



# SS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## June 26, 2011

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.  
All Saints of America and Russia.**

- 8:40am – Hours
- 9:00am – Divine Liturgy  
*Epistle: Rom. 2:10-16*  
*Gospel: Matt. 4:25-5:12*
- Panikhida** – in memory of all the departed members of RBO.
- Fellowship** – Everyone is invited to come downstairs following Panikhida for Coffee Hour, sponsored by **Russian Brotherhood Organization** of St. John the Baptist on their Name's Day.
- RBO's yearly meeting

### Schedule of Services

**TUE. JUNE 28**

6:00pm - Great Vespers with Litya

**WED. JUNE 29- Holy Apostles Peter & Paul**

9:00am - Divine Liturgy

6:00pm - Parish Potluck Picnic

**SAT. JULY 2**

6:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

**SUN. JULY 3-** 9:00am - Divine Liturgy followed by Panikhida in memory of newly departed Andrew Bacsik on 40th day of his Repose.

### *Clint Eastwood Looks at the Hereafter*

June 29<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the great apostles Peter and Paul. Both men faced hostility, danger and powerful enemies as they traveled and preached the good news of the Gospel. Both, in their own ways, spoke about what happens after we die.

Saint Paul famously described the mystery of our resurrection: "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality" (I Corinthians 15: 54).

Saint Peter, to encourage his fellow Christians who were facing persecution, wrote: "You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God" (I Peter 1: 23). In the same letter he reminded them after they suffer on earth, "the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you" (5:10).

The words they wrote, and the things they endured, mark these apostles as men of faith. They also had visions sent by God. This is why we can trust their assurances that we are in God's hands while we live and after we die.

In Clint Eastwood's movie "Hereafter" there is no attempt to assure us that we can trust anybody's words about what happens after we die, though that is a matter of concern to the three main characters. One is Marie, a tsunami survivor who had a near-death experience when the waves overtook her. The second is a young boy who longs to speak with the twin brother who has died suddenly in a car accident. The third, and most compelling, is George, who feels "cursed" with the authentic psychic power he possesses to connect with the

### 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 DEPARTED:

Andrew Bacsik, Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, George Makara, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

dead. He hates being asked to give "readings" because the emotional toll is so heavy for all involved.

The movie doesn't come to any conclusions. When Marie tries to tell her lover that her experience has convinced her there must be "something" after we die, he responds, "If there were something, don't you think somebody would have proved it by now?"

The young boy, Marcus, consults various fake mediums and of course is disappointed. When he finally persuades the reluctant George to give him a reading, he feels that he has at last connected with his dead brother. But even George cannot tell him what happens, or where we go, after we die. Marcus protests, "But you've done all those readings!" George can only answer quietly, "I still don't know."

This movie reflects the curiosity of many people about "the hereafter." But its creators apparently aren't curious enough to investigate the accounts given by the apostles Peter and Paul, who could tell them all they need to know.



### Today's Memorial Offering

- **Church Bread** offered in memory of Andrew and Juliana Bacsik.
- **Church Wine** offered in memory of Andrew and Juliana Bacsik.



### Announcements

❖ The celebration of the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul is this week: Tue. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Great Vespers with Litya; Wed. June 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am - Divine Liturgy; 6:00pm - our Parish Name's Day Picnic. Let us honor our patrons, teachers and intercessors with worthy praise at the divine services and let us have a nice fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: July 3<sup>rd</sup> – offered by Andrea and Russ Wyskanycz; July 10 – by Wasilewski Family.

### Congratulation

to **Lindsay Mary Wanko** on the special occasion of her graduation from The College of New Jersey! Lindsay graduated at the top of her class with a GPA of 4.0 and earned a Masters Degree in Education of the Deaf. May God bless her and her family and grant her continued guidance, health, and wisdom for Many, Many Years! Mnoqaya Leta!

### 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.