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AND
EVER
SHALL BE!**

**Feast of The Protection of the Theotokos
October 1/14**

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Divine Services

Vespers: Sat 5:00 pm Eve of Feasts: 7:00 pm
Divine Liturgy Sunday & Week Day 9:00 am
Services of Intercession as Announced
Coffee Hour Fellowship Sundays 10:30 am
Church School Sundays: 10:45 am

Parish Ministries Coordinators

Church School Coordinator: Pani Carol Paproski

Junior ACRY Youth Group: Timothy Paproski

Outreach Coordinators

Community & Soup Kitchen	Mary Householder/ Eve Nucifora
Bereavement	Jean Lomme
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The Sick /Shut-ins	M Allis/E. Nucifora

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Father Peter's Message



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

I am pleased to welcome you to the first edition of
a new monthly parish newsletter, *The Prophet*

This publication will serve as an important
disseminator of vital parish, diocesan, inter-
Orthodox and community based activities of
interest to our parish family.

This publication contains all of the features of our
current weekly bulletin in an expanded format.
Parishioners are invited to submit personal
reflections on the faith and updates regarding
professional and personal accomplishments of
their family members.

The weekly bulletin will be reduced to a single
page format which will serve as a weekly update
to the monthly newsletter.

Praying that you find this new format to be
spiritually profitable and informative, I remain

With Love in Christ,

Very Rev Peter Paproski

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR
THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF
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OCTOBER 23, 2011

Life Passages

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Event</u>
Oct 7	Louis & Marge Gregory	Wedding Anniversary
Oct 12	Andrea & Jeff Stokely	Wedding Anniversary
Oct 12	Mike and Cindy Dion	Wedding Anniversary
Oct 13	Bill and Debbie Booth	Wedding Anniversary
Oct 14	Diane Rowland	Birthday
Oct 17	Michael Lomme	Birthday
Oct 21	Mary Householder	Birthday
Oct 22	Juliann Porter	Birthday
Oct 26	Brett Bilcheck	Birthday
Oct 28	Marge Gregory	Birthday
Oct 28	Brian Biles	Birthday
Oct 29	Serge Mihaly, Sr.	Birthday
Oct 30	Rochelle Corby	Birthday
Oct 31	Jason Pierce	Birthday

St John's Stewards: Doing the Work of the Church

COFFEE HOUR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
10/2	OK Mihaly
10/9	Pierce
10/16	Porter/LeClerc
10/23	Ryan/Lotufo
10/30	Stirna/Meyernick
11/6	Stokely

CHURCH READING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Epistle</u>
10/2	Pani Carol	Bill Bilcheck
10/9	Brendan	Cantors
10/16	Brett	Daniel
10/23	Daniel	Cantors
10/30	Pani Carol	Bill Bilcheck
11/6	Brendan	Cantors

CHURCH CLEANING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cleaner</u>
10/03-10/15	Harrison
10/17-10/29	Harrison
10/31-11/12	Decerbo
11/14-11/26	Harrison
11/28-12/10	Harrison
12/12-12/24	Pierce

SPONSOR A CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

Realizing that many parishioners either are not physically able or do not have the time to help clean the Church, the parish council has found someone who is willing to perform a routine cleaning of the Church for \$25.00. We are now soliciting sponsorships from our parishioners who wish to assist with the cleaning of the Church, but are not able to join the cleaning roster. You may offer a single cleaning sponsorship of \$25.00 or multiple cleaning sponsorships. At the present time, our current volunteers are assigned to 4 cleaning sessions per year. With your sponsoring of one or more cleaning sessions, you will lighten the load of the few parishioners who are left on the church cleaning list. If you are interested in doing so, please place your donation in a donation envelope clearly marked with your name and, the amount and indicating it is a Cleaning Sponsorship and place it in the metal collection box, or mail it to the Church. Thank You for your consideration of this request.

SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE

<u>PAGACHI</u>		<u>STUFFED CABBAGE</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat Oct 1	9:00 am	Wed Oct 26	9:00 am
Sat Oct 15	9:00 am	Wed Nov 2	9:00 am

BAKERS NEEDED FOR FOOD FEST

Bakers are needed to make ethnic pastries, pies and other baked items for the Slavic Food Festival. Please See Jean Lomme if you can help. Thank You!

Parish Council Updates

- ❖ Zoning Application for Church Parking Lot To Be Submitted for October P& Z Meeting
- ❖ Jason Sutyak as part of his Eagle Scout project will be facilitating repairs and maintenance of front step area, and church shrines.
- ❖ New Church Sign: A local company will fabricate a full color sign with UV protected seal Fr. Peter will present design prototype for parish review at coffee hour in October
- ❖ Two dead trees to be removed behind rectory garage and along rear fence line
- ❖ Correspondence was received from Diocese marking the 6 month anniversary of Metropolitan Nicholas' repose. Consistory is diligently searching for candidates to succeed Metropolitan Nicholas. The Consistory will be meeting with Archbishop Demetrios on October 4, 2011
- ❖ Parish Iconography Project. Prior to Semi-Annual Meeting an informational parish meeting will be held to get direction from the Parish as to how to proceed with further beautification of the Church with additional iconography.
- ❖ Father Peter spoke about the activities of the Fairfield University Orthodox Christian Fellowship and the request of the University that he celebrate a monthly service on campus

Church School Updates

The 2011-2012 Church School Year Began on Sunday Sept 18, 2011 with special prayers and blessings offered during Divine Liturgy for the Teachers and Students. May God Grant Them Many Years!

This year's teachers include Amy Booth (Kindergarten-First Grade), Eve Nucifora (Grades 2-4): Eve Nucifora; Pani Carol (Grades 5-8) and Fr. Peter: (Teens/Senior High School). Classes meet on Sunday mornings following Divine Liturgy. Fr. Peter will meet with our parish teenagers once a month in a youth group setting and will include supper, games, fellowship and a "clergy chat" discussion on a timely subject/contemporary moral issue.

Parents are kindly asked to reinforce at home what their children have learned in class and go over any lessons they may have missed due to illness or other absences. This way, our teachers will be able to cover the material that is dictated by our diocesan church school curriculum. If parents would like to purchase an additional copy of their child's textbook to keep at home, to facilitate the completion of any missed work, please contact Pani Carol. In addition to the classroom instruction, we will continue to organize spiritual, social and service activities of interest to your children. If you have any suggestions, please share them with Pani Carol or Fr. Peter.

As a reminder those children who have already made their first Confession should confess their sins on a regular basis. To this end, we are encouraging them to do so on the First Sunday of the Month. Those who are able to come to Confession the evening before at the conclusion of Vespers are encouraged to do so. Confessions will always be available before or after any Sunday/Weekday Liturgy or Vespers Service or at any other time by mutual arrangement

News From Across The Diocese

- ❖ Very Rev. Protopresbyter David Wine reposed in the Lord on Sunday, September 11 after an extended illness. Father David is the brother-in-law of Father John and Pani Marie Branco.
- ❖ New England Deanery DDD Dinner will be held on Sunday Oct 16, 2011 at Vazzy's Restaurant in Bridgeport, CT. Anyone who has not already supported this worthy cause are urged to do so. You may do so on line at <http://ddd.acrod.org> or by mailing in the form you have received in the latest mailing from the diocese.
- ❖ Protodeacon John Youhas is recovering from cancer surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

September Parish Events – The Month In Review

September as always is a month of transitions and new beginnings, with our children returning to school, and the start of the new ecclesiastical year.

At the annual Senior and Junior ACRY Convention in Pittsburgh during Labor Day Weekend, Tim Paproski was elected as National Junior ACRY President and received the Mr. Junior ACRY Award. Congratulations Tim !



