



# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

<b>June 10, 2012</b>	<b>Sunday of All Saints</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	<b>Beginning of the Apostles' Fast (Saints Peter and Paul Fast) (until June 29)</b>		
June 16	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
June 17	Sunday of All Saints of America	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prusa (362). Finding of the relics (1609) of Saint Basil, Bishop of Ryazan (1295). Synaxis of All Saints of Ryazan. Saint John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobolsk (1715). Synaxis of All Saints of Siberia: Saint Innocent, Bishop of Irkutsk (1731); Saint Macarius (Glukharev) of Altai (1847); Saint Macarius (Nevsky), Metropolitan of Moscow, Apostle to Altai (1926); and others. New Hieromartyrs Priests Nicholas, Basil and Martyr Paul (1918). New Hieromartyr Priest Timothy (1940). Venerable Silvanus of the Far Caves in Kiev (14 c). Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople (313). Venerable Monk Theophanes, of Antioch (363), and Saint Pansemne, former harlot of Antioch. Saint Bassian, Bishop of Lodi in Lombardy (409). Saint Paul, Metropolitan of Tobolsk (1770). Hieromartyr Priest Metrophanes and the Chinese New Martyrs of the Boxer Uprising at Peking and other places in 1900. Martyr Neaniscus the Wise of Alexandria. Saint Canides, Monk, of Cappadocia (460). Saint Apollo, Bishop. Saint Alexius of Bithynia, Bishop. Saint Asterius, Bishop of Petra (4 c).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Albert and Catherine, Priest Sergius, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Maria, Michael, Michael, Mother Raphaela, Rea, Sister Veronica, John, Hilda, James, Ada, Nancy, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Archpriest James Parsells, Archpriest Jason and Matushka Margaret Kappanadze and Nina Dudek were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben by Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of members of the Stryjek Family were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Stephania Litwen.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Helen Hrynda, Frank Prawlocki, Harry Homyk, Nicholas Kuzenech, Walter Jovorosky Jr, Walter Jovorosky, and Ann Jovorosky, and Joseph and Julie Firlet were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Protopresbyter Pavel Souček and newly-departed Christopher Morbey were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh: **Sermon on All Saints Sunday, 25 June 1989**

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

The Mother of God and the Saints whose memory we keep today, those who are known to us because God has revealed them, and because they have been understood and recognised, either by their contemporaries, or years, at times - centuries later, all the Saints are the response of the earth to the love of God. And this response is given by them not only in their own name but in the name of all creation and in our names also; because each of us has the privilege to be called by one name, our Christian name, the name of one of those Saints. And the Saints whose names are ours stand before God and pray that their name should not be made unworthy in the eyes of the Lord. The Saints of God embrace the whole of Creation in their love, in their intercession, in their prayer, in their real, continuous presence. How wonderful it is that we belong to this vast family of men, of women, of children who have understood what the Lord meant when He came, and lived, taught and died for us! They responded with their own heart, they understood with all their mind, and they accepted His message with all their determination, to overcome in themselves all that have been the cause of the crucifixion; because if only one person on earth had strayed, fallen away from God, Christ would have come to save at the cost of His life. This is His own testimony to a Saint of the early centuries who had been praying that the sinners should be confounded; and He appeared to him, and said, Never pray that way! If one sinner have existed, I would have died for him...

The Saints are people who responded to love by love, people who realised that if someone can die for them, their only response of gratitude is to become such that he should not have died in vain. To take up our cross means exactly this: to turn away from all those things which are Christ's death and crucifixion, from all those things which surrounded Christ with hatred and lack of understanding. We are all free to do this, more than those who lived in His time because they could be mistaken in Him in those days; but in our days, after two thousand years, when we can read the Gospels, and see emerging from the story the stature, the Person of Christ, when we have got millions of witnesses that tell us that He truly gave His life for us, and that the only response we can give is to give our lives for one another in His name - how can't we respond?

Let us therefore, on this day make a new resolve: to listen in the way in which they listened, with all their heart, all their mind, all their will, all their self to see what happened, to hear what He said, to respond by gratitude and by determination. And then, if we offer this little to God - our gratitude and our good will - the

strength, the power for us also to grow into the stature which God has willed, dreamt for us, - the power will be of God; as He had said, My strength deploys itself in weakness, My grace sufficeth... And Paul, who knew that, added, in another passage, All things are possible unto us in the power of Christ Who sustains us... There is no doubt: we can, if we only will allow God to save, to carry us from earth to heaven.

