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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & POST-FEAST OF THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION:
Antiphons from the Transfiguration on pp. 166-167. Tropar for Tone 2 on p. 84. Tropar for the Transfiguration on p. 167. GLORY.... Kondak for Tone 2 on p. 84-85. NOW & EVER.... Kondak for the Transfiguration on p. 167. Remaining Propers for Tone 2 on p. 86. Glorification & Irmos from the Transfiguration on p. 168. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in honor of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration.

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 9:2-12. GOSPEL: Matthew 18:23-35.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of August 20:

- Sun., August 20:** (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +**Martha Rose**. Requested by Virginia Polinsky.
- Mon., August 21:** (6:30 PM) Paraklis to the Most Holy Theotokos at the Prayer Garden.
- Sat., August 26:** (6:00 PM) Great Vespers for the *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*. Propers for Tone 3, and the Holy Prophet Micah.

Sunday, August 27:
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion. Feel free to grab a book and participate!

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Propers for Tone 3 on pp. 87-89. "*Zastupnice*" from the hand-out sheets.

6:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litija for the Great Feast of the *Dormition* (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Janice Neuhart on 8/21. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn *in memory* of +Martha Rose. Requested by *Virginia Polinsky*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers for the *Spiritual Growth* of the Rhead Grandchildren. Requested by *Baba Margie Rhead*.

BEAUTIFUL NEW PRIEST'S VESTMENTS. We will be blessing two new sets of priest's vestments at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy today. The gold set was donated by our *Ladies' Altar Society*. The black set was donated by our parishioner *Debbie Bartyzel*. "*May God grant to our generous donors and benefactors peace, health and long life, for Many Happy & Blessed Years!*"

BLESSED GRAPES from yesterday's Feast of the Holy Transfiguration will be distributed at the end of the Liturgy **TODAY**.

TEACHERS' MEETING. There will be a meeting of all church school teachers *TODAY* immediately after the Divine Services.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* Thursday, August 24 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

BARTON POLKA DANCE. The Barton Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a polka dance *next* Sunday, August 27th from 2-6 PM at the Firemans Field at 52176 Center St. in Barton. Music by "*The Boys*" from Baltimore, Maryland. Cash bar, polish kitchen, raffles and more. For more information, please call 740-695-3029.

DORMITION FLOWERS. We plan to once again adorn the Grave of Our Lady with FLOWERS on the Feast of her Holy Dormition on August 28. If you would like to donate a flower *in memory* of a departed loved one OR with prayers for the *health & salvation* of a living person, please use the *special offering envelopes* that are available on the table in the back of church. Cost is *\$9.00 per flower*. Please submit your envelope *before* or *by* next Sunday, August 27.

THE LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting *next* Sunday, August 27 after the Divine Services.

DEANERY NEWS. I was recently informed that *Father Matthew Stagon* of Saint Mary's Orthodox Church in Morgantown, WV is being transferred to Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Rockaway, NJ. We thank Father Matthew for his inspiring and dedicated service to the parishioners of Saint Mary's Church and to our Tri-State Deanery. We will miss Father Matthew and his family, and we pray that God will bless them in their new assignment.

Father George Ellis, recently-ordained, has been assigned as the new priest at Saint Mary's Church. Welcome to Father George and Pan'i Sarah, and we pray that God will richly bless their ministry in Morgantown.

The shortage of priests in our Diocese is becoming acute, and will continue to get worse in the near future. We are most fortunate that Father George was assigned to our Deanery. There are still 8 churches that do not have an assigned pastor.

We are going to begin praying special prayers during the Divine Liturgy asking God for an increase in vocations to the Holy Priesthood.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Divine Liturgy (8/13) — 72

Paraklis to the Theotokos (8/15) — 5

Transfiguration Vespers (8/18) — 6

Transfiguration Divine Liturgy (8/19) — 16

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER to attend the Bridgeport Friendship Council Meetings. If you are interested, please see **Carolyn Kyanko** or **Debbie Bartyzel** for more details.

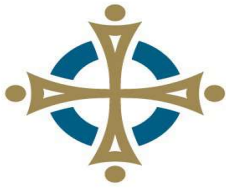
BOSCOV'S SHOPPING PASSES are now available for **FREE** to our parishioners. One per family. First-come, first-served basis. The shopping pass entitles you to **25% off** at Boscov's on **Tuesday, October 17** from **9 AM to 11 PM**.

THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place in our church parking lot on **Friday, September 15** at **7:00 PM**, in conjunction with the commemoration of the Holy Martyr Mamas. There will be a brief service, followed by the blessing. We would also like to develop this event into a church open house and youth service project. Please feel free to bring any animal that you can safely transport to the church for the blessing, and invite your friends to participate as well!

OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will once again be held at the ***Zitterich Residence*** on **Sunday afternoon, September 17**. Please plan now to join us for a picnic-style dinner, which will be provided free of charge, and enjoy a day of fun activities and fellowship with your parish family! Meats, drinks, marshmallows, condiments & paper products will be provided by the church. ***This is an all-day event. Please come when you can!***

Please bring a **covered-dish** or **dessert item** that holds-up well in warm weather.

For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact **Sam** or **Teresa** at **740-546-4482**.



ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL
ORTHODOX BISHOPS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Response to Racist Violence in Charlottesville, VA

Friday, August 18, 2017

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America
Response to Racist Violence in Charlottesville, VA

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America stands with all people of good will in condemning the hateful violence and lamenting the loss of life that resulted from the shameful efforts to promote racial bigotry and white supremacist ideology in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Orthodox Church emphatically declares that it does not promote, protect or sanction participation in such reprehensible acts of hatred, racism, and discrimination, and proclaims that such beliefs and behaviors have no place in any community based in respect for the law and faith in a loving God.

The essence of the Christian Gospel and the spirit of the Orthodox Tradition are entirely and self-evidently incompatible with ideologies that declare the superiority of any race over another. Our God shows no partiality or favoritism (Deuteronomy 10:17, Romans 2:11). Our Lord Jesus Christ *broke down the dividing wall of hostility that had separated God from humans and humans from each other* (Ephesians 2:14). In Christ Jesus, the Church proclaims, there can be *neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, but all are one* (Galatians 3:28). Furthermore, we call on one another *to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to expose them* (Ephesians 5:11). And what is darkness if not hatred? *The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness* (1 John 2:11)!

Furthermore, in 1872, Hierarchs from around the world assembled in Constantinople and denounced all forms of xenophobia and chauvinism (*phyletism*). They agreed that the promotion of racial or national supremacy and ethnic bias or dissension in the Church of Christ is to be censured as contrary to the sacred teachings of the Christian Gospel and the holy canons of the Church. It is formally condemned as heresy, the strongest category of false teaching.

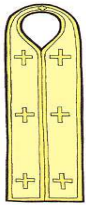
Finally, such actions as we have witnessed in recent days, by self-proclaimed white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and various racists and fascists, betray the core human values of love and solidarity. In this, we pray wholeheartedly for the families of those who lost their lives or suffered in these tragic events. In like manner, we cannot condone any form of revenge or retaliation by any group or individual. Therefore, we fervently appeal to every person of good will, and especially the leaders of our great nation, to consider and adopt ways of reconciling differences in order to rise above any and all discrimination in our history, our present, and our future.

A Brief Explanation of Orthodox Priest's Vestments

There is symbolism behind each piece of the priest's vestments. To understand them, one must remember the roots of the early Christian church. In the Old Testament, priests were instructed to wear robes before they entered the Holy of Holies, and to lay down their robes when they went to meet the people. The vestments of the priest have been present from the beginning.



STICHAR: The stichar is made of linen or silk and is white or a light color to represent purity. The sleeves are bound at the wrists with ties. With its roots in the early church, the garment itself is a reminder of the universality of the church.



EPITRACHIL (STOLE): The epitrachil is worn around the neck. The two sides are often attached and hang at the priest's front to the hem of the Stichar. When the priest is not celebrating the Divine Liturgy, he can wear the epitrachil with the cassock or riassa (wide-sleeved cassock) to symbolize his position in leading prayer. The seven crosses represent the seven sacraments, since this is worn by the priest at all Divine Services.



EPIMANIKIA (CUFFS): The epimanikia are put on – right first, then left – to represent the bonds of Christ and remind the priest that he is to rely on God's strength, not his own.



ZONE (BELT): The zone is tied at the waist and represents readiness to serve God. It symbolizes our ties with Christ.



EPIGONATION (THIGH SHIELD): The epigonation is a diamond-shaped piece of stiff cloth that is worn near the knee. It represents the spiritual sword and the word of God. (In the Carpatho-Russian Tradition this is awarded to priests who have been elevated to the rank of Protopresbyter)



PHELON: The phelon represents the robe of Christ and righteousness. It is worn over the shoulders and hangs low in the back and below the chest in the front.

PECTORAL CROSS: The last thing the priest puts on is the pectoral cross. It is silver, gold or jeweled depending on his rank. It is worn around the neck and hangs below his chest. Bishops also wear a round image of Mary, Mother of God. The pectoral cross represents that we do not keep Christ just in our hearts, but in preaching about Christ, we witness to others.