This month, we have kicked into high gear, with our annual outing at the Bridgeport Blue Fish Minor League Ball Park on Sat Sept 10th where we saw the Blue Fish handily beat the Road Warriors. There were over 40 of us in attendance and were joined by our good friends from St. John's on Silver Lane.

Pani Carol and her group of devoted bakers, made 63 pagachi in 2.5 hours on Saturday Sept 17, in preparation for the November food festival.

Sunday Sept 18th, God blessed us with a spectacular day, which started with a joyful liturgy, during which, prayers were offered for the well being of the parish youth and their teachers on the first day of the new Church School Year. The day continued with our annual church picnic on our beautiful church grounds with more than 100 parishioners, neighbors and friends in attendance. Many thanks to Chairman Marcia Leonetti, chefs Al and Pat and all parishioners who stepped up to the plate to help make the day go so smoothly !



We also celebrated with joy the Feasts of the Nativity of the Mother of God and the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord. As always these feasts provided us with renewed strength and zeal to fulfill the work of the Church that is entrusted to us at *St. John's – The Little Church with the Big Heart...*

Parish Outreach & Community Service

COMMUNITY FEEDING PROGRAM UPDATE

We are responsible for providing supper once a month on Wednesday Evening at Christ Episcopal Church from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm and quarterly on Mondays at St. George Episcopal Church, Bpt

If you are able to work at a supper, or if you are able to make a salad or desert for a scheduled meal. please see Mary Householder or Eve Nucifora. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation item if you would be unable to drop it off at the supper. If you would like to Sponsor a meal, a donation of \$100.00 would cover an entire meal.

SCHEDULE

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wed 9/8	Christ Church, Stratford	11/23	Christ Church, Stratford
Mon 10/10	St George Church, Bridgeport	12/28	Christ Church, Stratford

* FOOD FOR NEEDY

Our Food Drive for Sterling House is ongoing and their needs are especially crucial in this difficult economy. According to the director of the food pantry the Summer months are very crucial as children are no longer in school and receiving free breakfasts and lunches. Child-friendly food items are needed. Among the items needed are hot and cold cereals, juices, pancake and waffle mixes, frozen breakfast foods, peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, instant puddings, crackers, snack foods, canned soups and fruits, powdered drink mixes, boxed and canned potatoes and macaroni and cheese, as well as microwavable and single-serving meals. Now refrigerated items such as milk and eggs are also accepted.

Also: We need some basic items for a needy, mentally disabled person whom we directly help to tide him over until the beginning of each month: Here are items our friend can use:

Cans of Split Pea Soup, Creamy Peanut Butter and Crackers, Vanilla Wafer cookies, 2 Liter Bottle of Regular Pepsi, Paper Towels, Shampoo, large bottle any brand, Folgers coffee. NO MORE RAVIOLI'S PLEASE Also gift cards from Stop and Shop would be helpful so that we may purchase perishable food items such as bread, milk, meat and other foods items that are needed.. If you can contribute any of these specific items, please leave these items in Father Peter's Office, not in the general food collection basket. Cash donations/gift cards should be put in an envelope marked clearly for needy food purchase and placed in the collection box on the candle desk. Thank You! *"For I was Hungry and You Fed Me"*

ST JOHN'S GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Jason Sutyak is looking for volunteers to help work with him on his Eagle Project right here on the grounds of St John's church. His project will be to clean the area around the front and side of the church and then repaint the front stairs & railings, stain the cross and the two benches at the shrine. He is tentatively planning to start on Saturday Oct 1st at approximately 10:00am. If you can come out and lend Jason a hand please add your name and phone number on the signup sheet in the church basement or phone Jason at 203-925-1466. He will contact you to confirm the date. – If you are unable to volunteer your time, monetary donations to defray the costs of the materials and food Jason will be purchasing will be greatly appreciated. Please assist Jason in any way you can, as it will be a much needed improvement to appearance of our Church entrance and shrine areas. Many thanks to Jason Sutyak for taking on this project.

