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V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek - Rector



JUNE BULLETIN SPONSOR

In memory of Bubby Anna Jesko— Given by Anthony Jesko

Liturgical and Events Schedule *TWO WEEK EDITION*

Sunday, June 25

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Monthly
Panachida / Social

Monday, June 26

6:30 PM: Orthodoxy 101 class

Wednesday, June 28

6:00 PM: Vesperal Liturgy

Thursday, June 29

11:00 AM: Book Club

Saturday, July 1

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, July 2

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social

Wednesday, July 5

7:30 PM: City of Campbell Public Meeting

Saturday, July 8

6:00 PM: Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, July 9

9:35 AM: Hours
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy / Social

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

June 25: Greg Puska

ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Esteemed Monastics, and God-loving Faithful of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest

Beloved Sons and Daughters,

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended with power upon the Apostles. On that day and in that moment the Church's mission to the world was initiated. The Lord Jesus Himself had prepared the Eleven for this mission, appearing to them on many occasions after His Resurrection (Acts 1: 3). Prior to the Ascension into Heaven, He ordered them "not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1: 4-5); that is, He asked them to stay together to prepare themselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. And so, they gathered in prayer in the Upper Room with the Most Holy Theotokos and the other women, awaiting the promised event (Acts 1: 14).

In reading the Pentecost account provided by Saint Luke in the Book of Acts, we see that the Apostles stayed together. This was the condition laid down by Jesus in order to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit; the foundation of their harmony and their oneness of mind and heart was continued communal prayer. In nothing this, we are offered a formidable and inspiring lesson for every Christian community.

Some think at times that missionary effectiveness depends primarily on careful programming and its subsequent intelligent application through a concrete commitment and process. The Lord certainly does ask for our collaboration and the use of our minds and talents and skills, but before any other response takes place and before any of our efforts can bear fruit, His initiative is necessary: His Spirit is the true protagonist of the Church. The roots of our being and of our action in the Church are always to be found in the wise and whispering **Con't Pg 4**

PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-INS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Send a "Thinking of You" card or remember their Birthday with a card. If anyone needs to be added, please contact Fr. Andrew.

Mrs. Mary Fredericks

Mrs. Audrey Chengelis

Mrs. Julia Simko

Mrs. Mary Jane Puskas

Emilia Yannitto

Matushka Helen Psinka

Mrs. Dorothy Shirilla

Mrs. Pauline Fesz

Mrs. Marion Zwinski

Joan Cross

Irene & Al Mazanek

Saints Peter and Fevronia (tonsured David and Euphrosynē), Wonderworkers of Murom Commemorated on June 25

Holy Prince Peter (David in monasticism) and Holy Princess Febronia (Euphrosynē in monasticism), Wonderworkers of Murom. Prince Peter was the second son of the Murom prince Yuri Vladimirovich. He entered upon the throne of Murom in the year 1203. Several years before this Saint Peter had fallen ill with leprosy, from which no one was able to heal him. In a vision it was revealed to the prince that the daughter of a bee-keeper would be able to heal him: the pious maiden Febronia, a peasant of Laskova village in Ryazan gubernia. Saint Peter sent his emissaries to this village.

When the prince saw Saint Febronia, he fell in love with her because of her piety, wisdom and virtue, and vowed to marry her after being healed. Saint Febronia healed the prince and became his wife. The holy couple loved each other through all their ordeals. The haughty boyars did not wish to have a princess of common origin, and they urged that the prince leave her. Saint Peter refused, and so they banished the couple. They sailed off on a boat from their native city along the River Oka, and Saint Febronia continued to console Saint Peter. Soon the wrath of God fell upon the city of Murom, and the people begged the prince return together with Saint Febronia.

The holy couple was famous for their piety and charity. They died on the same day and hour, June 25, 1228, having received the monastic tonsure with the names David and Evphrosyne. The bodies of the saints were put in the same grave.

Sts Peter and Febronia showed themselves exemplary models of Christian marriage, and are considered as the patron saints of newly-weds.



