

Bishop Benjamin, Diocese of the West, was informed by the office of the Representative of the Patriarchate of Moscow in North America, Archbishop Justinian, that Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, head of the Russian Church's Department for External Affairs, will participate in the celebrations on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Joining Metropolitan Hilarion and diocesan hierarch, Bishop Benjamin, that day will be Metropolitan Jonah, Metropolitan Hilarion of ROCOR, and both Archbishop Kyrill of San Francisco and Archbishop Justinian.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. inside the stockade of the fort. A procession around the fort will take place following the Liturgy and a blessing of the cemetery. Metropolitan Hilarion will be serving the Liturgy on Sunday, August 26 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, San Francisco. Holy Trinity is the oldest Orthodox parish in the Lower 48 and is the seat of the Bishop of the Diocese of the West.

### **Over 50,000 Christians flee Syria.**

Syrian Christians from the city of Homs and the surrounding area, fearing that their fate will be analagous to that suffered by the victims of the Hula massacre, have fled to Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey, according to the news agency Fides.

Even if they do not have any political position in the civil war taking place in Syria, and did not take sides, Christians are usually perceived as the opponents, as persons loyal to the Assad regime. For this reason they often become victims of kidnappings and killings in response to the measures taken by the Assad regime.

### **Church of Russia, Church of Greece.**

The Archbishop of Athens, Ieronymos, has just completed a visitation to the Church of Russia. Church authorities there have agreed to encourage people to visit religious destinations in Greece—religious tourism hopefully will help the Church of Greece with her financial problems. More importantly the Russian Church will support programs for impoverished and unemployed people in Greece. In particular she will fund the Church of Greece's soup kitchens. For her part, the Church of Russia wants permission to establish a representation church in Athens.