Deanery and Area Orthodox Parish Events

ETHNIC FOOD "TO-GO" and Tag Sale

on
Saturday, October 8th
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Take home our delicious
stuffed cabbage or halushki

at
St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
600 Silver Lane, Stratford

Ethnic Foods To-Go Order Form
October 8th, 2011

Name: _____
Phone: _____

\$5.00 each

Container with 2 Large Stuffed Cabbage: Qty _____
Container of Halushki: Qty _____

Return to Carole Krochta or call 203.375.2621 to place a phone order
by October 1st

St. John's Orthodox Church
(600 Silver Lane - Stratford)

Halloween Dinner and Bingo



Sunday, October 30th

Dinner begins at 4:00 p.m.

Bingo follows at approx 5:15 p.m.

Admission for Dinner:
Adults - \$8.00 Children (under 12) - \$5.00

Admission for Bingo: \$1.00

Please make reservations
with
Carole Krochta
203.375.2621 or
cwkkrochta@optonline.net
before October 23rd

St. Dimitrie
Romanian Orthodox Church
Consecration



Join us in our new home

CONSECRATION SERVICE and GALA BANQUET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011

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up dates

Coming Events

- Sat Oct 1 Church Grounds Beautification Project Work Day – 10:00 am
- Sun Oct 2 Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner – Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Bridgeport. – 1:00 pm
- Mon Oct 10 Visit of Weeping Icon of the Mother of God from Hawaii – Holy Trinity, Danbury 7 pm
- Sun Oct 16 Annual New England Deanery DDD Dinner, Vazzy's Restaurant, Bridgeport
- Fri Nov 4 Holy Trinity Get-Away Weekend – Village Inn, Lenox Mass
- Sat Nov 5 Annual Parish Slavic Food Festival



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

74 Joe's Hill Road
Danbury, CT 06811

Very Reverend Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly, Pastor

September 2, 2011

Dear Fathers and Faithful:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

This fall we are restarting our adult parish retreat. This year marks a significant milestone: it will be our 25th Parish Retreat/Get-Away and we are hoping as many of you as possible will be able to join us. We have set aside Friday November 4 through Sunday November 6 for our weekend and we will be returning once again to the Village Inn in the quaint New England town of Lenox, MA. The schedule will remain essentially the same as in previous years.

The weekend package includes a two night stay at the inn, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner and a Sunday brunch. The cost for the entire weekend will be \$175.00 for a single and \$275.00 for a couple. This includes everything except gratuities. Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church and given to Susan Sulich or Carolyn Kaiser or mailed to the church, 74 Joe's Hill Rd., Danbury, CT 06811. Full payment must be received no later than October 1st.

All of the rooms at the inn are lovely and each is unique. They all have private bathrooms. Rooms will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis. Reservations may be made by contacting Susan Sulich at 203-746-6008 or via email at ssulich@yahoo.com. If you have any special needs with regard to accommodations or food, please let Susan know when you make your reservation. Again, reservations must be received by October 1st.

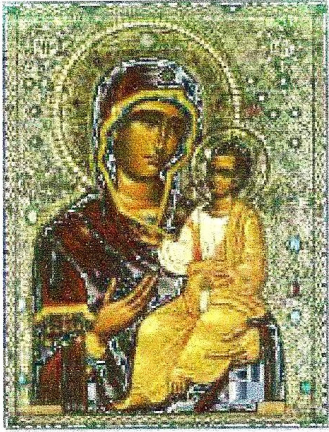
The weekend will be divided between exploring our Orthodox faith and relaxing. Saturday morning, after breakfast, we will have morning prayers followed by a presentation. This will leave the afternoon open for free time activities such as shopping, visiting nearby Stockbridge to see the Norman Rockwell Museum or simply enjoying the natural beauty of this scenic locale. There are plenty of things to do and visit in the area which will make this a special New England weekend.