PRAYER LIST– Updated 6-19-23

PARISHIONERS: Eli Arvan / Audrey Chengelis / George Horodnic / Irene Horodnic / Pauline Fesz / Mary Fredericks / Paula Kennedy / George Kolesar / Barbara Kolesar / Kim Konik / Thomas Kristian / Mary Jane Puskas / Kenny Ruff / Dorothy Shirilla / Julia Simko / Marion Zwinski / Erica & her unborn baby / Mary and her unborn child

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Archbishop Benjamin / Bishop Matthias / Fr. James Gleason (Fr.) / Fr. Michael Rustick (Fr.) / Fr. Emil Hutnyan / Fr David Lis. (Fr.) / sub-deacon Wylie Meath (Fr) / Dominic Centofanti) / Ellen (Clark) / Katie (Garrity) / Basil Glovinsky (Fr.) / Kathy Jacob (Fr.) / Ellen (Kessler) / Eleanor Marie (Kidder) / Paul (Kolesar) / Kathy (Kolesar) / Malakai (Kolesar) / Andrew LaChard (Jesko) / Walter Litzie (Fr.) / Mea (Mahan) / Mary (Mahan) / Pauline Meath (Fr.) / Karen Muzyka (Fr.) / Tracy Nelson (Fr) / Matushka Raissa (Nicoloff) / Eugene (Pallai) / Ksenia and her unborn child (Petrochko) / Matushka Helen (Psinka) / Chris Quotap (Fr.) / Kristianna & infant Mary Louise (Robinson) / William Romanchak (Fr.) / Julia Shirilla) / Katherine (Steffaro) / Johanna (Tusinac) / Richard (Tusinac) / Brian (Shirilla) / Joseph (Vansuch) / Eleanor Marie (Vansuch) / Paula (Voytilla) / Mary Ann Vozichovich (Kennedy) / Sarah and her unborn baby / Drew (Willison) / Emilia (Yannitto) / Zoland Zile, (Fr.)

MILITARY FAMILY & FRIENDS: Cory Deaton (Fr.) / Alena Grabavoy (Fr.) / Liam Garrity (Zelinsky)

MISCELLANEOUS: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Diocese of Aleppo) & Archbishop John (Archdiocese of Aleppo) still being held captive / The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers around the world / Those suffering persecution in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and around the world.

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

JULY SPONSORSHIPS

WINE: (\$50 for the month)

INCENSE: (\$25 for the month)

BULLETIN: (\$50 for the month) In memory of Joanie Puharich Kovach - Given by Michael Kovach & Robert Puharich families
Iconostasis Candles & Eternal Light: (\$50 for the month) In memory of my husband on the occasion of his 29th anniversary, Robert Kennedy- Given by Sue Kennedy

ALTAR CANDLES: (\$50 for the month) In memory of Ruth Libertin - Given by Nick & Monica Vansuch / In memory of Andrew Cvercko on the 6th Anniversary of repose – Given by Ann Cvercko / In memory of Michael & Ethel Dudzik – Given by Mike & Lynn Polewan

TETRAPOD CANDLES: (\$50 for the month) In honor of my son's 59th birthday - Given by Sue Kennedy

CANDLES @ ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ICON: (\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week)

CANDLES @ PROTECTION ICON: (\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week)

CANDLES @ ST. PANTELEIMON ICON: (\$30 for month or \$20 for just 1 week)

CANDLES @ ICON OF MARY: (\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week)

CANDLES @ ST. HERMAN: (\$30 for month or \$20 for just a week)

FLOWERS: (\$75) In memory of my family and friends - Given by Fr. Andrew

JULY CHANGE IN CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS

It was brought to my attention that some people would like to light the votive candles and sometimes they are taken up by sponsorships. So beginning in July The Icon of Jesus will not be available for monthly sponsorship so it will give an opportunity for others just to light candles.

Thank you Fr. Andrew

Archpastoral Message Con't from Pg 1

voice of God, leading and guiding us, and speaking to us through the Church, Christ's faithful people gathered together in faith and in love.

The images used by Saint Luke to indicate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit – wind and fire – recall Sinai, where God revealed himself to the people of Israel and offered his covenant (Exodus 19: 3ff.) The feast of Sinai, which Israel celebrated 50 days after the Passover, the feast which was taking place in today's account from Acts, was the Jewish feast of the Covenant, the commemoration of God giving the Law through the hands of the Prophet Moses and the beginning of the covenanted relationship between God and His Chosen People.

