

# IC RC NTKRA SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Glory to Jesus Christ!      Glory to God for all things!**

<b>June 17, 2012</b>	<b>Sunday of All Saints of America</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
June 23	Saturday	NO VESPER	
June 24	Sunday. Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael of Persia (362). New Hieromartyrs Priest Aberkius and Nicander (1918). New Hieromartyr Maximus (1934). Virgin-Martyr Pelagia (1943). Hieromartyr Philoneides, Bishop of Kurion in Cyprus (306). Venerable Joseph and Pior, disciples of Saint Anthony the Great (4 c). Uncovering of the relics (1562) of the Alfanov Brothers of Novgorod (1389): Saints Nicetas, Cyril, Nicephorus, Clement, and Isaac of Novgorod, founders of the Sikolnitzki Monastery. Venerable Ananias the Iconographer of Novgorod (1581). Martyr Nectan of Hartland (Devon) (6 c), and Saint Botolph, Abbot and Confessor of Boston (England) (680). Martyr Isaurus, and with him Basil, Innocent, Felix, Hermes, and Peregrinus of Athens. Saint Aetius the Eunuch, Enlightener of Ethiopia, baptized by the Apostle Philip (1 c). Martyr Shalva of Akhaltsikhe (1227). Saint Hypatius, Abbot of Monastery of Rufinianos (446).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Priest Sergius, Zara Amira, Nolan, Zara, Emelie, Connie, Maria, Michael, Michael, Mother Raphaela, Rea, Sister Veronica, John, Hilda, James, Ada, Nancy, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of all our fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, uncles and nephews were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of newborn Zara Amira Kurap, parents John and Haseena and grandparents Michael and Cathy were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben by cousin Father John Udics.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Al Kaba, Michael, Matushka Cecila, cousin Wilma Zambo Webster were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of all our fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, uncles and nephews were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Metro and Marion Demcko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of son Ronald Demcko.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Theresa Dook were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of John Elnicky.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Justina Staley, Elizabeth Spytko, John Prawlocki, Anna and Wasil Prawlocki were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today requested by "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of mother Mary Konet Udics were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of newly-departed Protopresbyter Procopios Nikas, Scott Nevins and Lydia Tichy were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

*This Bulletin is in memory of John Prawlocki, at the request of Sonia Buttino.*

**Congratulations!** to Desteny Miller and Michael Stehnach on their graduation from High School.

**HOMILY About the peace of the simple and the prosperity of the fools** By Saint Nikolai of Zhicha  
"For the turning away of the simple shall slay them and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them" (Prov 1:32).

Does peace kill? Yes, godless peace kills. Does prosperity destroy? Yes, prosperity without God and contrary to the laws of God can destroy. Simple are they who seek such a peace and they who run after such prosperity are fools. For, in essence, they do not seek peace but rather the sword and are not running after prosperity but rather after destruction. What is the peace of the simple and what is the prosperity of fools? The peace of the simple is physical peace and the prosperity of fools is physical feasting. King Herod wanted such a peace and he was consumed by worms. Jezebel wanted such a prosperity and dogs consumed her.

By what name would we call a man who, in deciding to build a house, thinks that he will place the roof in the air first and afterward erect walls and then lay the foundation of the house? We would call him a simpleton and a fool. Much the same are all those who are attempting to establish peace in the world without interior peace and to establish exterior prosperity for men without interior prosperity. The Christian Faith is the only one which builds from the foundation and the foundation is Christ, a firm and indestructible rock. Thus, the Christian Faith for the peace and prosperity of men builds on Christ. An internal, blessed and joyful peace is built on Christ the Lord and on this peace, external peace is built. So also is true and lasting prosperity. It is still

better to say that true peace and true prosperity is like a well-built house and external peace and prosperity are like the external adornments of the house. However, if the adornments fall, the house will stand but if the house is destroyed, will the adornments then hang in the air?

O my brethren, the Christian teaching is the only reasonable teaching about peace and prosperity. All else is madness and foolishness. For, how could the servants build a mansion on the estate of the Master without permission of the Master and without His help?

