



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America  
305 Main Road, Herkimer, New York, 13350 • 315-866-3272  
Archpriest John Udics, Rector • e-mail: john.udics@gmail.com  
Parish Web Page: www.cnyorthodoxchurch.org

## GLORY TO JESVS CHRIST! GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

October 30, 2011 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 5 Saturday  
November 6 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am  
Great Vespers 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia of Aegea, Cilicia (285). New Hieromartyr Eugene (Zernov), Metropolitan of Nizhni Novgorod (1935). New Hieromartyr Priest Leonid (1941). New Hieromartyr Priest Mathew (1942). New Hiero-confessor Varnava (Nastic) of Bosnia (1964). Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas of the Seventy (1 c). Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2 c). Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria (220). Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica (3 c). Saint Stephen Milutin (1320), his brother Saint Dragutin (Monk Theoctistus) (1316), and their mother Saint Helen (1306), wife of Urosh I of Serbia. Martyrs Alexander, Cronion, Julian, Macarius, and 13 companions at Alexandria (250). Martyr Dometius of Phrygia. Apostle Cleopas (1 c). Saint Joseph I, Patriarch of Constantinople (1283). New Hieromartyr Nicanor (Kudriavtsev) Bishop of Bogoroditsk. Finding of the relics of Great-martyr Stephen-Urosh III of Dechani, Serbia (1331). Martyr Iotam, of Zedghinidze, Paravani, Georgia (1465). Saint Talaric, Bishop in Scotland, Saint Illogan of Cornwall, Confessor. Saint Egelnoth the Good, Archbishop of Canterbury. St. Leofric, Earl of Mercia

**Please remember in your prayers:** Mary, Jackie, JoAnne, Warren, Carol, Mother Raphaela, John, Ada, Priest Sergius, Louellen, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Rea, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Mykola, Helen, Julie, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Michael, Albert, Nina, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

**God Grant Many Years.** Prayers for the health of Igumen Luke (Majoros), Stephen Kidde and James Tamaru were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Maria Krenca were offered today at Liturgy and Parastas at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Archbishop DMITRI, aunt Ann Morgenthaler, Esther Kappanadze and Betty Polk were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Catherine Sokol, Anna Yaworski, John Lopushinsky, Vera Prawlocki and Mary Behuniak were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

**The Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia** were from the town of Aegea in Cilicia. They inherited the true Faith and great material wealth from their parents. Working zealously for the Faith and with great love, they distributed all their wealth to the poor. Because their hands were so generous, the hand of God shielded them from every evil intent of men and demons. The generous hands of Zenobius, which gave to the poor, were endowed by God with the gift of miracle-working, and Zenobius healed the sick of every kind of infirmity merely by touching them. Zenobius was appointed Bishop of Aegea. During a persecution, the Prefect Lysias arrested him and said: "I offer you two choices: life or death; life if you worship the gods, or death if you do not." Saint Zenobius replied: "Life without Christ is not life but death, whereas death for the sake of Christ is not death but life." When Zenobius was subjected to cruel tortures, Zenobia came to the judge and said: "I also want to drink from this cup of suffering, and be crowned with that wreath." After being tortured in fire and in boiling pitch, both were beheaded with the sword in about the year 285. Thus this brother and sister took up their habitation in the Kingdom of the Immortal Christ the King.

**The Holy King Milutin** was the son of Uro I and Queen Helena and brother of Dragutin. He fought many battles defending his Faith and his people. He fought against Emperor Michael Palaeologus because Palaeologus accepted union with Rome and tried to force the Balkan peoples and the monks of Athos to recognize the pope. He fought against Shishman, King of Bulgaria, and Nogai, King of the Tartars, in order to defend his lands. All his wars were successful, for he constantly prayed to God and hoped in God. He built more than forty churches: beside those that he built in his own land-Treskavac, Graënica, Saint George in Nagoriè, the Church of the Holy Theotokos in Skoplje, Banjska and so forth-he also built churches outside of his land, in Thessalonica, Sofia, Constantinople, Jerusalem and the Holy Mountain. He entered into rest in the Lord on October 29, 1320. His body was soon shown to be incorrupt and miracle-working; and as such, it reposes even today in the Church of the Holy King in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### REFLECTION by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

