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SUNDAY MAY 31, 2015



FEAST OF PENTECOST

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Epistle: ACT 2:1-11

Gospel Reading : JOHN 7:37-52; 8:12

Liturgical Color: GREEN

FAST FREE WEEK

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 31

9:30am Divine Liturgy
FEAST OF PENTECOST
Kneeling Prayers
Coffee Social

Monday, June 1

9:00am Divine Liturgy
Pentecost Monday (Holy Spirit Day)

Saturday, June 6

5:00pm Vespers

Sunday, June 7

1st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of All Saints

9:30am Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social

Monday, June 8

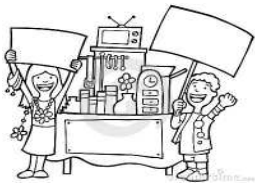
BEGINNING OF APOSTLES FAST



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Elias Kozar; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Deacon Robert Kuchta; Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Betty Baranik; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mat. Anna Kozar; Pani Helen Shutack; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Sandra Pleban; Amelia Falcon; Stan Lewek; Julio & Judith Falcon; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Mary Kolson; Lyudmyla Hayova; Kathy Preston; Helen Coons; Katherine Macura; Anna Soraparu; Marge Morse; Victoria Kozey; Orestes Mihaly; Tom Cox; Mae Antos; Child Zachary Spaulding; Child Michael Cicvak; Mary Benyo; Joan Shaw; Nancy Bleznuck; Rochelle Corby; Tim Burroughs; Karen Fuller; Carole Herrlich; Paul Mertus; Paulina Cherneva; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; Rita Hulme; Dorothy Dymek

All our Brothers & Sisters in the Ukraine who are suffering persecution and denial of Human Rights;
All members of our Armed Forces serving our country



YARD SALE IN THE PARK IS BACK! SATURDAY JUNE 27TH

Start collecting clean gently used items to be donated for our sale!

Mark your calendar—Helping hands will be needed on Friday June 26th to set up and on the day of the sale on Saturday June 27th. More information to follow!

See Nancy Coons with questions

O heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are in all places and fill all things;
Treasurer of blessings and Giver of life,
Come and dwell within us
and cleanse us from every blemish
And save our souls, O blessed one.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

June 1 Nancy L

June 3 David W

June 9 Timothy T

June 11 Joyce N

June 11 Protopresbyter John D

June 12 Stacy G

June 19 Adam Mc

June 30 Brian H

ANNIVERSARIES

June 2 "T" and Emily Q

God grant them many years of good health, happiness, & Salvation!

This week's Bulletin & Eternal Light
is sponsored by

CAROLE HERRLICH

In honor of

NANCY LEWEK

THOMAS SERDULA

DAVID WALK

On their birthday

God grant them many blessed years!



Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a Christ-centered lifestyle, which acknowledges accountability, reverence, and responsibility before God. Orthodox Christian Stewardship is a call to all of the faithful to share willingly and cheerfully the gifts that God has bestowed on them including sharing these gifts for God's work in His Church.

Magnify, O my soul, the one God having three divine Persons!

Rejoice, O Heavenly Queen

O glory of mothers and virgins, we praise you.

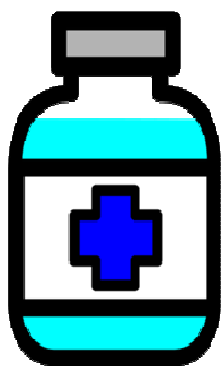
No mortal mouth is capable of giving you proper glory, no matter how learned and eloquent it is.

The way you gave birth awes every mind.

Therefore with one voice we glorify you!

A NOTE FROM OUR CEMETERY COMMITTEE..... We are looking for several parishioners to add to our Cemetery Committee. This is a wonderful way of offering your time and talents, helping us in the operation of our beautiful cemetery. Please see Chuck Coons or Father Dan with any questions or letting us know you would like to help.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER.....The official start of the Summer Season is here and vacation time is fast approaching. Please check your records, making sure your dues for 2015 are up to date. If your going on vacation please bring your envelopes to church before you leave. Remember that our lights, air conditioning and maintenance upkeep keep working all season long.

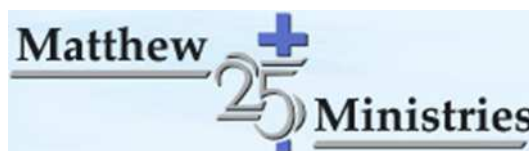


Pill Bottle Collection

In developing countries, medicines are often dispensed into hands, pockets, leaves, or torn scraps of paper. You can help to change this by donating empty pill bottles to help improve health care quality in developing nations.

Please bring in your empty, clean, **unlabeled**, pill bottles and place in the box in the church hall. Include prescription and over-the counter bottles, with and without child resistant caps. We will forward to a charity that provides them to medical facilities around the world. If you like, include a nickel, dime or quarter in the bottle to help with shipping costs. For more information, please see Carol Telehany.

Brought to you by the Ladies Altar Society



Ladies Altar Society Meeting

June 7 after coffee social

Bring your ideas for the Summer Social

St. Mary's Orthodox Church
Council Meeting – May 17, 2015

Members Present: Chuck Coons, Rodney Kerrick, Ted Kerrick, Helen Revelas, Diane Rodrigues, Nancy Gabel, Gloria Ewsuk, Carol Telehany

Also Present: Father Dan

The meeting was opened at 11:45 with a prayer. The Council minutes from the March 15, 2015 meeting were approved. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nancy and seconded by Diane. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Since there was only one volunteer from the parish to fill Rodney's unexpired term, Mary Leonard was appointed to fill this position. Chuck made a motion to appoint Mary. It was seconded by Gloria and unanimously approved.

