

May 11, 2008 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha – Tone 2. Holy Myrrhbearing Women. Founding of Constantinople. Hieromartyr Mocius, Presbyter of Amphipolis in Macedonia (3rd – 4th c.). Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavs. Ven. Sophrony, Recluse of the Kiev Caves (13th c.). St. Joseph, Metropolitan of Astrakhan (1671). St. Nicodemus, Archbishop of Serbia (1325). **Epistle:** Acts 6:1-7. **Gospel:** Mark 15:43-16:8.

Next Sunday, May 18 – 4th Sun. of Pascha – Tone 3. Paralytic. Epistle: Acts 9:32-42. **Gospel:** John 5:1-15.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF May 11, 2008

TODAY

11:15 AM Church School & Bible Class

MONDAY

6:30 PM Holy Trinity Academy School Board (at School/Laird Ave.)

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers

6:30 PM Parish Council

WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: reading from Prologue

SATURDAY

6:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (May 18)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: Paralytic

11:15 AM Church School & Bible Class

Stewardship: 04-27-08: \$4,465.00; Attendance: 04-27-08: 150; Candle Commemorations: 04-20-08: Theotokos: anniversary of Bill and Bette Frenchko (48th). Altar: blessed memory of Tony Sabino Christ: birthday of Anna Blanar (96th).

Basket Collection today: for the Orthodox Community Relay for Life Team.

Please pray for the following:

Olga Obletiloff, Madeline Yenchochik, and Taylor Nelson

Path to Salvation Class: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (following Vespers; except that one Tuesday of the month when Parish Council meets). The next *Class* will be May 20 studying Lesson 12 – “New Testament Geography.” Any one is welcome to join the class at any time.

Archbishop Job has rescheduled his visit with us for this upcoming June 21/22 at which time Fr. Jonathan will be officially installed as the Parish Rector.

Fasting during the Paschal season:

Bright Week following Pascha is a fast-free week. Beginning with St. Thomas Sunday (the Sunday after Pascha) we return to our “normal” fasting practice of abstaining from meat and dairy on Wednesdays and Fridays, in remembrance of our Lord’s betrayal and crucifixion, respectively. The next fast-free week in the Church year is the week following the Feast of Pentecost (this year, June 15).

FYI, Orthodox Christians in the Antiochian jurisdiction (e.g., St. Mark’s Church in Liberty, Ohio) maintain a fast-free period throughout the 40 day Paschal season, from Pascha to the Feast of Our Lord’s Ascension (this year, June 5). Though we may differ in respect to our fasting “rule,” it is important for all of us to concentrate on being *Orthodox*, which means living a new life according to Christ’s death and resurrection. Thus may we be known primarily for our moderation, our obedience to Christ, our faith, and our love for one another!

St. Vladimir’s Camp and Retreat Center: 2008 Summer Camp!!!

- Week 1 – ages 7-11 is from June 29 to July 5
- Week 2 – ages 12-16 is from July 6 to July 12
- Application Deadline: Memorial Day (May 26) – pick up an application with all necessary forms from Fr. Jonathan (see the FOCA bulletin board)
- Financial assistance has been budgeted from our Parish, so don’t be afraid to ask!
- Camp Vladimir is a mere 20 miles north of here in the Farmdale/Greene area.

Holy Trinity Academy – Spring Arts Festival:

“Composers and Poets” (an evening of Art, Drama, and Music)

Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 PM – St. Demetrios Church (on High Street)

All are invited and welcome; refreshments will follow the show!

Happy Mothers’ Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and godmothers. Thank you for the love you share with your children. May God grant you a grace-filled day and many more continued blessings throughout your lives – through the prayers of the Mother of God and ever-Virgin Mary.

+ The Epistle readings throughout the Paschal season are from the *Book of Acts*. These readings bear witness to the Gospel (“good news”) of the Risen Lord Jesus as He continues to cure the ill, raise the dead, and give eternal salvation to all who believe on Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. Consult your Church calendar and take some time to read the daily selection from the *Book of Acts*.

A Note of Clarification Concerning Use of the Church Hall:

By prior agreement some years ago, a fee of \$100 is owed the Sisterhood for their work in preparing and cleaning up the Church Hall after various functions. Sorry for any confusion regarding this matter.

June 16-20, 2008 - Orthodox Vacation Church School at St. John's

Theme: "Jerusalem Marketplace" - all children of our Warren Orthodox Community are invited to attend (and bring your friends!); registration beginning soon!

Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the Warren Relay for Life on our Orthodox Relay Team this past weekend. Special thanks go to Karen George, Mary Gearhart, the Lodys, and the McKenzies for getting things together for the event. May God bless us all for salvation of both body and soul.

Michael Stan recorded the choir during the Holy Saturday Matins sung this past Holy Friday and edited together a 22 minute compact disc recording of some of the hymns. The singing and sound quality are very good. If you ask Michael, he would probably make a copy of the CD for you!