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Leavetaking of the Dormition. Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons (202). Martyr Lupus, (4th c.). St. Eutychius and Florentius (547), of Nursia. St. Callinicus, of Constantinople (705).

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9.2-12

We sow spiritual things in hope.

Philippians 2.5-11

Jesus is Lord, and we follow His humble example obedience.

Gospel: Matthew 18.25-35

The Parable of the Talents.

Luke 10.38-42, 11.27-28

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

GREETING FROM THE PRIEST: It is an overabundant joy for my family and I to be joining the Church family of Ss Peter and Paul Orthodox Church. I pray that we will all continue to grow together deeper in our shared faith, and to love one another as Christ loves each of us.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Be assured that Fr James is available to be contacted by whatever means desired and at any time.

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ELECTION OF NEW BISHOP: On Monday, August 31st, the clergy and laity of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey will meet in an Extraordinary Diocesan Assembly. At that time, three candidates will be considered for bishop of our diocese. The three candidates will be Fr Michael Dahulich, dean of St Tikhon's Seminary; Fr David Mahaffey, rector of Holy Trinity Church in Pottstown, PA; and Fr David Brum, rector of Ss Peter and Paul Church in Phoenix AZ. I urge all of the faithful to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for a wise shepherd to be appointed over this diocese.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council meeting today after the Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend.

FOOD DRIVE: August is Canned Food Month. Let us show our love for the least of our brethren by making a donation to the local food pantry of canned products.

VISITOR: A special thank you goes to Rdr Seraphim Hanisch for directing the choir this morning while the Hawranicks are away. He travelled here from Pennsylvania this morning, so greet him warmly.

PANIKHIDA: As is our custom, we will be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection. We especially remember Stephen Byrda, whose ninth day was last Thursday, and for William Pupcheck whose 40th day is this coming Saturday. We also remember Daniel Krenichyn, Charles Hardish, Mary Zawko, and Michael Ciko. May their memory be eternal.

CONFESSIONS: May be heard before or after Vespers, or before the Divine Liturgy. We can also arrange to meet at any other mutually convenient time. The Holy Church teaches that "our sins are forgiven us at each confession, but we must remember that there is the "Great Forgiveness," which consists in this, that by God's mercy, we unconsciously stop committing certain specific sins, such as sinful acts, words, deeds and thoughts. The most perfect man is the one who, precisely as he is a man, sincerely feels that he is a great sinner."

Schedule of Upcoming Services

August 28: 6 PM Great Vespers with Litya

August 29: 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of St John the Baptist

4PM Great Vespers

August 30: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

September 1: 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Church New Year

The Lord of all gave to His apostles the power of the gospel, and by them we also have learned the truth, that is, the teaching of the Son of God - as the Lord said to them, "He who hears you hears Me, and he who despises you despises Me, and Him Who sent Me." For we learned the plan of our salvation from no other than from those through whom the gospel came to us. St Irenaeus of Lyons