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JUNE 2014	Saturday	7 Festal Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.	41	Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION	21 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION	Festal Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION	
HÖLY TRINITY ÖRTHÖBÖX CHURCH	Friday	9	13		20	27	Greeter: Mat. Melanie
	Thursday	5	12 Visitation: 1:30 P. M. MIDDLEWOODS	ne 8 - 14	19	26	Charity: HOMEFRONT
	Wednesday	4	11	Fast Free Week June 8	18	25 <u>Visitation:</u> 1:30 P. M. LEDGECREST	Cleaner: Labas / Bichun
	Tuesday	3 <u>Visitation:</u> 1:30 P. M. WALNUTHILL	10	\mathcal{F}_{ℓ}	17 <u>Visitation:</u> 1:30 P. M. ARBOR ROSE & JEROME HOME	24	0 (- 1 + 6 ()) (1 - 1 + 6 ())
	Monday	2 Parish Council meeting 7:00 P.M.	9 Day of the Holy Spirit]6 Apostles Fast June 16 - 28	23	30 Parish Council meeting 7:00 P.M.
нöсү ты	Sunday	l 7 th of Pascha Father's of I st E.C. Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Coffee Hour – Polzun	8 HOLY PENTECOST Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Kneeling	Vespers & Procession Parish & community picnic	15 1st after Pentecost All Saints Sunday FaTHER'S DAY Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Coffee Hour – Sisterhood	22 2nd after Pentecost All Saints of North America Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Coffee Hour – Dounouk/Potter	29 Ss. Peter & Paul Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Wagner/Koles



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PARISH FEAST DAY: The feast day of our parish, PENTECOST, will be celebrated on Saturday, June 7th, with Festal Great Vespers with Litya at 5:00 p.m. and the Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 8th.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will serve the "Kneeing" Vespers and process around the church. Following will be a parish & community picnic. We need everyone's assistance and participation!



FAST FREE WEEK: The week following Pentecost, June 8th - 14th is FAST FREE!!

APOSTLES FAST: This year the Apostles Fast (which prepares us for the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul and always begins the day after All Saints Sunday) will last for 13 days: June 16-28, ending with the Festal Divine Liturgy.

The June charity collection is for Home-

Front. HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-

driven home repair program that provides FREE repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life. Currently serving Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties in Connecticut; and Westchester County, New York.



<u>Who Benefits:</u> Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Low-Income Residents, Single Parents.

www.homefrontprogram.org

HomeFront seeks outstanding organizations to partner with us in our effort to make the program even more impactful each year.

The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!! Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

PARISH COUNCIL: The date for the May meeting of the Parish Council is Monday, June 2nd and the June meeting is Monday, June 30th. All council members are reminded of the schedule change and asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

GENERAL CONFESSION: is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants

should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held on Saturday, July 19th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries in JUNE:

5	Elena Ludko	1973
6	Amber Fiedler	
6	Mallory Kokus	1987
8	Kaiden Fiedler	2009
9	Sadie Albino	1921
14	Emma Fiedler	2011
19	Nadia Delaney	2006
20	Elizabeth Beck	1929
25	Simon Sahin	1962
28	Benjamin Burrell	2010
30	Leah Santoro	1987

5	Fr. David & Melanie	1983
9	Kenneth & Margaret Wagner	2000
13	Michael & Diane Karabin	1970
16	Dan & Jenn Belonick	2013
19	Chris & Meredith Dresko	2011
20	Scott & Rebecca Ahern	2003
21	Ann & Mark Myszka	1986
23	John & Rosemary Delaney	1973
28	Joseph & Dorothy Kowar	1964

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"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are <u>welcomed</u> and <u>encouraged</u> to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Jerome Home, New Britain Sadie Albino

