

THE PARISH NEWSLETTER January 2010

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THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND MEETINGS FOR JANUARY

Saturday Vigils: 6:00 p.m. Vigils of Feasts: 6:30 p.m.

Sundays & Feasts: 9:30 a.m., Hours; 9:50 a.m., the Divine Liturgy

- 3 30th Sunday after Pentecost **The Sisterhood meets after coffee hour.**
- 7 (Thursday) Nativity of our Lord Jesus
- 10 31st Sunday after Pentecost
- 17 32nd Sunday after Pentecost **The Yolka by our children and youth.**
- 19 (Tuesday) Theophany
- 24 33rd Sunday after Pentecost **The Church Council meets.**
- 31 34th Sunday after Pentecost Prodigal Son **Dessert & Discussion**

JANUARY NAMES' DAYS May God grant them all many years!

- 3 Juliana Fedorov
- 4 Anastasia (RaeLynn) Gonyea Anastasia Miller Anastasia Nikiforov
- 6 Eugenia Podymow Eugenia Stabinsky
- 9 Stephen Taylor
- 1st Sunday after Nativity David Taylor Abigail Taylor Abigail Welsh
Jacob Welsh Stephen Sherokey Joseph (Brian) Farley
- 13 Melanie Taylor
- 14 Basil (George) Greene
- 18 Phosterius (Foster) Kinnear
- 20 Ivan Krayniy Ioann Popov
- 25 Tatiana Taylor Tatyana Kosovskij Tatiana (Frantsov) Scott
Tatyana Muller Tania Buchanan Tatjana (Tanya) Purcell
- 27 Nina Fedorov Nina Federow Nina Clark
Nina Krayniy Nina Vepritskaya
- 28 Paul Turaev
- 30 Anton Krayniy Anthony Mazzucco

COFFEE HOUR TEAMS FOR JANUARY

- January 3 Bridget Taylor, Christina Moustardas, Gregory Soloviev
- January 10 Maria Hauf, Monia Welsh, Zhenia Podymow
- January 17 **Yolka**—RaeLynn (Anastasia) Gonyea and volunteers
- January 24 Olga Kinnear, Alexandra McClure, Lydia Miller
- January 31 Natasha Smelova, Xenia Drobot, Julie Bouton

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Nina Fedorov asked that your editor put “a little Christmas greetings” in this January newsletter from her and her family, because “I’m getting too old to write so many cards.” And so her request has hereby been fulfilled.

Still, your editor (former long-term care and nursing home administrator) cannot help but remark on the blessed inclusion of our senior Orthodox attending the Divine Liturgy as they are able, some with the aid of canes, walking sticks, walkers, or with the assistance of relatives. They are treated with the deference and respect they deserve. Our parish sights are not fixed primarily on the young; rather, all are valued of every generation, and we all have opportunity to exemplify Orthodoxy to one another.

OUR ANNUAL YOLKA

Again our children and youth will present the Christmas program after coffee hour on January 17. Contributions of desserts are needed that we may splurge in the high-calorie Yuletide spirit. Plan to attend this delightful parish festival. You will not be disappointed, though perhaps fattened.

CHOIR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FOR PALM SUNDAY

Father Wsevolod especially, and all the parishioners, enjoy having the youth of our parish sing the Liturgy for Palm Sunday, which is very early this year—**March 28**. Please plan to have all children in the parish participate, (even if you think their singing is not pitch perfect): We will do the best we can! Choir practices will start the First Sunday of Great Lent, following a quick coffee hour lunch. That date is **February 21**, with rehearsals each subsequent Sunday. Please make sure your children attend, because it is very hard to work if children are missing. Choir Director Natasha Schuler recommends that children as young as 7 participate, and that the oldest be high school age youth. Please contact Natasha with questions and concerns at 346-4350 or rickschuler@verizon.net.

THE HOLY KURSK ROOT ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Father Serge writes to inform us all. “We are traveling with the Holy Kursk Icon in our diocese for the next two months. It’s impossible for us to visit all the parishes in such a short time. On January 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Monastery in the Seminary Hall the icon will arrive for an akathist, followed by a photo montage of the return of the icon to Russia last September.” Please consider this opportunity to come and pray before the icon.

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE: Thursday, January 28

Please submit items in writing or by e-mail. Thanks for your cooperation. This marks the beginning of my fourth year as Editor of this newsletter. I continue to enjoy the role, and I am continually grateful for your support.

CharlieVas Murn, Editor BACVAS@dishmail.net

MEMORY ETERNAL

Vechnaya Pamyats to Archimandrite Joasaph who reposed in the Lord at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18.

THE PERILS OF PREACHING SERMONS

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." And then finally, shaking his fist in the air he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river." His sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River?'"

CONSECRATION NEWS

As most of us are aware, there was an extraordinary Parish Meeting on November 22 to discuss the consecration of our church, set for MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2010. Committees were designated; and if you are willing to work on any of them, please contact Tasia Federov at tasbf@aol.com. As Father Wsevolod stressed, we need EVERYONE'S help and participation in order to make this a success. There is much to do; and even though September seems far away, it will be here before we know it.

Photographer and Videographer: Al Parella, Mike Rosco

Church: Dn. Fr. Michael Soloviev, Subdn. Andrei Padyrnov, Reader Gregory Soloviev, Starosta John Gonyea, Alex Nikiforov (altar table)

Advertising and Invitations: Terence Johnson, Margo Beighey, Nadja Jernakoff

RSVP: Bridget Taylor, Nadja Jernakoff, Monia Welsh, Olga Kinnear

Service Books: Tasia Fedorov, Vladimir Usov, Alexei Vepritsky

Transportation (Parking and Hotel): Gregory Soloviev, Jason Baker, John Richards

Vestments: Mat. Cecelia Soloviev, Barbara Nikiforov, Maryna Baker, Irina Krykhtina, Monia Welsh

Commemorative Book: Christina Ferorov-diLello, Natasha Smelova, Terence Johnson, Shura Sinkevich, Xenia Drobot

Commemorative Gift: RaeLynn (Anastasia) Gonyea, Tania Taylor, Maksim Krykhtin

Church Hall Dinner (Sunday night): Tania Taylor, RaeLynn Gonyea

Appetizer and Children's Dinner (Monday): Maria Hauf, CharlieVas Murn

Hotel Accommodations and Banquet: Tasia Fedorov

NEWS FROM OUR SISTERHOOD

Next Sisterhood meeting: January 3, 2010 after the coffee hour.

On Sunday, January 17 the Sisterhood will host our annual Yolka at the Parish Hall. Alexandra McClure is planning the entertainment. RaeLynn (Anastasia) Gonyea is in charge of the luncheon **and needs volunteers to work in the kitchen**. Xenia Drobot is in charge of finding and contacting Ded Moroz (or "Santa" to the non-Russian speaking). By all means, plan to attend this fun event with your children and grandchildren.

On Saturday, February 13 a Russian Winter Festival will take place at the Albany Armory (not February 14 as previously publicized). Help is needed; if you can assist, contact Tasia Fedorov.

In the next couple of weeks there will be a special collection of money for our usual Nativity project: "Adopt-a-Family".

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