

# SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Newsletter

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## January Council Highlights

- ✘ December's Operating Income was \$24,486.30 and Operating Expenses were \$12,123.98, resulting in a positive balance of \$12,362.32 for the month of December, and YTD Net Operating Income of \$12,052.68 for 2013.
- ✘ SS Peter & Paul will be hosting the Annual DOW Assembly meeting from October 7 - 9, 2014; Archbishop Benjamin has extended an invitation to Metropolitan TIKHON to attend.
- ✘ A Project Mexico trip is being planned in July.
- ✘ Adult education resumes January 29th until Great Lent.



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## Fearless Love

**On February 17 and 18 we read a long passage from the First Epistle of John (2:18 to 3:20), in which he writes about many aspects of love.**

The first verses express both sorrow and urgency. John reminds his readers that they have heard that the "antichrist is coming." In the next verses he describes the "antichrist" as people who "went out from us." They left the body of believers to which they once belonged, and now teach falsehoods, denying "that Jesus is the Christ."

Of course John is sorrowful because these souls have abandoned the faith, but he is also reminding his readers, who have continued to be followers of Christ, that they were "anointed by the Holy One." He urgently warns them to "let what you heard in the beginning abide in you." This is essential for us if we are to "have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming."

The Greek word translated as "confidence" means a kind of



boldness, the kind we ask for in the Divine Liturgy when we pray that God will enable us to say the Lord's Prayer "with boldness and without condemnation." Only those who love Christ enough to accept Him as what He says He is—God's divine Son—can have this boldness or confidence. They trust Him and believe He tells the truth. Their love is not shadowed by the doubt that turned the "antichrists" away from Him. Doubt creates fear, but their love is a fearless love.

Chapter 3 begins with a wonderful declaration: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God." Then, immediately following these stirring words, John writes that if we accept this incredible love, the world will not know us, because it does not know God.

For some people, the idea of being "unknown" by the world causes great fear. They take pride in their worldly position and achievement, and would fear losing those things if they

focused on the life to come. They are too fearful to have fearless love.

Next John writes that "we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is." These words call us to trust God, like children, and leave the future to Him rather than try to figure it out. But this lack of control causes fear in some people. They attempt to determine the date of the Second Coming, or the day the world will end.

On the 17th we celebrate a saint who is an example of fearless love. She is Mariamna, the sister of the apostle Philip. She accompanied her brother as he traveled to spread the Gospel, and preached with him. Even when he was killed, she didn't give up, she didn't become angry at God, or embittered by her loss. She continued to trust God's plan, and went on preaching for many more years.

That is fearless love.



# Message From Our Rector

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we now leave behind us the beautiful feasts of Christ's Nativity and of His Theophany, we can already see on the horizon before us the pre-Lenten Sundays that will prepare us to enter into the season of the Great Lenten Fast. However, in the middle of these two movements- from the Nativity to the Fast- we pause and celebrate yet another feast commemorating the salvific mission of our Savior: the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord.

As we know from the Gospel of Saint Luke, in accordance with the Law, forty days after He was born the Infant Christ was presented in the Temple in Jerusalem (see Leviticus 12, Exodus 13:12-15 for the Old Testament references). At this time as well his mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as provided for in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second day of February, the Church celebrates the feast of this presentation which is liturgically called the Meeting (also the "Presentation") of the Lord.

As told us in Luke 2:22-36, the meeting of the Infant Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna is the central focus of this feast. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26) and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, he arrived on the scene at the very hour in which Christ was being carried into the Temple. Then and there, he recognized the new-born Messiah, took him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Vesper service:



*"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart hearts and homes, guide our lives, and in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou high.*

*hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel"* (Luke 2:29-32).

In the our celebration of the feast, the liturgical texts emphasize that Christ, the Son and Word of God, the Creator of the Cosmos and Giver of the Law, is now carried in the arms of the Righteous Simeon as a forty-day old human infant. It is for this reason that Saint Simeon is given the additional name, "The God-receiver." The Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now fulfills the Law which He gave, as he condescends to be carried in Simeon's arms as a small, defenseless, human child.

The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the Church is not merely an historical commemoration. It is also a call for our own lives. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit to dwell in the presence of God, we, as the members of the Church, can also claim our own "meeting" with the Lord. The Lord Himself has called us to recognize Him, to hear His call and follow Him, to be guided by the His Light of Revelation, and to live the life of Baptism which is life in Him. In our own lives of faith, we can make the words of Simeon our own, we can live our lives carrying Christ within us and then "depart in peace" because our eyes have seen the very salvation of God.

