

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

July 8, 2012 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE GREAT MARTYR PROCOPIOS; Wonder-working Sitka Icon of the Mother of God



Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle): Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel): When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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Services & Activities:

Sunday, July 8 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Litya for Helen Pribo & Mary

Guman Wednesday, July 11 3:00 pm Akathist

Thursday, July 12 7:00 pm Talk by Fr. Dan
Geeza

The Feasts of the Church and
our lives

Saturday, July 14 5:30 pm Confession
6:00 pm Vespers

Sunday, July 15 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Litya for Helen Pribo & Mary

Guman

Monday, July 16- Friday July 20 8:50 am-12:30 pm
Summer Vacation Church
School

ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!

Fr. Dan Geeza will be giving a talk Thursday, July 12 at 7pm on the Feasts of the Church in our lives.

ALL SAINTS SUMMER VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL: TRAVELING ON THE ARK OF SALVATION: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 16-20; 8:50 AM – 12:30 PM. AGES 3-11, YOUNGER SIBLINGS WELCOME AND OLDER KIDS NEEDED AS ASSISTANTS. SEE ELLEN RUCKS (570) 445-4558 FOR DETAILS & SIGN UP. FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY.

The icon of the Mother of God on the icon stand for veneration is a copy of the miracle working Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron which was presented to All Saints Parish in remembrance of the visitation of the icon of the Mother of God to All Saints Parish, Olyphant on October 14, 2011.

HOLY TRINITY WILKES-BARRE BAZAAR, SATURDAY (4PM-11PM) & SUNDAY (4PM-10 PM) JULY 28 & 29 ON CHURCH GROUNDS: PIEROGIES, POTATO PANCAKES, HALUPKI, HALUSHKI, HOMEMADE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, FRENCH FRIES, SAUSAGE & PEPPERS, STEAK SANDWICHES, FUNNEL CAKES, HOMEMADE DESERTS, LIVE MUSIC BEGINNING 7PM.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of

All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Claudia, Barbara, Dorothy, George, Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, among them Joannie Schlasta, Timothy Naughton, and all the newly departed, especially Helen Priblo.** If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! **PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM!** This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Evans, Carelle, and Rezanka families for today's coffee hour and to the Nibbling & Naughton families for next week's coffee hour.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.

Winners: 6/29-30: 610 Linda Stuchlak; 174 Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30) in memory of Timothy Naughton; Web-Site (\$25) & Shut-in mailings (\$25) by Linda Stuchlak. Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 6/17/12: \$647.00; Loose Collection: \$36.35; Second Collection (Perogie): \$62.00; Church Donation in memory of Helen Pribo & Mary Guman offered by Michael Guman: \$100.00; Tithe: \$250.00 REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.



THE SITKA ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD LOCATED AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN SITKA, ALASKA IS ONE OF THE MOST REVERED ICONS IN NORTH AMERICA: THE SITKA MOTHER OF GOD.

THIS ICON HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A FAMOUS ICONOGRAPHER, VLADIMIR

LUKICH BOROVIKOVSKY (1758-1826), A PROTÉGÉ OF THE EMPRESS CATHERINE II WHO WAS INSTRUCTED AT THE ACADEMY OF ARTS IN ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA. IN ADDITION TO BEING A GREAT PORTRAIT PAINTER, BOROVIKOVSKY ALSO PAINTED MANY OF THE ICONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF THE KAZAN ICON IN ST PETERSBURG.

PAINTED IN THE STYLE OF THE KAZAN MOTHER OF GOD ICON, ON CANVAS, THE SITKA MOTHER OF GOD ICON IS 36 X 17½ INCHES IN SIZE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY BEAUTIFUL AND DETAILED RIZA OF SILVER COVERS THE ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS AND CHRIST CHILD, AND THE IMAGE OF GOD THE FATHER BLESSING FROM ABOVE.

THE CATHEDRAL RECEIVED THE ICON AS A GIFT FROM THE LABORERS OF THE RUSSIAN AMERICAN COMPANY IN 1850, TWO YEARS AFTER THE CATHEDRAL WAS COMPLETED. EVEN WITH THEIR MEAGER WAGES, THESE MEN GENEROUSLY MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHURCH.

MIRACLES HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE SITKA MOTHER OF GOD ICON OVER THE YEARS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GAZE OF THE EYES OF THE THEOTOKOS HAVE LED TO THE RESTORED HEALTH OF THOSE WHO PRAYED BEFORE THE ICON.

BECAUSE OF THE PEACEFUL GAZE OF THE THEOTOKOS, THE ICON HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "PEARL OF RUSSIAN ECCLESIASTICAL ART OF INEFFABLE GENTLENESS, PURITY AND HARMONY..." AND "...THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FACE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD WITH THE DIVINE CHILD IN HER ARMS IS SO DELICATELY AND ARTISTICALLY DONE THAT THE MORE ONE LOOKS AT IT THE MORE DIFFICULT IT IS TO TEAR ONE'S GAZE AWAY."

ORIGINALLY PART OF THE MAIN ICONOSTASIS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL IN SITKA, ALASKA, THE ICON IS NOW PERMANENTLY LOCATED ON THE FAR LEFT SIDE OF THE ICONOSTASIS IN A SPECIAL PLACE OF HONOR.

Normal fasting this week on Wednesday and Friday.