

Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, the infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Doug Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Marie Kreta, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Billy Dedes, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck and Archbishop PETER

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By **Alexandra Gutu** in Blessed memory of her Father **+Dumitru**
and Grandmother **+Ecaterina** 27 Years

By **Eptamenitis Family** in Blessed memory of Despena's Mother **+Malamati** (Kalimaris)
By **Gerry Quirk** for the health and Salvation and HAPPY BIRTHDAY of **Larry Quirk**

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

A letter to our Parish

Fr. Sam,

Holy Spirit has been praying for our Granddaughter, "the infant Ella Jane", for the first year of her life. What the Church may not know is her prognosis of profound brain damage due to an accident of birth. She was not expected to live for the first 6 weeks but she had other ideas.

Last week, the vision therapist told our Daughter Sarah, that Ella is teachable!!! My Mother taught me to always find the good in everything and sometimes you have to look pretty hard. At first, the good in our situation was not evident. However, as time went on, many good things that became apparent. Thank You doesn't seem to be an adequate word to express our gratitude to Holy Spirit for the spiritual support you gave and continue to give, to our family. That you would do this for someone, not even a member of your Church, is indeed among the good that we found.

Possibly we look for intervention from above in terms of an "epiphany" and overlook the small gradual kind. Thanks again for all your support.

John and Barbara Clauson

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Sunday, November 11, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **Ss Cosmas and Damian Home Fundraiser on Staten Island**
Monday **6:30 PM-Budget Committee Meeting**
Tuesday **10 AM NJ Deanery Clergy Meeting at our Church**
Wed. **7:30 PM-Parish Council Meeting**
Thurs **Beginning of St. Philip's Fast (Nativity Fast)**
Saturday **6:00 PM Vespers/Private Nativity Confessions**
Sunday **9:15 AM Church School, 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy**

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (8th of Luke) - Tone 7.
Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204). Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Spain (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826). Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434). Ven. Martyrii, Abbot of Zelensk (Pskov 1603).
Repose of St. Stephen Dechani of Serbia. St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397).

Epistle -Ephesians 2:14-22 , Gospel, Luke 10:25-37

BULLETIN

Welcome to Father Stephen Kopestansky and Matushka Alexandra. Father Stephen is serving for Father Samuel as he is serving in another parish.

The Memorial service this morning was offered by the **Eptamenitis Family** and by **Alexandra Gutu**. It was offered for Despena's Mother **+Malamati** on the anniversary of her repose and for Alexandra's Father **+Dumitru** and Grandmother **+Eckaterina** 27 years. **May their Memory be Eternal!** The Koliva was offered by the Eptamenitis family and the wine by Alexandra Gutu.

The **Wine for Communion** today was offered by **Nick Tzikas** in memory of his Godmother **+Malamati** Kaliaris 11/11/91. Thank you. **The Prospora** was offered by **Louis and Eleni** Vagias. May God repay.

Please pray for **His Eminence Archbishop PETER** (Huillier). Archbishop PETER is in very serious condition and still on a respirator at Laurence Hospital, Bronxville, NY. Through your prayers he is steadily improving.

Thank you to Michael Olsen and Mark Benda, co-chairs of our Beefsteak dinner. A profit of **\$1,348.+** has resulted from the dinner. Thank you to all who bought and sold tickets and to all who donated gifts for the raffles and prizes and to all who cooked and helped in anyway at the Dinner. A great time was had by all.

Today, a dinner will be held at **Holy Trinity Church in Randolph, NJ**. The Dinner will **benefit St. Basil Academy home for children**. If you can, please support this worthwhile event. Flier is posted on the Bulletin Board.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Sunday, December 9, 2007** after the Divine Liturgy. Please set the date apart and plan to attend. We will have someone downstairs to watch your children during the meeting. It is important that we **ALL** participate in this meeting.

Despena Eptamenitis announces: The Sussex Help Center requests that food donations for the next few weeks be geared toward items for Thanksgiving Dinner such as: Cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, box potatoes and jello. The food basket is downstairs. All food donated is greatly appreciated. If any parishioner can donate a frozen turkey to the Sussex Help Center for their Thanksgiving food donation please see Despena Eptamenitis. The deadline for Thanksgiving food donations is Sunday, November 18. The food will be distributed to the needy on Monday, November 19.

Thank you to the Benda family who hosted the Coffee Social last week. **The Eptamenitis** family will host the Social today. Next week the **Olsen Family** will host the Social. **Please sign-up to host a future social.**

Everyone should prepare yourselves to come to the **Sacrament of Holy Confession** as we approach the **Nativity Season**. Father Samuel will be available before and after Great Vespers and by appointment if necessary. Sunday mornings are **not** a good time to go to confession as Father Samuel is preparing for the Divine Liturgy.

Please pray for those affected by the **fires in Southern California**. A fund has been set up by the OCA Diocese of the West to help those affected by the devastation. Visit the diocesan website at www.ocadow.org.

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

Supermarket Gift Cards will be sold at today's Coffee Hour. Please help support the General fund with your purchases of these supermarket Gift Cards. Five percent of all sales go to the parish General Fund.

ASSESSMENTS - Please be reminded that individual assessments need to be submitted to the parish treasurer so we can continue to support the administrative work of our diocese and central church (OCA.) **Each adult parishioner** is responsible for \$145.00 in yearly assessments. If you have yet to submit your 2007 assessment, please use the specially marked envelopes that are sent to your home and place your assessment contributions in the collection baskets. If you have already made your assessment payment – thank you

A reminder to all who are worshipping at Holy Spirit Church, please turn off your cell phones or leave it in your cars until after Divine Liturgy

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma

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