

Regarding Relics

Herod Agrippa, the grandson of Herod the Great and king of the Jews, grew wroth against the Church of Christ, and slew James, the brother of John the Evangelist. Seeing that this pleased the Jews, he took Peter also into custody and locked him up in prison, intending to keep him there until after the feast of the Passover, so that he could win the favour of the people by presenting him to them as a victim. But the Apostle was saved when he was miraculously set free by an Angel (Acts 12:1-19). The chains wherewith the Apostle was bound received from his most sacred body the grace of sanctification and healing, which is bestowed upon the faithful who draw nigh with faith.

That such sacred treasures work wonders and many healings is witnessed by the divine Scripture, where it speaks concerning Paul, saying that the Christians in Ephesus had such reverence for him, that his handkerchiefs and aprons, taken up with much reverence, healed the sick of their maladies: "So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:12). But not only the Apostles' clothing (which certainly touched the bodies of the sick), but even their shadow alone performed healings. On beholding this, people put their sick on stretchers and beds and brought them out into the streets that, when Peter passed by, his shadow "might overshadow some of them" (Acts 5:15). From this the Orthodox Catholic Church has learned to show reverence and piety not only to the relics of their bodies, but also in the clothing of God's Saints.

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Sunday of Zacchaeus

Today's social will be hosted by **Mark and Carol Benda. Despena Eptamenitis** is signed up for next week. Please **sign-up downstairs** if you can help with hosting one. There is a sign-up Sheet on the candle desk if you would like your home blessed

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Sunday, January 21, 2007

Today ... "Maslanitsa" pre-Lenten Dinner and Dance at Holy Assumption Church in Clifton. See flier downstairs

Mon Right to Life March, Washington, DC

Saturday 6:00 pm Vespers - Confessions

**Sunday Church School 9:15 AM
Hours 9:40 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
Refreshments/Fellowship**

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 7.

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicaea (303-305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3rd). Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Ven. Neophytus of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos). Ven. Maxim the Greek (1556).

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle) - Luke 14:1-11 (Gospel)

BULLETIN

Welcome to Archpriest Stephen Kopestansky and Matushka Alexandra of St. Tikhon's Monastery. Father Stephen is serving for Father Samuel who was called away to another parish this morning.

WASHINGTON, DC BUS TRIP 1/22/07

Please pray for the following people who will be going to Washington, DC for the Right to Life March tomorrow. Father Samuel, Catherine Kedala, Ed Engelsman, and Maria Higginbotham. Keep them safe in their honorable deed.

Last week's Coffee Social was hosted by **Bob & Christine DiMauro and Philip.** Today's social will be hosted by **Mark and Carol Benda. Alexandra Gutu** is signed up for next week. Please **sign-up downstairs** if you can help with hosting one.

There is a sign-up Sheet on the candle desk if you would like your home blessed with the newly sanctified waters of the Theophany.

Sunday School Teachers are desperately needed. Please see Matushka JoAnne. Please Help.

Our Food Certificate (card) chairperson **Loren Chwan** will be offering the Food

Cards at this mornings Coffee Social. Buy your food cards today. **Great for Gifts.** **A Basket in the Vestibule** downstairs is for collecting foodstuffs for the needy of the Sussex Borough and the surrounding areas. The sign attached to the basket describes the items needed. Please buy an extra can, box or food item listed so that the needy can be fed.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 AM every Sunday morning.

There is a **Car Removal Program** that has been offered to our parish. If anyone knows of someone who has an old car or junker that is sitting around and they would like to get rid of it, let us know. It will be towed away at no expense, our Church will receive \$100.00 and the owner will receive an tax deduction for the value of the vehicle (more money will be given to the Church if it has more value).

Please Help and remember to send in your **weekly donation or pledge** even when you have **not attended Church** on a Sunday. Our Church depends on your weekly contributions to pay our obligations. Thank you.

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Pat Nauditt, Chaplain Fr. Peter Daratsos, Stefan Szemetylo, Christopher Mitsos, Svetlana Satch, Gregory Taylor, Larry Quirk, Mary Itsla, mother Sarah and newborn Ella Jane, Richard Kruzelnick, Corinne Matthews and Dan Taylor.

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By **Bob and Christine DiMauro** for Health and Happy Birthday of **Philip DiMauro**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book downstairs.