Priest Report:

The shut-ins have all been visited.

Georgianne Williams burial took place in our cemetery on May 2, 2015 and Andrew Kerrick's burial took place on May 4, 2015 at Holy Trinity cemetery.

The Priest Conference took place at Camp Nazareth during Bright Week. It was noted at the meeting that the Sobor will be held in 2016.

Financial Report:

Rodney presented the budget variance report for the first quarter (Jan-Mar 2015).

Income Summary: Income was budgeted to be \$18,097.50 and was actually \$20,531.76 resulting in a variance of \$2,434.26.

Annual dues collection for the quarter was over the budgeted amount by \$1,465.00 due primarily by the payment of prior year dues.

Candle donations were slightly under budget.

Income for cemetery maintenance is over budget by \$265.00.

Envelope donations were over budget by \$823.00.

Blue Envelope donations were down by \$849.00 through April.

Expense Summary: Expenses through the end of March were less than the budgeted amount by \$2,408.75 with \$16,898.63 actual expenses versus \$19,307.38 budgeted.

Rectory utilities were below budget by \$443.39.

Church utilities were over budget by \$513.47.

Rectory and Church-Hall maintenance was under budget by \$623.12.

Workers Compensation was budgeted at \$490.00 but no payment was made. May show in Qtr. 2.

Office supplies were under budget by \$283.85.

Conclusion: Through March 31st, the financials concerning the operation of the church was budgeted to be negative by (\$1,209.88) and was actually positive by \$3,633.13 resulting in a variance of \$4,843.01.

Altar Society Report:

Helen Revelas gave the report.

There will be an election of officers in June.

A meeting has also been scheduled for September.

Altar Society is looking for new ideas.

Trying to organize a social outing. (parish picnic)

Carol Telehany is organizing a Rx bottle collection.

Altar Society sending cards to new members.

Old Business:

Calendar Vote:

Comments from the previous calendar vote discussion in 2012 will go out on May 24th.

There will be an open discussion on May 31st at the coffee social.

We will open ballots on June 21st.

Chuck asked Rodney to get him a list of the members in good standing.

Chuck and Carol will work on the ballot distribution.

Website:

Father Dan is still working with Father Paproski (the diocesan web master) to work on completion of the site. Their next meeting will be on May 21st.

Anniversary Journal:

There was discussion regarding the status of the Anniversary booklet. Chuck spoke with the printer. Hope to have a proof version in two weeks.

New Business:

Copy Machine:

Father Dan noted that the copy machine is 7 years old and parts are becoming rare. We need to put an amount in the 2016 budget to replace this copier. Father also stated that a decision needs to be made on whether we will own the copier or lease it and also how the maintenance of the copier will be handled.

Burns Matteson Investment:

Chuck reported that Burns-Matteson has started converting some of the investments to cash to prepare for the property purchase and to limit risk going forward.

Auditors:

Carol asked if we have Church auditors. It was determined that we do not. Chuck asked Rodney to try to find a couple of auditors in the Parish and try to get the 2014 books audited as this has not been done. The Council set a deadline of the end of October to have the 2014 audit completed.

Committee Reports

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Chuck stated we will need to compile a list of items needed for the new Church that parishioners can donate.

Carol stated that there were also memorials in the Building Fund that were donated as parishioners passed. She asked how that was going to be handled. It was determined that unless the memorial was given for a specific item, then those funds will be used for general construction purposes.

We will need to appoint a couple of people to review all bills for the construction as they start coming in before they are paid.

Cemetery Committee:

There was no report. Chuck mentioned that the committee did need a couple of new members.

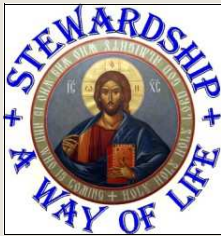
There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 1:15 PM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Telehany

Secretary

On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 1: Introduction



In the realm of Orthodox Christian life and service, the question of stewardship occupies a large and vital place. Every Orthodox believer ought to be deeply and continuously concerned. Our recognition of the sovereignty of God, of His ownership of all things, and of the bestowing of His lovingkindness on us all, are all included in a proper understanding of the principles of Christian Stewardship.

As our own personal and Church-wide understanding and use of these principles grow and expand, we are led into a fuller insight into the ways that God's love and grace operate in our lives.

Now while the principles of stewardship seem to concern material things of this life, those principles are, above all, of such a character as to encompass all of the Orthodox life. After all, we can in no way, as Orthodox Christians, separate the "material" from the "spiritual," the "worldly" from the "heavenly." They are intertwined like body and soul: what affects one affects both.

When our Lord requires certain things *of* us, He does so that He may do certain things *for* us. He does not just demand that we serve Him or recognize Him by simply returning to Him that which is already His. But God's divine plan is for us to work with Him, side-by-side. And when we do so, there flow blessings back to those who serve Him and recognize His complete rule over all of life. Our failure to co-operate with the Sovereign Lord will leave us without the chance for His blessings. If we do not carry out His plans as He has revealed them to us through His Holy Orthodox Church, we will deprive ourselves of the blessings that we need the most.

We have said before that stewardship is not just a good idea, it is, in fact, our entire life as Orthodox Christians. Good stewardship does not just benefit us personally, but it is of huge benefit to the Church at large. Stewardship gives the possibility of eternal life to thousands of Christians who are just on the edge of true Christianity. It can give hope to many more thousands who mourn over the darkness of this world that is reflected in their own lives. Stewardship can transform them from selfish, covetous worshipers of "mammon" to faithful co-workers with Christ in the salvation of the world.

This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.