It is our tradition to bless candles after the Divine Liturgy of this feast, again recalling the words of Saint Simeon extolling the Infant Christ as "the light of revelation to the Gentiles..." May that Light fill our

With love in the Lord,

Father David

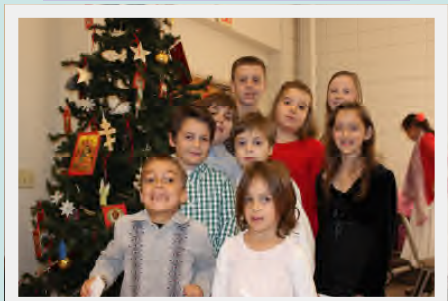


As Natalya Delsante presents her gift of knee pads, Eva awaits her turn.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NATIVITY PLAY**  
January 5, 2014



Zach's gift is a digital clock, representing time for Christ.



The cast: Katiya, Alex, Katie, Valya, Natalya, Alex, Adrian, Zach, Gabriel, and Eva.

# SS Peter & Paul Holds Annual Parish Meeting

Father David opened the annual meeting opened with a prayer.

Father David reviewed the requirements of our by-laws for being a voting member. Eighty people are listed as members and stewards and thus voting members. A quorum was established. Father David asked Mike Wagner to post the parish by laws on the parish web site.

Father David began his report by quoting from St Paul's Letter to Philippians:

*"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began this good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Philippians 1:2-6.*

Father David stated that as we come together for our annual parish meeting, a meeting in which we reflect and focus upon our life and mission as a community, he wanted to begin by making note of some observations about our parish community offered by people who are not members of our community.

Father David had the opportunity to host the first meeting of the Statute Revision Task Force, whose purpose is to provide a new draft of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. The first meeting of this important group took place at SS Peter and Paul. Members of the Task Force include His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Episcopate, four other priests, including Fr John Erickson, former dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, and Fr Alexander Rentel, currently a member of

the seminary faculty at Saint Vladimir's. Also, a retired superior court judge and law professor and the archivist of the Orthodox Church in America. The membership on the task force represents a wide



range of experience of church life here in North America and internationally.

All were impressed by the prayerful atmosphere and cleanliness and beauty of church.

The first question Father David was asked as they arrived at the church for their

meeting was "When can we see inside the church?" Naturally, he was happy to show our beautiful church to everyone. The members of the Task Force were impressed by its beauty, cleanliness, good order, and prayerful atmosphere—after 45 years.

They also commented on the beauty of our church property. And they were also impressed by the fact that here in this corner of Phoenix we have a beautiful



parish hall—space set aside for the work of parish administration, for our community to celebrate, to gather in fellowship, to teach and to learn, and so forth. Father David noted that they also commented on the real sense of commitment to the work of the Church—and of the parish—for us to be able to have such a beautiful place to worship, to live our

life as a community, to celebrate, and share our Orthodox Faith. They were inspired by what they saw and they were inspired by everything behind what they saw—something invisible and intangible.

Father David was said he was very edified by the good things said about our community and felt what he hoped was a "holy" sense of pride, not a vain pride. Father David agreed with their assessment. He went on to acknowledge that these are the same things said by so many people who come and visit our parish community and are welcomed here—most of whom also add another observation about our parish life: the hospitality, welcome, and sense of willingness to help those who come to us, regardless of request or need, our willingness to share the blessings we have been given.

But, Father David continued, how is it that these things **can** be said about us, that these observations can be made. How is it that we are who we are? Why is it that we have what we have? Why is it that this place, these things, and these traits and characteristics are ours? By God's grace and mercy; because we are willing to respond to that grace and mercy—starting back in 1951; because we are willing to remain committed to the work entrusted to us; because we are committed to caring for—for being stewards of—the gifts God has given us.

As we conduct today's annual meeting, Father David said, we need to have foremost in our minds:

All we have comes from God; everything we have is a gift. We acknowledge and

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gratefully accept these gifts and blessings, and we acknowledge that a responsibility comes with this: our recognition of this compels us to reach out to others, to welcome others; to share the blessings—not to hold on in some way that we think we're protecting what we have or preserving it like something meant for a museum.



Our meeting today—as Father David is always quick to remind us—is a celebration of our life together. It is a time to reflect upon the good things and also acknowledge the challenges ahead of us. Father David cautioned that as we hear reports, as we elect persons to assist in the administration of the parish, as we make decisions concerning the stewardship of that which is entrusted to us, we give thanks, we acknowledge, and we commit ourselves.

