



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

December 2, 2012	26th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 6	Thursday: Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 8	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
December 9	27 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum) (7 c BC). New Hieromartyr Priest John (1919). New Hieromartyr Priest Mathew (1921). New Hieromartyr Priest Demetrius and Venerable Vera, the Confessor (1932). New Hieromartyrs Priests Constantine, Nicholas, Sergius, Vladimir, John, Theodore, Nicholas, John, Nicholas, Hieromartyrs Danact, Cosmas, Hieromartyrs Theuromia, Tamara, Antonina, and Mary; and Virgin-martyrs Mary and Matrona (1937). Virgin-martyr Mary (1938). Martyr Boris (1942). Venerable Athanasius "the Resurrected," Recluse of the Kiev Caves, whose relics are in the Near Caves (1176). Venerable Athanasius, recluse of the Kiev Caves whose relics are in the Far Caves (13 c). Martyr Myrope of Chios (251). Venerable John, Heraclomon, Andrew, and Theophilus of Egypt (4 c). Venerable Jesse (Ise), Bishop of Tsilkani in Georgia (6 c). Saint Stephen-Urosh IV, King (1371), and Saint Helen of Serbia. Saint Solomon, Archbishop of Ephesus. Venerable Cyril of Philea (1110). Venerable Ioannicius, Monk of Devich (1430). Saint Abibus the New. Saint Trumwin, Bishop of Whitby, among the Picts.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Sophia Phillips and Archimandrite Nectarios Cottros were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the newly-departed soul of Walter Sterzin were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of his family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul 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 the soul of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Mitchell and Mary Chlus.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of cousin Paul Udics and Esther Kappanadze were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Andrew Homyk were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

December 8 and 9 Sat + Sun Visit of Sister Maria from Saint Elizabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus

December 9 Sunday Christmas Pageant

December 11 Tuesday Diocesan Assembly Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church in Clifton NJ.

December 28-31 2012 College Conference "Trust in the Power and Love of God" at Antiochian Village.

For info and forms see www.ocf.net clicking on "Programs" and then on "College Conference."

Dear Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish,

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus).

The exposition will take place on Saturday December 8 and Sunday December 9.

Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.

In recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

With Love in Christ,

Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

we will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth, Belarus. She will give a presentation on the history and service of their community that helps children without parental support, the patients of the psychiatric hospital and suffers from drug and alcohol abuse.



A table will be arranged to offer the products made at the convent:

- clergy vestments, stoles, embroideries and church items
- icons, crosses, crucifixes, rosaries and various religious articles
- souvenirs and CDs.

Proceed with help the Convent's construction and its charitable work.

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The Holy Prophet Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied six hundred years before Christ, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion's den (Daniel 14:34). But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is (Daniel 14:34-35). Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, over an immense distance, to the lion's den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshipping the idols. O Daniel, Daniel, cried Habakkuk, take the dinner which God hath sent thee (Daniel 14:37), and Daniel took it and ate. Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk and carried him back to his field in Judea. Habakkuk also prophesied the liberation of Jerusalem and the time of the coming of Christ. He entered into rest in ripe old age and was buried at Kela. His relics were discovered during the reign of Theodosius the Great.