A great son of the Orthodox Church, King Milutin saved the Balkans from Uniatism. At that time in history when the Byzantine emperor's conscience was weakened, this noble and God-bearing Slavic king rose up decisively and, with God's help, saved Orthodoxy-not only in his own land, but also in all the lands of the Balkans. He who closely examines the life of the holy King Milutin will understand why God gave him success

after success in all his works throughout his life. When Milutin ascended the throne, he immediately vowed to God that he would build a church for each year that he would reign. He reigned forty-two years and built forty-two churches. Next to some of the churches-for example, in Thessalonica and Constantinople-he also built hospitals for the indigent, where the poor would receive everything free of charge. Beyond that, he especially loved to give alms to the needy from his own enormous wealth. Oftentimes, this powerful and wealthy king dressed in the clothes of a poor man and, with two or three of his servants, walked among the people at night and asked about their misfortunes, and gave to them abundantly. He lived a very simple, familial life, even in the midst of his great wealth-though he never seemed that way to foreigners. He had become accustomed to a simple life while still at the home of his father, King Uro I. It is told how Emperor Michael Palaeologus sent his daughter Anna with a retinue to the court of King Uro, as an offering to Milutin, in order to lure the Serbian king into union with Rome. But King Uro, seeing the foolish extravagance of the princess and her retinue, said: "What is this, and what is it for? We are not used to such a life. " And pointing to a Serbian princess with a distaff in her hand, he said: "Behold, this is the kind of clothing we expect our daughter-in-law to wear. "

**A word from the desert.** You mustn't wage your Christian struggle with sermons and arguments, but with true secret love. When we argue, others react. When we love people, they are moved and we win them over. When we love, we think that we offer something to others, but in reality we are the first to benefit. Elder Porphyrios

### **Archpriest John A. Jillions accepts Chancellor's position**

On October 21, 2011, it was announced that Archpriest John A. Jillions has accepted the position of Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America.

Selected from a slate of several applicants, Father John was confirmed by the Holy Synod of Bishops upon the recommendation of the Metropolitan Council at their fall sessions.

A life-long member of the Orthodox Church in America, Father John was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 1955. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from McGill University. In 1980, he received the Master of Divinity degree from Saint Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY, from which he also received the Doctor of Ministry degree in 2005. His doctoral thesis, "The Language of Enemies," traces the ways Orthodox Christians perceive and treat their "enemies" and uses some of the insights of contemporary conflict studies. In 2002, he was awarded the Ph.D. in New Testament from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. His doctoral dissertation offered a comparative study of the ways divine guidance was understood in the first century Pauline, Greco-Roman, and Jewish worlds.

After his ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood in 1981 and 1984 respectively by His Eminence, the late Archbishop Peter [L'Huillier], he served Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, New York, NY; Annunciation Church, Brisbane, Australia; Holy Trinity Church, Rahway, NJ; Saint George Church, Thessaloniki, Greece; and Saint Ephraim the Syrian Church, Cambridge, UK, before returning to Canada in 2003. He was a founding director of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge and served as its first Principal from 1999 until 2002. Previously, he served as administrator of Saints Cosmas and Damian Adult Home, Staten Island, NY, and as a bank officer with Bankers Trust. In the early 1990s, he served briefly as a Chaplain (Captain) in the US Air Force Reserve.

Since 2003, Father John served as an Associate Professor with the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, where he taught in the areas of 20th century Orthodox Christian thought, New Testament, ecumenism, and practical theology. Concurrently, he served as Dean of Ottawa's Annunciation Cathedral until 2009, at which time he was attached to the cathedral while serving "on loan" to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto, servicing a small community in Brockville, Ontario. He also has been a contributor to the "Ask the Religion Experts" column of The Ottawa Citizen and most recently has served as one of the vice-presidents of the Canadian Council of Churches.

He and his wife, Denise Melligon, have three grown sons...

Father John's introductory [2 page] letter to the Search Committee, which outlines his priorities, may be read at: <http://oca.org/PDF/NEWS/2011/2011-1021-cover-letter-jillions.pdf>  
<http://oca.org/news/headline-news/archpriest-john-a.-jillions-accepts-chancellors-position>

### **FOR YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Newsletters 2012.** Sponsors for parish Newsletters for 2012, please sign the sheet at the candle desk.

→ October 31: Monday – activities rescheduled

November 12: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

November 12: "The Art and Techniques of Orthodox Choral Singing." Saint Basil Church. 9am – 3pm

November 14: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 17, Thursday: Please bring the cookies you baked to Church.

November 18, Friday: Trays will be put together

November 19, Saturday: **Bazaar** starting at 11

November 20: **Parish Council Meeting** (Third Sunday of the Month)

November 27: Sunday: Breakfast at Coffee Hour

December 11: Sunday: **ĚJKA /YOLKA AND DINNER**, after Divine Liturgy.

December 18: **Parish Council Meeting** (Third Sunday of the Month)

December Sunday Breakfast will be held January 1, 2012: Sunday: Breakfast at Coffee Hour

**Gold Plating.** With time and use, church goods made of gold or gold plate pit, blacken and need re-plating. There are two hand crosses, three communion cups and a small plate which need to be re-plated. Donors for part of the cost of this work, please contact Father John. Collected so far: \$50.00.