Father David thanked everyone who makes this all possible: Protodeacon Alexis; the Officers and Member of the Parish Council—caring for the maintenance and upkeep of our parish property, maintaining financial records, the nuts and bolts things like paying bills, serving as ushers, producing our monthly newsletter, maintaining our parish website, dedicating time to conduct the business of the parish—and so much more.

The Myrrh Bearers Altar Society, who do so much behind the scenes—providing for flowers and decorating the church for the great feasts, the baking and raising of funds to beautify the Holy Altar, coordination of social events and encouraging fellowship, providing care of the Holy Altar.

Servers and readers, and their great help in preparing for the services.

Our Choir Director and Choir – such beau-

tiful celebrations throughout the year.

The FOCA – and its special fundraising for charitable causes that reach beyond our parish.

The Sunday School teachers and aides and parents.

And everyone who makes up part of the community as it gathers to worship (as always, the CENTER of our

life together)

Father David closed by repeating the quotation from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians:

*“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began this good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Andy Evans, Council President, thanked everyone for being here, and echoed what Father David said: we are seeing the benefits of the good, harmonious relationship we have.

Next on the agenda was a review of the previous year's minutes. There being no questions or proposed changes, David Bieber moved to accept minutes; Michael Wagner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Marty Gala delivered the report for the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society. She reviewed their activities for 2013, and thanked everyone for their continued support of the MBAS' activities.

Stephanie Homyak distributed and delivered copies of the Sunday School report. Highlights of the year included Antonia Adams-Clement's presentation on missions to the students, followed by students collecting money and participating in the missions walk in Tempe; the Easter Egg hunt on Pascha; making gifts for Mother's Day, A visit from St. Nicholas, and the Nativity play. Research is underway to purchase playground equipment for the youth. Student attendance continues to be a challenge. Stephanie closed by thanking the teachers, Lisa Formica and Marty Gala, and the parents who pitch in and help out.

Moving on to Adult Education, Father



David commented on the challenges with schedules and travel. Joint class were held with the mission church. A new series of classes about the celebration

of Divine Liturgy starts on Wednesday, January 29 and will last until the beginning of Great Lent. During Great Lent, Wednesday evening Pre-sanctified Liturgies will be followed by a Lenten meal and short discussion.

Harold Homyak presented the maintenance report. This ministry has been going on for over 60 years. Harold noted that he plans on “retiring” from this ministry and hopes to see someone else taking over during the course of the upcoming year. City code requires complete overhaul of the Ansell system (over the stoves). Dan Perrotto and Andy Evans

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change filter of AC/ heating units. David Homyak has been taking care of toilets when they break down. As we improved the church grounds, we had to meet city landscaping requirements. Now, we need a landscaper to maintain property. The size of our property requiring landscaping maintenance increased significantly with the addition of new parking lot. One



thousand dollars a month has been budgeted for landscaping. Harold went on to thank those who clean up the candles and candle stands at end the of service.

Mike Wagner, webmaster, presented a usage report of the parish web site. People are accessing our web site from all over the world, including China. He also noted that a donation button has been added to the web site.

Pat Starkey presented a report on the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America. Their mission is to proclaim, share, and reveal the Orthodox faith. In 2013, twenty members participated in OCMC walkathon. The FOCA donated \$200 to the church for Christmas; \$200 to the Tossi family; and \$200 in gifts cards to St Herman’s seminarians. Pat invited everyone to join the FOCA. Meetings moved to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Katrina Delsante presented the Auditors’ report. Everything is in good order; statements are consistent and in good order; the books are very clean; and the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are doing a great job keeping a good record in our parish.

David Homyak presented the financial report. Operating Income for 2013 was \$154,951.02 and Operating Expenses were \$142,898.34, leaving a positive balance of \$12,052.68.

Rosemarie Osolinsky asked about the Diocesan assessment. We will be moving to a “tithing” system, and will be paying the DOW 10% of our operating income; the DOW will then give a portion of that to the national office. More information from the DOW will be coming in the upcoming months.

A question was asked regarding Project Mexico. SS Peter and Paul has committed to pay \$120/month for Project Mexico to assist with a tutor at the school there.

Other parishes in the valley also made a commitment. Excess donations are held in a restricted account to cover our donations during the “lean” summer months. Two years ago, a special Christmas donation was made to Project Mexico when there were extra reserves built up in the account. On the topic of restricted accounts, it was noted that we always have cash available in the bank to cover restricted accounts.