Let us make a new start, so that the Saints whose names we wear should rejoice in us, so that the Mother of God Who gave Her Son unto death that we may respond, that we may understand, that we may be saved should rejoice, and that Christ should see that it is not in vain that He lived, taught, and died. Let us be His glory, a light; it may be a small light, just like a small candle, it may be a bright light as one of the great Saints - but let us be a light that lights the world and makes it less dark! Let us be joy so that others may learn to rejoice in the Lord.

Amen! \* \* \* Conference in Memory of Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh on the 21st of June 2008

### **A Prix-Fixe Meal**

One day, Father Paul traveled to a big city. By then he was already very old and half-blind. In the city, he concelebrated with a certain Metropolitan. The Metropolitan gave Father Paul money for his return trip and they took their leave of one another. There was still time left until his train and so Father Paul decided to have lunch.

He went into a restaurant. The hostess behind the counter said to him, "Pops, you had better get lost. You're not dressed correctly for this kind of place."

She had taken a look at Father Paul's feet and noticed that he was wearing felt boots. It had been cold when he left his village, but then there had been a thaw and pools of dirty water from his boots were forming on the restaurant floor. The priest's coat was also second-hand and old, and the suitcase he was holding in his hand, which contained his vestments, was scuffed-up. The young woman had clearly taken him for some kind of vagrant. Father Paul left.

He went to another restaurant, which looked more like a cafeteria. They told him that they only served prix-fixe meals.

"I don't mind," Father Paul replied.

Father Paul left his suitcase by a table, picked up a tray and placed his prix-fixe lunch on it. The lunch consisted of soup, the main course and compote for dessert. He placed his food on the table and was about to start eating when he realised that he had forgotten to take utensils. He went back to pick up a spoon and a fork, got back to his table and saw that a stranger had already placed himself there and was eating his soup. Some prix-fixe lunch.

Father Paul sat himself down across the table from the man and, saying nothing to him, began eating his main course. He finished it and stuck the slices of bread in his pocket. The two of them shared the compote.

The man got up and headed for the door. Father Paul looked under the table and saw that his suitcase was gone. The glutton had stolen it. Not only had he eaten half his lunch, but he had pilfered his suitcase as well. Father Paul jumped from his table and started after the thief. But then he noticed his suitcase standing next to a different table. His lunch was on that table, too, completely untouched. He had made a mistake. The man was long gone.

The story gave Father Paul a headache. What a humble man that fellow had been, saying nothing even though Father Paul had eaten half his lunch.

- *'Fourth Cycle, 9. 'A Prixe-Fixe Meal' by Maya Kucherskaya, Faith & Humor: Notes from Muscovy. (2011); translated from the Russian by Alexei Bayer.*

**A word from the desert.** It was said of a brother that he had to fight against blasphemy and he was ashamed to admit it. He went where he heard some great old men lived to see them, in order to open his heart to them but when he got there, he was ashamed to admit his temptation. So he kept going because he wanted to see Abba Poemen. The old man saw he was worried, and he was sorry he did not tell him what was wrong. So one day he forestalled him and said, "For a long time you have been coming here to tell me what is troubling you, and when you are here you will not tell me about it, but each time you go away unhappy, keeping your thoughts to yourself. Now tell me, my child, what it is all about." He said to him, "The demon wars against me to make me blaspheme God and I am ashamed to say so." So he told him all about it and immediately he was relieved. The old man said to him, "Do not be unhappy, my child, but every time this thought comes to you say, 'It is no affair of mine, may your blasphemy remain upon you, Satan, for my soul does not want it.' Now everything that the soul does not desire, does not long remain," and the brother went away healed.

### **FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

June 23	Diocesan <i>Parish Council Conference</i> , Endicott, NY – all day
July 7	Parish Picnic on our Parish grounds in beautiful East Herkimer, from 11:30 am
August 25/26	Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery Anniversary
September after Labor Day	Church School begins
September 23, 2012	Perohi and Polka Fest, Herkimer VFW Hall, 4 – 8 pm
October 21	Harvest Dinner
November 17	Saturday: Fall Bazaar
December 9	Christmas Pageant
<b>October 14/15, 2016</b>	<b>Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>