



# Ss. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## Intercessory Prayer

### THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

### THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko

### THE DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

## Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

## Today's Memorial Offering



- *Church Bread & Wine* – in memory of the Nanosh and Padla families – by Terry Cimboric

## Announcements

❖ Our **Adult Enrichment DVD Lecture Series** are back! On Sundays of Great Lent, after the Divine Liturgy we watch and discuss in our Church Hall six talks entitled: **"Our Lenten Journey. Spiritual Preparation for the Great Fast"**. In this series, Metropolitan Kallistos speaks about our personal preparation for Great Lent, as well as the relationship to the feast of Holy Transfiguration, and the salvation in Christ through the meaning of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to participate - no prerequisites. Bring your non-orthodox friend or neighbor. See you then!

❖ Today: 4:00pm – **Mission Vespers** at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave, South River, NJ 08882. Homilist: His Grace Bishop Alejo.

❖ **Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

❖ Next Sunday is a **Sunday of Veneration of the Cross**. Donations are taken at the candle desk towards the decorating of the Cross with flowers.

❖ Our joint **Mission Presanctified Liturgies** during this Great Lent will be as follows: **Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm** – St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church; **Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** – St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church. Our Church will host this service on **Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm**. Please mark your calendars and join us in worship and fellowship that will follow

## Holy Confession

We are in **Great Lent** until **Holy Pascha**, which this year is on **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. Each member of our parish community is supposed to prayerfully prepare for this Feast of Feasts by having a heartfelt **private Confession** and partaking of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – **Holy Communion**. The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** will be offered on all Saturday evenings of Great Lent following Vespers (or after any service), as well as half-an-hour before the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays. There will be no General Confession before Pascha. This is the most perfect way for us, Orthodox Christians to prepare and celebrate the Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha.

## March 20, 2011

### **Second Sunday of Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas**

- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
*Epistle: Heb. 1:10-2:3*  
*Gospel: Mk. 2:1-12*
- Coffee and Adult Enrichment DVD Lecture Series. Today we will watch and discuss the lecture: "Salvation in Christ: The Meaning of the Cross".

### Schedule of Services

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

6:00pm – Joint Mission Presanctified Liturgy at St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

6:00pm – Vespers with Litya

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> - ANNUNCIATION

9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. John

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

9:30am – Divine Liturgy – for the health of the Wanko Family

6:00pm – Great Vespers & Confessions

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> - 3rd Sunday of Great Lent – Veneration of the Cross

9:10am – Hours

9:30am – Divine Liturgy

### Church Etiquette

## *Lighting of Candles*

It is a pious Orthodox tradition to light candles for personal petitions and intercessions when entering the church. Most parishes have designated candle stands or holders for these candles. It is not proper to light candles at certain times during the service – generally the same times when you should not enter the church, such as during the Little and Great Entrances, when the priest is censing the icons and congregation or giving the homily, or during the reading of the Epistle or Gospel. The candles should be allowed to burn all the way down without being extinguished early, since the burning candle symbolizes our prayers rising to heaven and the light of Christ in our midst. Please do not allow young children to light candles alone, for safety reasons. It is customary to make a donation for each candle.

## *Venerating Icons*

The Orthodox Church teaches that it is proper to venerate, not worship, icons. The acceptable way to do this is to kiss either the hands or feet of the saint depicted in the icon, or the scroll, the Gospel book, or the hand cross a saint is holding. Please **do not** wear lipstick when kissing the icons since the residue will ruin them.

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