Arbor Rose, New Britain Nona Belomyzy Mary Camarata

Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, New Britain Helen Karabin

> Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin Natasha Zaiko

Brandywine Assisted Living, Litchfield Mary Fairbanks

At Home: Jim Dounouk, Michael Horbal, Joseph Kowar, Susan Labas, George Liwen, Stella Liwen, Jennie Pich, Irene Prigodich, Barbara Raymond and John Steffick.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

prayers.		
Child Olga Makul	5 mo	June 1912
Ksenia Tynik	83	June 3 1971
Nina Sasiela	81	June 4 1999
Roman Novick	35	June 5 1955
Child Paul Hedza	5 mo	June 6 1910
Caroline Skerpan	97	June 6 2007
Child Mary Avhustinovich	1 day	June 7 1911
Julia Danilevich	29	June 7 1929
Alexander Grigorieff	75	June 8 1947
Alexander Kaminsky	90	June 8 1968
Anastasia Jazkevich	84	June 8 1991
Michael Liwen	90	June 9 1975
Michael Sulima	78	June 10 1974
Dimitri Masuk	20	June 11 1909
Joseph Gelaysin	48	June 11 1933
Natalie Zuk	72	June 11 1984
Mary Roman	96	June 11 2009

Nona Grusha Bissland	76	June 11 2011
Child Mildred Endelev	6	June 12 1914
Michael Augustynovich	85	June 12 1965
Mildred (Nadezhda) Dobrowolski	94	June 12 2008
Child John Suslimo	2 wks	June 13 1916
Olga Piszko	57	June 14 1956
Child Mary Virshiv	4 mo	June 15 1909
Irene Czerwinski	80	June 15 2006
Irene Cherpak	83	June 15 2013
Child Paul Hritsel	1 day	June 16 1910
Freda Demko	66	June 17 1961
John Steffick, Sr.	96	June 17 1972
Eva Sopko		June 17 1975
Raymond Lestoric	64	June 18 1992
Mary Ludko	91	June 18 2005
George Mazuruk	74	June 19 1949
Mary Pobrezny	63	June 19 1960
Stephanida 'Stella' Potvin	78	June 19 2009
Jacob Zaretsky	22	June 20 1911
Mary Kovalchuk	24	June 20 1911
Anna Gadovska	18	June 20 1911
Eleanor Ludko	51	June 20 1967
Child Agaphia Solov	2 mo	June 21 1908
Anastasia Hordeya	22	June 21 1913
Basil Somnin	31	June 21 1913
Agaphia Dimnitch	98	June 21 1993
George Fedak	92	June 21 2009
Anne Belomyzy	72	June 22 1996
Anna Kosifad	61	June 23 1947
Paul Danilevich	47	June 24 1964
Zenaida Gromack	57	June 24 1974
John Laska		June 24 1985
Child Antonina Zelinsky	14 days	June 25 1910
Mary Pistey	72	June 25 1914
Anne Laska	95	June 25 2009
Child Peter Hashim	4 mo	June 27 1904
Child Mary Avhustinovich	11 mo	June 27 1910
Simon Hook	51	June 27 1942
Gabriel Rusinovsky		June 28 1926
Walter Grusha	58	June 28 1969
Mildred Sotnick	44	June 29 1956
John Selelyo	74	June 29 1981
Jacob Holovchuk	20	June 30 1910



SUNDAYS & FEASTDAYS IN JUNE:

Pentecost

In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent



of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And, they were all filled with "Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:1-4) The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost. (John 14: 26, 15:26; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5) The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.

On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being" that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

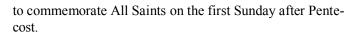
Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: . . .I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost. (Acts 2: 17; Joel 2:28-32)

All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the

same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting



This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world. The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example. The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Sts Joachim and Anna, St Joseph the Betrothed, St Juliana of Lazarevsk, and others.

All Saints of America

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of

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North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also



teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Our Fathers among the Saints:

TIKHON, the Confessor, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America, (First Bishop of New York); INNOCENT, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America; NICHOLAI, Bishop of Zicha and Ochrid, (who labored in America); & RAPHAEL, Bishop of Brooklyn, Shepherd of the Lost Sheep in America.

The Holy Martyrs:

Hieromartyrs JOHN KOCHUROV, of Chicago, Protomartyr under the Soviet Yoke; ALEXANDER HOTOVITSKY, of New York; JUVENALY of Lake Illiamna; & the youth PETER the Aleut; New Hieromartyr BASIL MARTYZ.

Our Venerable Father:

HERMAN, Elder and Wonderworker of Alaska.

The Righteous:

Archpriest ALEXIS TOTH, of Wilkes-Barre, The Defender of Orthodoxy; & Archpriest JACOB NETSVETOV, The Enlightener of the Alaskan Peoples.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness.

SS. Peter and Paul

Saint Peter traditionally is regarded as the leader of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He was intimately connected with the earthly life and ministry of our Lord, and after His death tried to preserve the spiritual legacy left by Jesus to his followers.

