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SERVICES September 17, 2017 – September 24, 2017

**Sunday, September 17, 2017.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;
12:00 noon – 12:30 pm – Adult Study;**
Wednesday, September 20, 2017.....6:00 pm - Healing Services
Thursday, September 21, 2017.....4:30 pm – Healing Services @ Mercy House
Saturday, September 23, 2017.....5:00 – Vespers
**Sunday, September 24, 2017.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;
12:00 noon – 12:30 pm – Adult Study**

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

EPISTLE: Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I Spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN

A Christian is:

A mind through which Christ thinks.

A heart through which Christ loves.

A voice through which Christ speaks.

A hand through which Christ helps.

September 17 , 2017

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: **Dolores Kicinski, Anna Rugala, Pauline Russell, Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.**

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially **Helen Baburchak, Lawrence Barlow, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Laura Chapin, David Davies, Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Marge Herciga, Natalie Kostyshak, Ann Kotasek, Robert Kushner, Linda Main; Charles Murphy, George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Arlene Tatusko, Rachele Vitale, Carl Wall , Olga Warski & all of our parishioners who are ill.**

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. **Thank you!**



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today : Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Anne Sawchak, Ellen Baxendle, Patty & Dave Deamond

Sept. 24: Sue Watson, Kathy Fedorchak, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Marie Williams, Cathy Stephens

Oct. 1 Babe Farbanish, Nettie Lukovich, Connie Devine, Natalie Kostyshak, Sister Macrina

ANNUAL 2017 CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

Pirogi workshops are scheduled on Mondays, **September 18 and 25th @ 9:00 am.** We need your help at these workshops for this very important fundraiser. Please mark your calendars to be available. Future workshops will be announced.

The Annual Diocesan Assembly will be held on Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd in Endicott, NY with a vote scheduled for a complete revision of our Diocesan By-Laws.

Join us for Adult Study Classes **TODAY Sunday, September 17th from 12 noon to 12:30** on Sundays after coffee hour for a **Journey of Discovery in Orthodox Christianity.**

The purpose of these classes is to journey together to discover or rediscover this "gold", this "light of Christianity", this "fullness". Our goal is not only one of discovery, but also one of learning how to experience this fullness of life in Christ through the fullness of the Christian faith retained without alteration in the Orthodox Church.

We will begin with a short history of the Church, the Great Schism and the developments of Western Christianity leading to the Reformation and then the impact of the Reformation. This will lay the groundwork for a presentation and discussion of the full historic Christian message and how to live it.

There will be 10 classes, in all, which are broken into 3 parts. The first part will consist of 4 classes on "The Good News" and the historic Orthodox understanding of salvation. At the end of these classes we should have a basic understanding of the full Gospel message and the Way we must follow. The theme of this section is "To be saved is to be transformed".

ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS: UPDATE TO MAILING LIST AND CHURCH DIRECTORY - PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES TO OUR MAILING LIST. THERE IS A FORM IN THE OFFICE AND ON THE STAND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU!



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.

NOTE: Our new website has been constructed, updated and ready to use: sppeny.org

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or Stella Holowatch (205-1507) – email Stellah@stny.rr.com

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Greetings to all of you and your families! I trust and pray that all of you are doing well and that you are having a blessed weekend thus far.

As we begin the Ecclesiastical New Year, with the recent events of Hurricane Harvey affecting our brothers and sisters in Texas and Louisiana, and now Hurricane Irma affecting our brothers and sisters in Florida and the Eastern Coast, let us come together in prayer asking God's blessings upon them that they will be granted peace, comfort, strength and faith and be guided as they continue to work together in re-building their communities. We will be saying extra prayers during the Divine Liturgies on Sundays.

With that in mind, in discussion with the parish council, we will be collecting donations for [NEXT FOUR SUNDAYS, THROUGH OCTOBER 15th](#). Please make all checks payable to: SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church and in the memo line, please mark Hurricane Harvey/Irma Relief. Following Sunday October 15th, we will be sending a donation from our parish to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) and U-E School District (that is also collecting relief funds and care packages) earmarked for Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma Relief.

We express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated towards the relief efforts.

Your love, prayers, and generosity is greatly appreciated! May God Bless you for your generosity!

In Christ,

Fr. Alexey