

OCA Charity Appeal 2007

SYOSSET, NY [OCA Communications] -- The month of November has been designated Charity Appeal Month in the Orthodox Church in America. OCA parish communities are encouraged to make special fundraising efforts for this Church-wide philanthropic initiative. New to this year's Appeal is the work of the Metropolitan Council's recently established Charity Committee, under the Chairmanship of Archpriest John Reeves. The Charity Committee is now responsible for the allocation of all the Church's charitable funds. All funds collected for the Charity Appeal will be distributed under the direction and supervision of the Charity Committee.

In a letter issued earlier this month, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman, called upon the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to support this important act of service.

My poor soul!

My poor soul! Sigh, pray and strive to take upon you the blessed yoke of Christ, and you will live on earth in a heavenly manner. Lord, grant that I may carry the light and goodly yoke, and I shall be always at rest, peaceful, glad and joyous; and I shall taste on earth of crumbs which fall from the celestial feast, like a dog that feeds upon the crumbs which fall from the master's table.

St. Tikhon of Voronezh

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Sunday, November 18, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today **Fish, Wine and Oil allowed**
Monday **7:30 PM-Parish Council Meeting**
Tuesday **7:00 PM Vespers w/Litya for Entrance of the Holy Theotokos in the Temple**
Wed.... 7:35 am Hours - 8:00 am Divine Liturgy, Entrance of the Holy Theotokos to the Temple
Thurs **Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day**
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... 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (9th of Luke) - Tone 8. Martyr Plato of Ancyra (ca. 306). Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Caesarea, and the youth Barulas (303). Martyrs Zacchaeus the Deacon, and Alphaeus, of Caesarea in Palestine (303).

Epistle- Ephesians 4:1-6:147 • Gospel - Luke 12:16-21

BULLETIN

Please continue to pray for **His Eminence Archbishop PETER** (Huillier). Archbishop PETER is in very serious condition and still on a respirator at Laurence Hospital, Bronxville, NY.

We Thank **Nick Tzikas** for the six bottles of wine offered for Holy Communion. May God repay.

We Thank **Ed Engelsman and Mark Benda** for their donation for the wine used after Holy Communion. May God repay.

Thank you to the Eptamenitis family and Alexandra Gutu who hosted the Coffee Social last week. **The Olsen Family** family will host the Social today. **No one is signed up to host next week. Please sign-up to host a future social.**

The Annual Parish Meeting is schedule to take place on **Sunday, December 9, 2007** after the Divine Liturgy. Please set the date apart and plan to attend. We will have some-one 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.

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 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 His Eminence Archbishop PETER

SEVEN DAY VIGIL CANDLES

By **Vagias Family** in Blessed memory of **+Their Families**

By **Elena Pavel** for the health and Salvation of **Ion**

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.