In the course of his missionary journeys, Peter founded the Church in Antioch, where the followers of Jesus were first called Christians. Saint Peter is regarded by the Church as the first leader of Antioch, and the present-day Patriarch of Antioch is his successor in that Apostolic See.

Although St. Peter had a special zeal concerning Christ and is considered the chief of the Apostles, he did not have any special authority over the other Apostles, but was only first in honor. When there were important questions in the Church, it was a Church coun-



cil that decided them, and St. Peter himself was sent by a council to preach the Word of God. Christ said of Peter, "You are Peter (petros) and upon this rock (petra) I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Saint Paul is the greatest of the missionaries. The marvelous story of conversion on the Damascus Road (Acts 9:1-22) is hardly more striking than the rest of his life, one of the great adventure stories of history.

The account of Paul's missionary journeys and the letters he wrote to the Churches he founded, form an important part of the New Testament. He traveled over vast areas of the Roman world, preaching Christ, and fashioning the Christian Faith for all time. He called himself an Apostle, and he was the greatest of them, even though he was not of the Twelve Apostles.

According to St. John Chrysostom, St. Paul sought dishonor more than we seek honor, death more than we seek life, poverty more than we seek wealth, sorrows more than we seek joy, and that he prayed for his enemies more than others pray against their enemies. For him there was only one thing to be feared: that he might offend God! He desired nothing more in life than to please God and the whole meaning of his life was his love for Christ. Jesus called Paul, "a chosen vessel, destined to carry My Name before princes and kings."

Saints Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome, during the reign of the Emperor Nero, about 67 A.D

The Apostles Fast

The Apostles' Fast, also called the Fast of the Holy Apostles, the Fast of Peter and Paul, or sometimes simply St. Peter's Fast, is a fast observed by the faithful of the Eastern Churches (both Catholics and Orthodox). It is one of the four periods of fasting handed down through Holy Tradition. The others being the Great Lent Fast, the Nativity Fast and the Dormition Fast. The Apostles' Fast begins on the second Monday after Pentecost (the day following All Saints' Sunday) and continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and

Paul on June 29.

Having rejoiced for fifty days following Pascha, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Apostles began to prepare for their departure from Jerusalem to spread Christ's message throughout the world. According to Sacred Tradition, as part of their preparation, they began a fast with prayer to ask God to strengthen their resolve and to be with them during their missionary efforts as they spread the Gospel.

The Biblical foundation for the Fast is found in the Synoptic Gospels, when the Pharisees criticized the Apostles for not fasting, Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Our Lord, in this passage, was referring to his being taken to be crucified; but in the larger sense these words of the Lord are understood in terms of his Ascension into heaven, and his command to preach the Gospel, which can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting. The New Testament mentions the practice of fasting many times.



The tradition of the Apostles' Fast has existed at least since Pope Leo I (461 AD), as is evidenced by his homilies, though it has subsequently passed from practice in the West. The Fast is thought to have been instituted out of thanksgiving to God for the witness of the Apostles of Our Lord. With this Fast, the faithful express their thanks for the Apostles' endurance of persecution during their mission.

The Apostles' Fast is not as severe as Great Lent or the Dormition Fast, but mandates fasting from red meat, poultry, meat products, eggs, dairy products, fish, oil, and wine. Fish, wine and oil are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays, and oil and wine are allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These fasting rules are similar to those observed during the Nativity Fast.

As with the three other Fasts of the Church year, there is a Great Feast that falls during the Apostles' Fast; in this case, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24). There should be no fast on that day of celebration.

The length of the Apostles' Fast is variable, being determined by the date of Pascha. Eight weeks after Pascha comes the Sunday of All Saints. The next day, Monday, the Fast of the Holy Apostles begins. The Fast lasts until June 29, the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. The Apostles' Fast can begin as early as May 31 or not at all – depending on the date of Pascha.



Parish Council Meeting 4-28-14

Members in Attendance: Fr. David Koles, Gladys Labas, Nelson Potter, Diane Dounouk, Tessa Mah, George Matyczyk, Alan Hromi, Rosemary Delaney, and Nick Kokus.

Meeting Called to Order at 7PM and began with "Christ is Risen."