George Moriarty made a motion to accept the financial report; seconded by John Blischak. Motion carried unanimously.

David Homyak presented the proposed 2014 budget, and provided insight into the

thought process behind the various line items. He presented a budgeted income of \$153,500 and budgeted expenses of \$149,000. Mike Wagner motioned to accept the proposed budget; seconded by Wesley Holmes. Motion carried.

Father David presented the proposed slate of candidates for executive officers:

- President Andy Evans
- Vice President John Blischak
- Secretary Harold Homyak
- Treasurer David Homyak
- Financial Secretary Walter Booriakin

Father David asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, Joe Gala made a motion to waive our parish by-

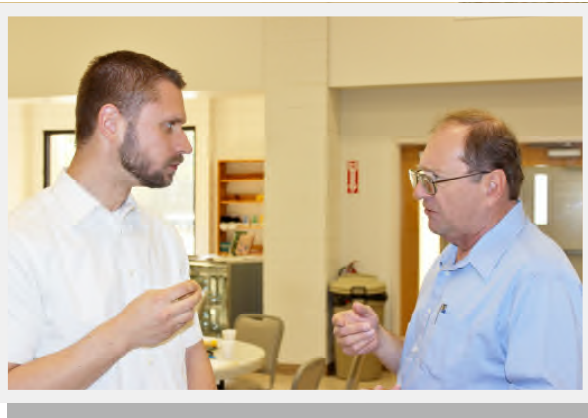
laws Article 4 Section (requirement limiting officers to 4 consecutive terms) and reelect our current officers. Seconded by Rosemarie Osolinsky. Motion carried.

Father David presented the candidate for the two open trustee positions: Alexander Dolotov for 5-year trustee and Marty Gala for 2-year trustee. Bill Osolinsky made a motion to elect the two new candidates; seconded by Joe Gala. Motion carried.

Father David entered the names of Katrina Delsante and Michele Golowatsch for auditors. Wesley Holmes motioned to elect Katrina Delsante and Michelle Golowatch as auditors. David Bieber seconded. Motion carried

The patron saint icons have arrived and will be arranged on the walls in entry way to the parish hall shortly. This is fitting, since this is the dining room of the parish. The 2014 calendars were ordered in December and have not yet arrived. Father David has called and e-mailed but has not heard back about the delivery date.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a deanery workshop on the Stewardship of God’s Creation at St Paul the Apostle Church in Las Vegas, NV. Please see Fr. David so that we can provide them with a number by of participants by February 8<sup>th</sup>.



As part of our Lenten journey, we will have a retreat here on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of lent. Fr. John Behr, Dean of St. Vladimir, and a Patristic scholar will speak. He will also be preaching at Sunday of Orthodox vespers at

Holy Trinity.

The parish will be hosting the annual Diocesan Assembly, October 7-9, 2014. We will require help preparing meals. It has been many years since the assembly has been held here. Metropolitan Tikhon has been invited and will be attending.

It was also noted that the parish directory needs to be updated.

Stephanie Homyak made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Wesley Holmes. Motion carried.

The annual meeting was closed with a prayer.

# When Humility Breeds Courage

**During the week of February 2nd, the Church commemorates a very early saint and a relatively recent saint. They are Theodula of Anazarbus and the New Hieromartyr Vladimir of Kiev, Metropolitan.**

Though Theodula lived in the 4th century and Metropolitan Vladimir in the 20th, they shared a trait of many saints: deep and authentic humility. But also like many saints, they did not lead quiet lives, as most humble people would like to do. They had to take public, unpopular and dangerous stands in order to defend the faith.

Theodula's very name implies humility, since it means "handmaiden of God." She lived during the reigns of two successive third-century Roman emperors who persecuted Christians, and would have preferred to worship Christ without attracting attention, but she was arrested and ordered to honor the pagan gods.

Her refusal was firm, yet full of humility as she asked God to help her endure torture, never assuming she could manage it on her own. One of her persecutors, Hella-

dius, was so affected by this combination of humility and courage that he became a Christian, and they both eventually became willing martyrs for Christ.

Metropolitan Vladimir was born to a priestly family in the Russian province of Tambov in 1848. He was a timid child, sometimes hiding from visitors. Academically gifted, he studied and then taught for several years, receiving ordination relatively late, at age 34. He began serving a quiet provincial parish, which suited him and his beloved wife and child very well.