O Lord, the source of eternal true peace and true prosperity, save us from the peace of the simple and the prosperity of fools. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

**Prayer Garden** is now open. Larry and Barbara Daley have been working on this project for at least 2 years, and now, with the blessing of the icon (6/10/2012) of Saints Peter and Paul, the project is ready for use. The icon was donated by Humphrey Memorials/Herkimer. If anyone would like to donate plants in memory of someone, that would be welcome. The benches in the garden were donated by our Sunday School children and Lowe's of Herkimer. Stepping stones are being made by the Sunday School children to be placed in the garden. Barbara envisions this garden as a place to pray, read, relax and contemplate the divine realities and our place in the universe. With our thanks to Larry and Barbara – the Prayer Garden is now open.

**Update: Diocesan Webpage.** The latest video installment of *“Lessons in Our Faith”* is now available on the diocesan website on the topic ~ **Sacrament of Chrismation: 7 Questions and 7 Answers.**

There are now six video lessons in which Bishop Michael presents talks on matters of faith, belief, and the teachings of the Church. These instructional videos are concise and “to the point,” offering Orthodox Christians much-needed information, helpful advice for their spiritual journey, and assistance in answering questions that may come from non-Orthodox friends or acquaintances. The goal is that we might better know and better live our faith. Enter *“Lessons in Our Faith”* from the website at [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org)

#### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June 23	Diocesan <i>Parish Council Conference</i> , Endicott, NY – all day
July 7	Parish Picnic on our Parish grounds in beautiful East Herkimer, from 11:30 am
August 25/26	Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery Anniversary
September after Labor Day	Church School begins
September 16	Perohi and Polka Fest, Herkimer VFW Hall, 4 – 8 pm
October 21	Harvest Dinner
November 17	Saturday: Fall Bazaar
December 9	Christmas Pageant
<b>October 14/15, 2016</b>	<b>Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>

#### A Prix-Fixe Meal

One day, Father Paul traveled to a big city. By then he was already very old and half-blind. In the city, he concelebrated with a certain Metropolitan. The Metropolitan gave Father Paul money for his return trip and they took their leave of one another. There was still time left until his train and so Father Paul decided to have lunch.

He went into a restaurant. The hostess behind the counter said to him, "Pops, you had better get lost. You're not dressed correctly for this kind of place."

She had taken a look at Father Paul's feet and noticed that he was wearing felt boots. It had been cold when he left his village, but then there had been a thaw and pools of dirty water from his boots were forming on the restaurant floor. The priest's coat was also second-hand and old, and the suitcase he was holding in his hand, which contained his vestments, was scuffed-up. The young woman had clearly taken him for some kind of vagrant. Father Paul left.

He went to another restaurant, which looked more like a cafeteria. They told him that they only served prix-fixe meals.

"I don't mind," Father Paul replied.

Father Paul left his suitcase by a table, picked up a tray and placed his prix-fixe lunch on it. The lunch consisted of soup, the main course and compote for dessert. He placed his food on the table and was about to start eating when he realised that he had forgotten to take utensils. He went back to pick up a spoon and a fork, got back to his table and saw that a stranger had already placed himself there and was eating his soup. Some prix-fixe lunch.

Father Paul sat himself down across the table from the man and, saying nothing to him, began eating his main course. He finished it and stuck the slices of bread in his pocket. The two of them shared the compote.

The man got up and headed for the door. Father Paul looked under the table and saw that his suitcase was gone. The glutton had stolen it. Not only had he eaten half his lunch, but he had pilfered his suitcase as well. Father Paul jumped from his table and started after the thief. But then he noticed his suitcase standing next to a different table. His lunch was on that table, too, completely untouched. He had made a mistake. The man was long gone.

The story gave Father Paul a headache. What a humble man that fellow had been, saying nothing even though Father Paul had eaten half his lunch.

*'Fourth Cycle, 9. 'A Prix-Fixe Meal' by Maya Kucherskaya, Faith & Humor: Notes from Muscovy. (2011); translated from the Russian by Alexei Bayer.*