Pastor's Report:

Father thanked everyone who made Holy Week and Pascha a celebration and joy. The choir was especially appreciated. The choir also visited two nursing homes and sang the Pascha hymns to our shut-ins and the other guests. This Saturday's vespers are at All Saints in Hartford for their 100th anniversary celebration. Father will also be there on Sunday so Holy Trinity will have a substitute priest. From July 26 to August 2, Father will be on vacation. All council members have read and signed the PSP from the OCA. On May 21, the diocesan council will meet to consider questions and concerns.

Warden's Report:

Gladys reported the following:

- The final version of the 100th Anniversary booklet has been picked up and is being reviewed. It should be in church next week for anyone to look over. Discussion on how many to print. Council recommended that we get quotes for 150 to 250.
- Neighborhood clothing drive continues to be very successful thanks to our parishioner's generosity. Items will be distributed on May 11.

Dan Belonick has scheduled a planning meeting on May 10 after vespers for the Pentecost picnic. Community members have been invited.

Financial Report:

Al Hromi presented updated March figures, which are being audited. February has been audited.

March Income: \$14,565.86 March Expense: \$11,749.43 Income/Expense: \$2,816.43

Nelson presented a statement of all financial accounts as of March 31, 2014. Total assets: \$1,298,288.87. \$50k has been transferred to Bissland checking to pay for parking lot work.

Diane Dounouk motioned to accept February figures. Tessa Mah seconded. Motion carried.

March reports will be voted on at the next meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Diane Dounouk noted that Dan Bradanini should be added to "members in attendance."

Al Hromi motioned to accept the minutes with the change from the 3/31/14 council meeting. Nelson Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

Gladys reported in Dan Bradanini's absence: Work on parking lot has begun. George M Matyczyk's son-in-law will check to see if power from church will be able to run garage. Eddie Bichun contacted parking lot construction workers to double-check if garage is structurally sound for storage.

George Matyczyk reported the following:

New faucets in have been installed in the bathrooms.

Parking Lot Gate/Fence Updates

- New Britain Fence Company visited and provided quotes for extending the front fence, removing old gates, and installing a separately purchased chain: \$2,750. They will also remove two pieces of old fence from our garage.
- Sample design for the sign to hang on the chain at top and bottom of lot. Quote at \$77.50 each. It will be a few more dollars for reflective paint.

Chain is a few dollars per foot.

Nick Kokus motioned for \$3,500 to complete all the above work. Al Hromi seconded. Motion carried.

Brick Work

- Re-pointing work is scheduled to begin
- After that is finished the surface will be steam cleaned and allowed to dry
- Finally a silicone coating will be applied Quote \$5,650 Landscaping
- Remove stumps, roots, grading of lot, and enclose staircase etc.

Quote \$5,400

The outside water access will be secured

This work is being completed within the \$25,000 allowance approved at the annual meeting.

Cemetery Committee:

After much work, the cemetery is now in good shape. Flag holders will be returned to cemetery for people to use at the sites.

Finance Committee:

As noted on the investment reports, our investments are doing very well.

A meeting with the financial advisor from Merrill Lynch was held. An investment policy is being reviewed for approval. After investment policy has been approved, Nelson will return it to Merrill Lynch and they will make adjustments.

Some money market funds will soon be transferred into CD's. Once this is done, more time will be needed to make sure cash is available for projects.

New Business:

Alycyn Pulcini will step down as a Sunday school teacher in June. Dori Kowar will continue. Gladys suggested that Tessa, Stormy, & Rebecca (Karabin's) consider filling the position. Tessa will check. Rosemary suggested separating classes into age groups.

Diane Dounouk reported that the bookstore has not had much activity recently, even with attempts to discount and give out items. She feels it's no longer viable and would like to be done with it by the end of the year. Gladys thanked her for all her efforts and resources of time and money. The council will make a decision concerning the new vision of the bookstore by the end of the year. Perhaps a minimum of crosses, cards, and list of resources will be retained.

Nick Kokus motioned and Nelson Potter seconded to approve the charities as follows. Motioned carried:

July: Zoe for Life

August: Pathways Center (New Britain)

Tessa Mah motioned and & Diane Dounouk seconded the following meeting dates. Motion carried:

Monday, June 2 (May meeting) Monday, June 30 (June meeting)

Nick Kokus motioned for adjournment at 8:19PM. The meeting concluded with "The Angel Cried."

Submitted by,

Mick Kokus