Saturday evening we will gather for a Moleben to St. Nectarios and confessions for those who wish. Dinner will be at The Village Inn followed by free time. Sunday we will have Divine Liturgy. Following the service, we will gather for a group picture and enjoy a hearty New England breakfast together before departing to our respective communities.

We do hope that you will be able to attend. Please feel free to invite family and friends. The Retreat is open to all--Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Luke Mihaly



Danbury, CT: The Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will visit Holy Trinity Orthodox Church: Father Luke Mihaly, rector of the church, announced that on Monday evening, October 10, the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Mother of God of Hawaii will visit Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. A moleben or service of intercession will be held at 7:00 PM.

This myrrh-streaming icon depicts the Mother of God holding the Christ child. The myrrh that flows from this icon is an oil-like substance possessing the fragrance of roses. It is considered a great blessing from the Mother of God and many healings, both spiritual and physical, have been attributed to it. The icon is a replica of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God of Montreal. The original icon of the Iveron Mother of God is still housed in the ancient Iveron Monastery on the monastic peninsula of Mount Athos, Greece.

The Hawaiian Iveron Mother of God has a unique history; the icon is a mounted replica of the Montreal Iveron Icon of the Mother of God, made by the Sofrino Church Supply Company in Russia. It was given as a gift to an Orthodox believer in Hawaii by the parish rector in the summer of 2007. It was in October 2007 that the believer, Reader Nectarios, smelled a strong fragrance of roses coming from the area in which the icon was placed in his home. As he approached the area searching for the source of the strong aroma, he noticed that the icon of the Mother of God that he had received as a gift was completely saturated with the fragrant myrrh. After notifying the parish priest, the icon was brought to the church and completely wiped dry. A service of intercession was held before the icon and, by the end of the service, the icon was again streaming myrrh and the church was filled with the fragrance of roses.

To this very day, many people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds come to venerate the icon of the Mother of God and ask for Her assistance with their troubles and maladies, as well as their physical ailments and spiritual needs.

In June 2008, the Holy myrrh-streaming Hawaiian-Iveron Icon was officially recognized by Archbishop Kyrill, ROCOR's Archbishop of San Francisco and Western America, as miraculous and genuine. The icon and its bearer have been given the blessing to travel to the various churches and monasteries of the Orthodox Church.

The holy icon of the Mother of God continues to stream its fragrant myrrh to this day.

Growing in the Orthodox Faith – Food For the Soul

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God October 1/14



The account of the appearance is to be found in the Life of St. Andrew “the Fool in Christ” (died 956). It is at the church of Blachernes [in Constantinople], where the robe, the veil and part of the girdle of the Holy Virgin are preserved, that the appearance occurred. During the office of the vigil, about four in the morning, St. Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius saw a majestic woman advancing towards the ambo, supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and accompanied by several saints. On reaching the center of the church, the Mother of God knelt down and remained long in prayer, her face bathed in tears. When she had prayed yet again before the altar, she took off the shining veil which enveloped her and, holding it above her head, extended it over all the people present in the church. Andrew and Epiphanius alone were able to see the appearance of the Mother of God and her veil which shone like the glory of God, but all who were present felt the grace of her protection.

This invisible protection of the Mother of God, interceding with her Son for the whole universe, protection that St. Andrew could contemplate in the form of a veil covering the faithful, constitutes the central idea of the festival of October 1st: “The Virgin is today

present in the church: with the choirs of the saints she prays to God invisibly for us. Angels and bishops prostrate themselves, apostles and prophets rejoice: for the Mother of God intercedes for us before the eternal God.”

The Mother of God is seen standing on a small cloud, hovering in the air above the faithful. She has both arms outstretched in a gesture of supplication, expressing her prayer of intercession. Two angels hold by either end a great veil which billows in the form of a vault over the Mother of God. The procession of saints which surrounded the Queen of the Heavens at the time of her appearance is represented by two groups of apostles and prophets with St. John the Forerunner. On his scroll: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near.”

