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Father Stephen's Message to the Faithful

Make Love your Aim

"...there is nothing worse than passing judgement."

One of the brothers asked Abba Isidore, a priest of the monastery, "Why are the demons so terrified of you?" And the old man said, "Ever since I became a monk I have tried never to let anger rise as far as my mouth."

A brother asked Abba Poemen, "How should I behave in my cell in the place where I am living?" He replied, "Behave as if you were a stranger and wherever you are do not expect to have an influence and you will have peace."

An old man said, "Every time a thought of superiority or vanity moves you... Examine your conscience to see if you have kept all the commandments: Whether you love your enemies, Whether you consider yourself to be an unprofitable servant and the greatest sinner of all... Even so, do not pretend to great ideas as though you were perfectly right... For that destroys everything."

A brother asked: "I have found a place where my peace is not disturbed by the brethren; do you advise me to live there?" Abba Poemen replied, "The place for you is where you will not harm the brethren."

Abba Anthony said: "Our life and our death are with our neighbor. If we gain our brother, we have gained God; but if we scandalize our brother, we have sinned against Christ."

Abba Nilus said: "The arrows of the enemy cannot touch one who loves quietness, but he who moves about in a crowd will often be wounded."

A brother came to see a certain hermit and as he was leaving he said, "Forgive me, Abba for preventing you from keeping your rule." The hermit replied, "My rule is to welcome you with hospitality and to send you away in peace."

Special Announcements from Fr. Stephen

*** *Father Stephen* may be reached at **609-385-3757, Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM** or by e-mail: **ssiniari@covenanthouse.org**

Please remember that all confessions and consultations on Sunday mornings shall take place from 9 AM to 10 AM before the Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

Events & Announcements

Liturgical Schedule - October/November 2006

ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S FEAST DAY - His Grace Bishop Nikon's Visit to our Sister Parish (Please note: NO SERVICES AT SS PETER & PAUL)

SATURDAY, 11/11 - 5 PM - Veneration of the Weeping Icon of St Anne
6 PM - Vespers (*Supper after Vespers and an opportunity to chat with His Grace Bishop Nikon*)

SUNDAY, 11/12 - 10 AM - Hierarchical Divine Liturgy - Celebrated by His Grace Bishop Nikon, Fr Matthew and former Priests of St John Chrysostom (*Light refreshments in the Social Hall following the Divine Liturgy*)

Schedule of Other Services

AKATHIST SERVICE - EVERY WEDNESDAY - 7 PM

Church News & Reminders

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2006 - *Please note:* *the Church Fiscal Year ended September 30th; if you still owe dues of \$115 per person, please attempt to make the payment if you can. Dues can be paid at any time to James Schaeffer, our Treasurer. Thank you!*

ICON PLEDGES - Can be paid at any time to our treasurer, James Schaeffer. ***Please note:*** *when returning your Icons, please return them to the treasurer, James Schaeffer.*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, October 2, 7 PM. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

SPECIAL SERVICES - If you are planning to have a special service in the Church, please be considerate and notify either Father Stephen or the Church Committee one week in advance. When you are planning for a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, or any other Prayer Service in the Church, please speak with Father Stephen in advance to determine if there is any way you can contribute to help the Church in helping others. Thank you. ***Please note:*** *if the services of the Church Choir are required, please notify the Choir Director, Christina Murianka, as soon as possible.*

NO SMOKING/NO CELL PHONES - Please remember that SS Peter & Paul has a no smoking policy in the building and that ringers on cell phones should be off during the Divine Liturgy.

The Joy of Giving

CASSEROLES FOR THE HOMELESS - *In September:* *17 casseroles, 5 bags of food, 1 bag of towels and a blanket were delivered.* Please continue to help feed the hungry. Frozen casseroles are collected on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month by Harry Halkedis. A \$10 donation for casseroles can be given at any time. *Thank you!*

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR - A special collection for the poor will be held on the 1st Sunday of every month. Please plan to give generously every month to those whose lives are less fortunate than ours. Donations can also be placed in the **Poor Box** at any time.

ORTHODOX HERALD COLLECTION - Collections for the *Orthodox Herald* will take place every 2nd Sunday of the month. Please donate generously.

DONATIONS OF WINE & OIL - Altar wine and virgin olive oil for the altar lamps are always needed. The name of the altar wine is **Mavrodaphne of Patras** and it is available at most PA State Stores. Please help make sure that we always have a plentiful supply.

PASTORAL FUND COLLECTION - Collections for the Pastoral Fund will take place every 3rd Sunday of the month. Please donate generously. "Pastoral Fund" donation envelopes are found in the Church foyer, on the left side of the glass partition, should you wish to donate at another time.