By highlighting the tongues of fire (Acts 2: 3), Saint Luke wants to show Pentecost as a new Sinai, as the feast of the New Covenant, where the Covenant with Israel is extended to all the nations of the earth. And so, with our celebration of the new Pentecost we acknowledge that Christ's Holy Church – our Church – has been catholic and missionary from the very first moment of her existence. The universality of salvation is meaningfully manifested by the list of the numerous ethnic and language groups to which those who heard the Apostles' first proclamation belonged: "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs..." (Acts 2: 9 -11).

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JUNE- Liturgical Attendance

Day	Vespers	Divine Liturgy	Communicants
Saturday, June 3	10		
Sunday, June 4		72	50
Saturday, June 10	32		
Sunday, June 11		57	40
Sat., June 17	7		
Sun., June 18		70	47

REPOSED LIST FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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- 1- Michael Nosik, Sr. (2015) ©
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- 16- Mary Petrusovich (1920) ©
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- 25- Vasil Kovach (1922) ©
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- 28- Andrew Leso (2000)
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JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 - Anthony Jesko, Sr.
2 - Jake Muscaro
2- Sue Kennedy
5 - Peter Adzima
5- Michael Simko
12- Lindsey Tamulonis
13 - Fr. Nick Mihaly
15 - Emily Kusinski
15 - Ajjire Dardovski
15 - Alex Vansuch
19 - Emily Sarisky
25 - Ron Zenko
28 - Vincent Cavaliere

ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Paul & Mollie Demkosky
4 - Kenny & Carol Ruff
6-18-72 His Grace Bishop Matthias Priestly
Ordination (49- 2021)
21 - V.R. Archpriest Dave Lis Priestly Ordina-
tion (41 years 2021)
25 - Fr. Andrew & Pani Yoanna
27-2009 - AB Melchisedek of Pittsburgh
29-2021 - His Grace Bishop Gerasim of Fort
Worth

NAMESDAY

3 - Fr. Andrew Bartek

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The People of God, which had found its first manifestation on Sinai, extends today to the point of surmounting every barrier and division of race, culture, space and time. As opposed to what occurred with the tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9), when people wanted to build a way to heaven with their hands and ended up by destroying their very capacity of mutual understanding, on Pentecost the Spirit, with the gift of tongues, demonstrates that His presence unites and transforms confusion into communion, and division into unity. We are reminded of this when we sing the Kontakion of the Feast:

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-Holy Spirit (Tone 8).

As occurred at the building of the Tower of Babel, human pride and egoism always create divisions and build walls of indifference, hate and violence. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, makes hearts capable of understanding the languages of all, as He re-establishes the bridge of authentic communion between earth and heaven. But how is it possible to enter into the mystery of the Holy Spirit? How can the secret of love be understood?

The Gospel passage takes us today to the Upper Room where, after the Last Supper, a sense of loss has saddened the Apostles. This is due to the fact that Jesus' words arouse disturbing questions: He spoke of the world's hatred of

Him and of His own, He spoke of His mysterious departure; and there were still many other things to be said, but for the time being the Apostles were not able to bear the weight these words of (John 16: 12). To console them, Jesus explains the meaning of His departure: He will go, but He will return; in the meanwhile, He will not abandon them, will not leave them orphans. He will send the Consoler, the Spirit of the Father, and the Spirit will enable them to understand that Christ's work is a work of love: love of the One who gave Himself, love of the Father who has given Him.

This is the mystery of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit illuminates the human spirit and, by revealing Christ Crucified and Risen, indicates the way to become more like Him, that is, to be the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ.

The Church, gathered today on this Feast, raises its imploring prayer: "Come, O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life – Come! Abide in us. Cleanse us and save our souls, O Good One! Amen.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and those you love,

DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest

FINAL FINANCIALS FOR JUNE TO DATE

Expenses \$8,114.49
Income \$15,634.00
TOTAL +\$7,519.51

Weekly Tithe \$7,124
Assessment \$45
Weekly Candles \$102

Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John Commemorated on June 24

The Nativity of the Holy Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John: The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of Saint John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, Saint Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that Saint Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

Saint Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. Saint John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon Saint Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked Saint Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: "His name is John." Immediately his tongue

was loosed, and Saint Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, Saint Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. Saint Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord.