To the right of the ambo, two persons in the foreground are detached from the crowd of the faithful. They are St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius, the witnesses of the appearance of the Mother of God. St. Andrew is turned towards his disciple showing him the appearance with a gesture of the right arm extended towards the Mother of God.

- From The Meaning of Icons by Leonid Ouspensky and Vladimir Lossky

St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press

The Orthodox Church Teachings On Contemporary Moral Issues

Suicide

No believer is permitted to take the life of another and likewise cannot take his own life. Suicide is murder, self-inflicted and therefore a grave sin. Committing suicide signifies a loss in the perception of the goodness of our heavenly Father and shows that patience, hope and faith in God has been lost. A person of faith, regardless how great the difficulties he or she faces, must never resort to suicide as a so-called solution to problems in life. Orthodoxy denies Christian burial of one who knowingly commits suicide. Only when a physician certifies that such a sad victim of circumstances has indeed lost sanity entirely does the Church permit the final obsequies be celebrated with recourse to the diocesan hierarchy, mandatory in such cases.

Euthanasia-Mercy Killing

The Orthodox Church has since time immemorial honored life and exalted the faithful believer as a child of God. Those who themselves plan and others who participate with them in the destruction of life place themselves outside the salutary grace of Christ and His Church. If the victim has given advance consent to such a heinous practice, Christian burial is excluded and no memorials or Divine Liturgies may be celebrated for the repose of such a soul unless it may be medically proved the individual in question was totally depraved and psychologically and spiritually bereft of normal good reason. Anyone who participates in assisting such a person is placing himself beyond the ability of the Church to redeem him and is guilty of actual murder. The ordinary canonical and Scriptural penalties are to be invoked in such cases which provide for a denial of Christian burial, sacramental participation unless and until remorse and repentance are evidenced in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which absolution can only be granted with the express consent of the hierarchy of the diocese.

The Church accompanies its faithful from even before birth, through all the steps of life to death and beyond, with its prayers, rites, sacraments, preaching, teaching, and its love, faith and hope. All of life, and even death itself, are drawn into the realm of the life of the Church. Death is seen as evil in itself, and symbolic of all those forces which oppose God-given life and its fulfillment. Salvation and redemption are normally understood in Eastern Christianity in terms of sharing in Jesus Christ's victory over death, sin and evil through His Crucifixion and His Resurrection. The Orthodox Church has a very strong pro-life stand which in part expresses itself in opposition to doctrinaire advocacy of euthanasia.

Euthanasia is understood to be the view or practice which holds that a person has the right, and even the moral obligation, to end his or her life when it is considered to be - for whatever subjectively accepted reason - "not worth living." Euthanasia advocates nearly always include in this assertion the right and duty of others, including medical personnel, to assist the person in fulfilling this purpose. Needless to say, the Orthodox Church rejects such a view, seeing such behavior as a form of suicide on the part of the individual, and a form of murder on a part of others who assist in this practice, both of which are seen as sins. Thus the Orthodox Church, in the words of 1976 Christmas encyclical of former Archbishop Iakovos, considers "euthanasia and abortion, along with homosexuality ... a ... moral alienation." Modern medical practice, however, has affected another part of the Church's perspective. The Church does not expect that excessive and heroic means must be used at all costs to prolong dying, as has now become possible through technical medical advances. As current Orthodox theology expresses it: "The Church distinguishes between euthanasia and the withholding of extraordinary means to prolong life. It affirms the sanctity of human life and man's God-given responsibility to preserve life. But it rejects an attitude which disregards the inevitability of physical death." This means that the Church may even pray that terminally ill persons die, without insisting that they be subjected to unnecessary and extraordinary medical efforts. At the same time, the Church rejects as morally wrong any willed action on the part of an individual to cause his or her own death or the death of another, when it otherwise would not occur. (From Orthodox Reading Room www.acrod.org)