But in 1886 both his wife and child died. It seemed natural, then, to be tonsured a monk. His gifts and character led to his consecration as a bishop, and from 1898 to 1912 he served as Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomna.

During these years in a prestigious position he wrote, "To be humble means to know nothing about our talents or any other benefits we have above others, but rather consider them to be the grace and gifts of God..."

But these were also years of growing and

sometimes violent unrest in Russia. In this uncertain and dangerous atmosphere, the humble bishop who'd been a timid child acted courageously many times. He visited factories, encouraging workers to live as Christians rather than embrace radical socialism, as activists were urging them to do. He firmly denounced as un-Christian a popular document called "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" which was produced by revolutionaries to incite anti-Semitism, and which falsely claimed to be written by Jewish leaders planning to dominate the world. (Henry Ford liked it; he printed and distributed 500,000 copies.)

In 1918, opposing forces of the Russian Revolution were vying for control of Kiev, to which Metropolitan Vladimir had been transferred. Soldiers attacked his monastery and dragged him to a brutal death, making him the first bishop to be a martyr of the Revolution.

The Church honors his outspoken courage, and also the way he lived by his own humble words: "Not to me, O Lord, but to Your name be the glory."

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of

## Around SS Peter & Paul

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1	George Moriarty
3	John Tanner
5	Pat Starkey
6	Walter Booriakin
16	Ted Demos
	Liliya Armstrong
17	Mark Littrell
19	John Hecht
	George & Nadya Moriarty
26	Theodora (Teddi) Brent
28	Samuel Melendrez
29	John & Carol Yavornitzky
February 5	Mark and Sanna Littell
9	Katrina Delsante
11	Joe Delsante
	Anatoly Bezkorovainy
14	Jane Evans
20	Sterling Sourk

### CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON

The Cheesefare Sunday luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Please see Pat Starkey to make your reservations.



### PRAYER LIST

*"I was sick and you visited me."  
Matt 25:36*

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

Rose Koval  
Ann Garza

*If you know of anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact Father David.*

# Bits and Pieces

## MEMORIAL SATURDAYS

Upcoming pre-Lenten and Lenten Memorial Saturdays are February 22 and March 15, 22, and 29. If you need to update your memorial prayer list or submit a new one, please see Fr David. All persons whose names are provided are prayed for at the Memorial Services on these Saturdays. It is a thoughtful and prayerful way to remember your loved ones who have fallen asleep. The Memorial Services/Panhydidas will be held on each of these Saturdays, before Vespers at 4:30 p.m.

## LENTE RETREAT

Mark Saturday, March 8, on your calendars now. Our parish will host a Lenten Retreat led by Archpriest John Behr, Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary. Father Behr will also preach at the Inter-Orthodox Vespers Service on Sunday. (Please note that the list of hosting parishes will be provided in the March bulletin.) More details about this Lenten retreat will be forthcoming.

## NATIVITY CELEBRATION

Our parish celebration of the Lord's Nativity was truly beautiful. From the music, to the assistance of our Altar servers, to the flowers and decoration of the Church and hall, to the Holy Supper—everything we did gave glory to God as we celebrated the Birth of His Son. May the Lord Himself bless all those who made our celebration what it was. *Father David*

## HOLY SUPPER

More than one hundred parishioners, family/ friends attended Holy Supper. It was a beautiful evening that began with everyone attending Compline before Holy Supper. Thank you all for attending and contributing to this special evening. Thank you to those who donated food and those who helped to set-up and then clean-up after the meal.

## LENTE MEAL AFTER PRESANCTIFIED

Starting Wednesday, March 5th, a Lenten meal will take place (soups, fruit, and bread) following Pre-sanctified Liturgy. There will be a sign up sheet for those Wednesdays. Please see Barbara Peterson to sign up.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thank you to all who participated in our annual parish meeting. Your participation in this meeting and the input received are deeply appreciated. The newly-elected officers and trustees for the year 2014 are: Andy Evans, president; John Blischak, vice president; Harold Homyak, secretary; David Homyak, treasurer; Walter Booriakin, financial secretary; Katrina Delsante and Michelle Golowatsch, auditors; and Alexander Dolotov and Marty Gala, trustees.

## STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGES/BUDGET

You should have received your 2013 Statement of Contributions for your tax purposes. It's also time to start thinking about your pledge for 2014. Keep in mind that our operating expenses (such as utilities and landscaping) continue to increase, requiring more income from pledges and other sources. Please be generous when filling out your Pledge Form. You can pick up pledge forms in the Church vestibule.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION OF ICONS

Youth will participate in the annual procession of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 29, 2014. Icons will be provided for all youth to carry in the procession around the church. The children are also welcome to bring their own favorite icon from home to carry in the procession.



## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

The Great Fast begins on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Forgiveness Vespers will be celebrated on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, after the Cheesefare Luncheon. The Canon of St Andrew will be sung on Monday and Tuesday of that week, at 6:00 p.m. The first Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts of this Lenten Season will be on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. and every Wednesday of Lent. The Pre-sanctified Liturgy will be followed by a Lenten meal and a small presentation, discussion, or Question & Answer session.

## MYRRH BEARERS ALTAR SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who contributed and attended Holy Supper, it was a wonderful night of fellowship.

I also want to thank everyone who participated in the various events we had in 2013, whether it was chairing the Pan Orthodox Meal (Barbara Peterson), the Nut Roll bake (Elizabeth Michel), the Cookie Bake sale (Pat Starkey), Mother's Day (Jane Evans) or the Christmas Raffle (Rita Mudrenko). A lot of preparation and work is involved.

The MBAS would like to thank everyone for their help and support in 2013. Without your support, we would not have been able to accomplish everything we did. Our next meeting will be held February 9, 2013 including the election of officers. All are welcome.

## BOOKSTORE

The bookstore has been restocked with some favorites!

*When You Fast Cookbook!*

*The Pearl of a Great Price!*

*St. Innocent of Alaska!*

*The Story of Mary (children's)!*

*The Boy, A Kitchen and His Cave (children)*


Check out these titles as well as others...Great Lent is just around the bend, so it would be a good idea to get your spiritual bookshelves restocked and ready to go!

One last note...Unfortunately, the 2014 pocket calendars are not available to purchase this year. I tried to place an order at the beginning of December and they had already sold out. St. Tikhon's printed smaller quantities this year to avoid having too many unsold as in past years. Please accept my apologies and I promise to place my order as soon as they are available for the 2015 edition. The wall calendar that our parish provides will have the same information, albeit not in an easily transportable version.

## WELCOME

We welcome all visitors to SS Peter & Paul. We hope your visit was enriching and enlightening. Please join us in the Cultural Center, behind the church, for our Fellowship Hour. It's a chance to meet some of our members, other visitors, and enjoy some coffee and fellowship.

# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			29	30	31	1 Forefeast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
<b>Lenten Retreat</b> Mark Saturday, March 8, on your calendars now. Our parish will host a lenten retreat led by Archpriest John Behr, Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary. More information will follow.						
			7:00pm Adult Ed'n.			5:00pm Vespers
2 Meeting of the Lord in the Temple Sunday of Zacchaeus 8:30am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of Candles</i> <b>Church School</b> <b>FOCA Meeting</b>	3 St. Simeon	4	5	6	7	8
<b>We welcome all of our guests and visitors. Please join us in the Cultural Center for Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy each Sunday.</b>						
			7:00pm Adult Ed'n			5:00pm Vespers
9 Publican and Pharisee 8:30am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Church School</b> <b>MBAS Meeting</b>	10 Areovindus Icon	11	12 Iveron Icon	13	14	15
 <b>Cheesefare Sunday Luncheon</b> Sunday, March 2, 2014 Sponsored by the Myrrhbearers						
		6:00pm Council Mtg	7:00pm Adult Ed'n			5:00pm Vespers
16 Prodigal Son 8:30am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Church School</b>	17 Tikhvin Icon at Mt. Athos	18	19	20	21 Kozel'shchanskaya Icon	22 Memorial Saturday
<b>Join us for a light lenten meal and discussion following Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please contact Barbara Peterson to sign-up to bring soup, fruit, or bread.</b>						
			7:00pm Adult Ed'n			4:40pm Panihkida 5:00pm Vespers
23 Meatfare Sunday 8:30am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Church School</b>	24 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Finding Honorable Head of St. John the Baptist	25	26	27 St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn	28	1
<b>MEAT FAST</b>						
			7:00pm Adult Ed'n			5:00pm Vespers
2 Forgiveness Sunday Cheesefare Sunday 8:30am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy <b>Church School</b> Cheesefare Luncheon Forgiveness Vespers	3 <b>Beginning Great Fast</b> 6:00pm Great Canon of St Andrew	4 6:00pm Great Canon of St Andrew	5	6	7	8
			6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Meal & Reflection			5:00pm Vespers