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## Who is so great a God as our God?! Thou art the God who does wonders!

May 31, 2015	HOLY PENTECOST	Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Graves	9:30 am
June 6	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
June 7	Sunday of All Saints	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Hermias at Comana (160). New Hieromartyr Archpriest Philosoph Ornatsky with his sons Boris and Nicholas, in Saint Petersburg (1918). New Hieromartyrs Hierotheus, Bishop of Nikolsk (1928), and his friend Hieroschemamonk Seraphim (Nikolsky) (1923). Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (252). Martyr Marus the Magician who was converted on witnessing the martyrdom of Hermias. Five Martyrs of Ascalon Martyrs Eusebius and Charalampus. Saint Eustathius, Patriarch of Constantinople (1025). Finding of the relics of New Martyr Nicholas the Deacon of Lesbos. Translation of the relics (1591) of Saint Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow (1569), to Solovki. Saint Philotheus, Metropolitan of Tobolsk (1727). Saints Winnow, Mancus and Myrbad (6<sup>th</sup> c.).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria, the Middle East and Ukraine. Bishop BOULOS and Bishop YOHANNA, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Athanasys, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Alvian, Eugene, Leonid, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Jacobus, Leonid. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mothers Raphaela, Michaela, Catherine, Anna. Monk Victor, Mary, Valentina, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Helen, Catherine, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Michael, Ed, Nettie, Anita, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Nicole, Ashley, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Isaiah, Jamie, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of John Jedlan were offered at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of his wife Lauren.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Rob and Christine Phillips and Yuji Yuga were offered at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Alexander Karassik and Anastasia Khilko were offered at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**God Grant Many Years!** to Alan (Paul) Chlus and William Richards on their graduations.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of newly-departed Larissa Karassik (13) were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of father Joseph Udics, Protopresbyter Frank Estocin and newly-departed Charles Anderson, were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Walter Alexczuk, Anna and Wasil Prawlocki and Walter Prawlocki were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

### FOR YOUR CALENDAR: GENERAL PARISH MEETING: June 21 after Liturgy

**Christianity among the Mayan Indians** is undergoing a dramatic change in places like Guatemala and southern Mexico. This shifting of religious identity is part of a larger trend that is enveloping much of Latin America. According to the Pew Research Center report published in November of 2014, "Historical data suggests that for most of the 20th century, from 1900 through the 1960's, at least 90% of Latin America's population was Catholic." Remarkably, however, in just one lifetime, the Pew survey indicates that only "69% of adults across the region identify as Catholic." Up until recently, Orthodox Christianity did not play much of a role in this changing landscape. Most of the Orthodox parishes consisted of immigrant colonies, established mainly to perpetuate the customs, languages, and traditions of their respective ethnic cultures and mother churches in Europe. The title of a recent article in the Huffington Post by Carol Kuruvilla, however, announces a major shift in this approach to the church's mission: "The Greek Orthodox Church in Latin America Is Not Very Greek." Embracing this change and adapting to this new reality, His Eminence Archbishop Athenagoras, since his 1996 appointment by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew to shepherd the Central American churches, has reached out to the indigenous people of this vast region, encompassing Mexico, Central America, Columbia, Venezuela, and the Caribbean islands. Of his 52 active clergy, only 3 are of Greek descent. The enthusiastic reception by His Eminence Athenagoras of many thousands of Mayan Christians into the Orthodox fold has transformed this Church into a unity of diverse people, sharing one faith, but speaking many native dialects, as on the day of Pentecost. On a recent visit to the village of Aguacate, His Eminence was able to begin Holy Week with the Mayan faithful, who now comprise the vast majority of his growing flock in Central America. Visit <http://www.thewordfromguatemala.com/> to read more.

## Orthodox Church of the Live-Giving Trinity in Pyongyang



The decision to build the first Orthodox Church in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was made personally by its leader Kim Jong Il on August 22, 2002, after his visit to the Church of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk in Khabarovsk in the course of his trip to Russian Far-East.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was held by Archbishop Clement of Kaluga and Borovsk, First Deputy Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, on June 24, 2003. The same year the Russian Orthodox Church accepted four students from DPRK to study at the Moscow Ecclesiastical Seminary (MES). With the blessing of His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia, Bishop Mark of Yegorievsk ordained the students of the Seminary Feodor (Kim Hoe Il, now he is a rector of the Church) and John (Ra Gwan Chol) to deacons at the Life-Giving Trinity Church in Khoroshevo, Moscow, on May 21 and 22, 2005.

Chairman of the Korean Orthodox Committee Ho Il Jin (George), sent a request to Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow and All Russia in June, 2006, on admission of the community of the almost constructed Church of the Life-Giving Trinity to be received into the Russian Orthodox Church. In July the same year the Holy Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate made a decision to establish a parish of the Trinity Church in Pyongyang in the canonical jurisdiction of Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia.

Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad (now Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia), Archbishop Veniamin of Vladivostok and Primorye, Bishop Ionafan of Abakan and Kyzyl and Bishop Mark of Yegorievsk dedicated the Church on August 13, 2006. In the days of the visit Metropolitan Kirill ordained the MES deacons Feodor Kim and John Ra to the priests.

The two-headed building of the Church was built by Korean workers in two years at the expense of the DPRK budget. Bells, icons and church utensils were donated by the Russian Orthodox Church. The Administration of Maritime Territory and some Russian businessmen sent donations for the construction of the Church also. Employees of the Russian Embassy to the DPRK helped in the construction of the church as well. Regular services at the Trinity Church are held every Saturday (the Night Service) and every Sunday (the Divine Liturgy). As a rule, big part of Russian citizens in Pyongyang presents at holiday celebrations. Russian Embassy traditionally invites heads and personnel of the diplomatic missions and international organizations to the DPRK to participate services on the biggest Christian holidays, such as Christmas and Easter Holiday.

Call to the Trinity Church is an essential part of the visits of all-level Russian delegations to the DPRK. Foreign delegations and tourists also try to visit the church too.

Vladivostok Eparchy that gives guidance to the parish of the Trinity Church regularly sends delegations on the biggest holidays so that Russian priests could assist Korean clergymen to celebrate divine services. In addition joint memorial services are held in the Cemetery of Soviet Soldiers and Civilians in Sadon district of Pyongyang, where stone-made orthodox cross was erected on the initiative of the Embassy.

On August, 2011, the Russian Orthodox Church delegation led by Archbishop Mark of Yegorievsk, head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for institutions abroad, visited Pyongyang to participate in celebrations marking the 5th anniversary of the consecration of the Trinity Church. The delegation also included Archpriest Igor Zuev, rector of the Church of Saint Nicholas in Moscow, who had been a rector of the Church of Saint Innocent of Irkutsk, when it was visited by Kim Jong Il in August, 2002.

The Embassy provides all possible assistance to activities of the Trinity Church and does it utmost to develop bilateral ties between our countries in religious sphere.