Prayer Corner - Daily Scripture Readings

WEEK OF SEPT 25, 2011

M. Galatians 4:28-5:10	Mark 6:54-7:8;	Centurion Cornelius
T. 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24;	John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35;	Elevation of the Cross
W. Galatians 6:2-10;	Mark 7:14-24;	Great Martyr Nicetas
T. Ephesians 1: 1-9;	Mark 7:24-30;	Great Martyr Euphemia
F. Ephesians 1:7-17;	Mark 8:1-10;	St. Sophia and Her Three Daughters
S. 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 ;	Matthew 24:34-44; John 8:21-30	St. Eumenes
S. 2 Cor 6: 1-10; Gal 2:16-20; Matt 25:14-30; Mark 8: 34-9:1;		Sunday after the Elevation.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2011

M. Ephesians 1:22-2:3;	Mark 10:46-52;	Great Martyr Eustathius
T. Ephesians 2:19-3:7;	Mark 11:11-23;	Holy Apostle Quadratus
W. Ephesians 3:8-21;	Mark 11:23-26;	Priest Martyr Phocas/ Prophet Jonah
Th. Ephesians 4:14-19;	Mark 11:27-33;	Conception of St. John the Baptist
F. Ephesians 4:17-25;	Mark 12:1-12;	Holy Equal to the Apostles Thecla
St. I Corinthians 14:20-25;	Matthew 25: 1-13;	St. Euprosyne of Alexandria
S. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1;	Matthew 15: 21-28;	Rest of the Evangelist John

WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2011

M Ephesians 4:25-32;	Luke 3:19-22;	Holy Martyr Callistratus
T. Ephesians 5:20-26;	Luke 3:23-4:1;	Holy Confessor Chariton
W Ephesians 5:25-33;	Luke 4: 1-15;	St. Cyriakis the Martyr
T Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 4:16-22;	St. Gregory of Armenia
F Hebrews 9:1-7;	Luke 10:38-42;11:27-28;	Protection of the Theotokos
S. 1 Corinthians 15:39-45;	Luke 4:31-36;	Holy Martyrs Cyprian & Justina
S. 2 Corinthians 9:6-11;	Luke 5:1-11;	Priest-Martyr Dionysius

WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2011

M Philippians 1:1-7;	Luke 4:37-44;	The Priest-Martyr Hierotheus
T Philippians 1:8-14;	Luke 5:12-16;	The Holy Martyr Charitna
W Philippians 1:12-20;	Luke 5:33-39;	The Holy Apostle Thomas
T Philippians 1:20-27;	Luke 6:12-19;	Holy Martyrs Sergius & Bacchus
F. Philippians 1:27-2:4;	Luke 6:17-23;	Saint Pelagia the Penitent
S. 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3;	Luke 5:17-26;	The Holy Apostle James, Alphaeus
S. 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9;	Luke 6:31-36;	Holy Martyr Eulampius

WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2011

M. Philippians 2:12-16;	Luke 6:24-30;	Holy Apostle Philip
T. Philippians 2:17-23;	Luke 6:37-45;	Holy Martyr Probus
W. Philippians 2:24-30;	Luke 6:46-7:1;	Holy Martyr Carpus
Th. Philippians 3:1-8;	Luke 7:17-30, 11:27-28;	Holy Martyr Nazarius
F. Philippians 3:8-19;	Luke 7:31-35;	St Euthymius the New
St. 2 Corinthians 1:8-11;	Luke 5:27-32;	Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurian
S. Galatians 1:11-19;	Luke 7:11-16;	The Prophet Hosea
M. Philippians 4:10-23;	Luke 7:36-50;	The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke

Prayer Corner

Prayer List

Living Members of Parish Family And Friends

Protopresbyter Luke	Ronald (Vojtek)	Shirley Sedlock
Fr. John (Duranko)	Pani Patricia (Duranko)	Florence (Gachi)
Garry & Barbara (Nichols)	Richard (Kaschak)	Pearl (Nucifora)
Nicholas (Gachi)	Veronica (Kaschak)	Charles (Householder)
Audrey (Fatse)	Richard (Kaschak Jr)	Jayne (Kuchma)
Serge (Mihaly)	Lou (Gregory)	Marge (Gregory)
Serge Sr (Mihaly)	Michael (Banik)	Denise (Eve's Daughter)
Mary (Nichols)	Nina (Kuchma)	Esther (Johnson)
Joshua (Habansky)	Geoffrey	Roger (Vanhouten)
Tana (Friend of Jo F)	Ishmael	Child Diana
Sarah (Otwell)	Karl (Devan)	Protopresbyter Demetrios
Elsi (Lotufo)	Penny (Elsi's daughter)	Richard
Yuko (Friend of Eve)	Kennedy Family	Karen (Ivers)
Thomas (Ivers)	Rachel (friend of Karen)	John (Cybul)
Gregory (Cybul)	Infant Gia (Litzie)	Marge (Allis)
Protodeacon John (Youhas)	Joseph (Loposky)	Randy & Janice
Laura	Gene Paraska	Greg & Kim

Departed Members Of Our Parish Family And Friends

Helen Rowland	+Metropolitan Nicholas	Fr. David (Wine)
Nancy Franco	Stephen & Michael Mihaly	Mary Kroll
Florence Gabany	Stephen Holly	Catherine Dahulich
John Dupalkovich	Peter Mikulak	Mary Kochiss

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant (name). Through the prayers of the Mother of God, deliver (him, her) from sickness and bitter pain. Heal (him, her) so that (he, she) may sing to You and always praise You - for You alone love us.

A PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who has conquered death and destroyed Satan, and Who has granted life to Your world; O Lord, rest the soul(s) of Your departed servant(s) [Name] in a serene, luxuriant and peaceful place where all pain and sorrow and lamentation are absent; as a gracious God Who loves mankind, forgive all transgressions committed by (him, her, them) by word or deed or thought, for there is no one who lives and does not sin; Your alone are without sin, Your truth is truth in eternity and Your word is truth. For You, O Christ our God, are the resurrection, life and repose of Your departed servant(s) [Name], who (has, have) fallen asleep, and we give glory to You and Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

LITURGICAL SERVICES & EVENTS

OCTOBER 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 9:00 am Pagachi Workshop 5:00 pm Vespers
2 9:00 am Liturgy OK Mihaly Coffee Hr Church School FORCC DINNER 8 pm FFU OCF MTG	3 Harri son Church Cleaning	4	5 7:00 pm Moleben to Nectarios	6	7 10:00 am Liturgy Cambridge Manor Rep. Stephen & Michael Mihaly	8 9:00 am Liturgy Rep Peter Mikulak 5:00 pm Vespers
9 9:00am Liturgy /Panachida Mary. Kochiss Pierce Coffee Hr Church School	10 Supper – St. George Bpt. 7 pm Moleben Weeping Icon Danbury	11 7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	12	13 7:00 pm Great Vespers	14 Protection of Theotokos 9:00 am Liturgy Seniors Fellowship	15 9:00 am Pagachi Workshop 5:00 pm Vespers
16 9:00 am Liturgy- Panachida N. Franco/ Porter/LeClerc Coffee Hr & Ch School	17 Harrison Church Cleaning	18	19 7:00 pm Compline Fairfield Univ	20	21	22 5:00 pm Vespers
23 9:00 am Liturgy, Church School OK Ryan/Lotufo Coffee Hr Panachida Kroll/Gadala 8 pm FFU OCF Mtg 30 9:00 am Liturgy Meyernick Coffee Hr Church School Panachida F. Gabany	24 31 Decerbo Church Cleaning	25	26 9:00 am Stuffed Cabbage Workshop	27	28	29 5:00 pm Vespers