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## **October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Martyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, First Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976). Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052).

### **Blessing of the new Epistle Book**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6.16-7.1

"You are the temple of the living God."

**Gospel:** Luke 6.31-36

"Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

**ANNUAL MEETING:** With thoughtful and prayerful consideration, Fr James and the Parish Council are proposing a reordering of the yearly meeting. Therefore, our next parish-wide meeting will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss the previous year in our parish, and our plans for the upcoming year. Please make every effort to attend, as every voice is necessary in our common conversation.

**BAZAAR PREPARATION:** The Sisterhood of St Anna, as well as all members of the parish community will be meeting today after the Divine Liturgy to continue making pierogies. We will also meet tomorrow morning to do some more. October 17<sup>th</sup> is the next date to mark on your calendars.

**DONORS NEEDED:** There is an opportunity to donate some of the items from the updating to the Rectory. They are the living room rug, upstairs hallway rug, and the refinishing and carpeting of the steps. Please see Fr James or anyone on the Parish Council if you feel called to donate any of these items.

**LITURGY at VALLEY HEALTH:** Due to the funeral for Anna Jovorosky, this has been postponed for several weeks. A date will be announced in the next week or so.

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**FOOD PANTRY:** During the month of September, we collected for the Herkimer-Mohawk Food Pantry. Through your generous contributions, we were able to make a contribution of \$565. This is excellent! Let us continue to support the pantry. Donations are slowing down due to the economy. Therefore, we will keep a constant collection in the Narthex, in the orange container.

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** Sunday school starts today! Please check your Newsletter for the rest of our exciting Church School offerings.

**CHURCH GROWTH:** The Committee for Church Growth will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory. All are welcome to attend. The only requirement is that you love our Church and would like to help discern the direction that the Lord has for us. Just that!

**DAVIS FAMILY:** We have been collecting for the Davis Family of Wasila, Alaska. Their home was devastated by fire on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and have lost everything. We will be making a special collection for them, this one final week. Please share your abundance with those in need.

**PANIKHIDA:** Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Anna Jovorosky and the newly-departed Kathryn Chlus. And 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 Theodore Litwen (2001), Margaret Steciak (2004), George Eskoff Sr (1972), Walter Bereza (1977), Michael Gerzonick (1986), Josephine Dzula (1997) and Olga Alexczuk (1983), and all the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



*Due to conversations with many of parishioners, included in this space is Orthodox Etiquette and practices which will be helpful for the proper order of the Church.*

When venerating the Holy Cross, or an Icon, or Relics, or the Holy Gospel, we first make two metanias and kiss the sacred object; we then make a third Metania and quietly step aside...In kissing Icons is proper to kiss the feet of our Lord, the hand of the Theotokos and other Saints. When only the head is depicted, we kiss the hair. Of a Crucifix always kiss the feet, or the lower cross bar of the Cross, and the hand of the Priest. To avoid the soiling of Icons and other sacred objects such as the Communion Spoon, ladies ought to remove lipstick, or blot it well. – The Orthodox Companion

The Ninth Apostolic Canon forbids us to arrive late at Divine Service or to leave before the end. Persons who do so, according to this canon, are "a cause of confusion to the Church." Moreover one must be present inside the Church; it is sinful to sit or stand outside. – Ibid.

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers, or any time in the week.

Sunday, October 4:	9:00 AM Church School 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, Pierogie Making after Liturgy
Monday, October 5:	Pierogie Making. Time TBA
Saturday, October 10:	Fall Pilgrimage to Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery. Vespers there.
Sunday, October 11:	9:00 AM Church School 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, October 13:	7:00 PM Committee for Church Growth
Thursday, October 15:	6:00 PM Middle School Group
Thursday, October 22:	6:00 PM High School Group

*This Week's Bulletin is Given In Memory of*

David and Donald Sterzin

*By*

Millie, Dana, Melanie and Loren