Sunday School News

YOUTH SUNDAY - Sunday, **October 1**

Ladies' Society News

MEETING - Date to be announced

Other Events at SS Peter & Paul

CHURCH SCHOOL/ADULT EDUCATION - **Every Sunday** following Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - Sunday, **October 1**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. ***Please make every effort to stay for this important meeting. Thank you!***

SS PETER & PAUL ANNUAL CLAM BAKE - Saturday, October 7th, **3 PM to 6 PM, Rain or Shine**. The Clam Bake is a fun tradition at SS Peter & Paul, but we all need to pitch in and help. If you can volunteer in any way, please see **David Lane** or sign up on the sheet in the Church Hall ASAP. *There's lots of work to be done to make this Clam Bake a success one more time!*



Prices: *Lobster, \$35; Steak, \$25; Adult Hot Dog/Burger, \$8; Child (5-13) Hot Dog/Burger, \$5; Children under 5 Free.*

See Dave or Alicia (or call her at 215-742-0492 or e-mail aliciaj17@mac.com) to reserve your tickets now! Deadline for purchase of tickets is Sunday, October 1st!

General Interest

AFRICA'S ANCIENT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CONFERENCE (PART OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF NOVEMBER 11-12 AND VISITATION OF HIS GRACE BISHOP NIKON) - **Saturday, November 11th** from 10 AM to 3:30 PM (*Registration at 9:30 AM - Lunch included*) - Location: **St Michael's Russian Orthodox Church** - Fr Moses Berry speaking, as well as Fr Paisius Altschul, and Seminarian Elias Mukasa

DINNER WITH HIS GRACE BISHOP NIKON (PART OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF NOVEMBER 11-12) - **Sunday, November 12th** - *Hyatt Waterfront Hotel* - **5 PM** - Cocktails; **6 PM** - Welcome greetings, Chairman Andrew Subashi; Welcome remarks, Bishop Nikon; Salad, Course Dinner; Greetings, Fr Matthew, Fr Spiro Page, Former Priests; Music and dancing, the Band Atlantis

ANCIENT FAITH RADIO - **24 hour a day** *Orthodox radio station* providing high quality internet-based Orthodox programming, music, teaching, interviews, features, convert testimonies, conference recordings, and much more! The URL is: **<http://ancientfaithradio.com>**

Miscellaneous

WEB PAGE/E-MAILS - SS Peter & Paul Webpage: **<http://homepage.mac.com/alicaj17/sspeterpaulhome1.html>**. New Bulletins can be viewed the Saturday before distribution by 7 PM. If you would like to be kept up-to-date by e-mail or to be removed from our "paper" mailing list, please send me an e-mail at: **alicaj17@mac.com**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS ABOUT PARISHIONERS - If you have any items to include in next month's Bulletin, please see Alicia or call her at **215-742-0492** or e-mail: **alicaj17@mac.com**. The deadline for the next Bulletin is Sunday, **October 22**. Thank you! Parishioners will be able to pick up the Bulletins at the Church on Sunday **10/29/06**. Bulletins will be mailed to any Parishioners unable to attend.

Please remember to let Alicia know the names of our members who are ill or in need of prayer so that they can be included in our Bulletins.

Thank You to all members of the Parish who have helped out or volunteered in any way with their time and efforts, and a very special **thank you** to anyone whose name was inadvertently omitted from the Bulletin.

Parishioner's Corner

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY is wished to the following parishioners and friends who are celebrating **October** Birthdays: **Helen Arndt, Raisa Belous, Harry Cappo, Michael Cappo, Nina Horowitz, Lucille John, Margie Kelly, Ted Muzekari, Jr., Matushka Irene Rachko, Jean Rifkin, James Schaeffer, Fr. Stephen Siniari, Ann Stephano, James Vesho**

May God grant them all many, many years!

A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY is wished to Minnie Drobonick who will be celebrating her **90th Birthday** on October 17th!

May God grant her good health and many years!

GREGORY VRATO, SR., is at the **John Neumann Nursing Home**, Room 726, at the intersection of Haldeman & Tomlinson Road (make a right on Tomlinson and the parking lot is immediately on your right). Visitors are welcome anytime from noon to 8:00 PM.

Please continue to keep Gregory in your prayers. May God grant him good health!

Let Us Keep Them in our Prayers

Please continue to pray for the full and speedy recovery of: **Gregory Vreto, Sr., Nina Horowitz, Spiro Costas, Harry Cappo, Matthew Murianka, Joyce Dorsey, Andi Steffa, Martha Murianka, John Palmerick, Thimi Daka**

*** God knows the names and ages of all who need His love and mercy...

Memorials

Sunday, October 1st - One Year Memorial for †*Marge Kenny*

Sunday, October 22nd - One Year Memorial for †*George Steffa* and
Seven Year Memorial for †*Paul Murianka*

May their memory be eternal!

Five Finger Prayer

1. *Your thumb is nearest you.* So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."

2. *The next finger is the pointing finger.* Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. *The next finger is the tallest finger.* It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. *The fourth finger is our ring finger.* Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. *And lastly comes our little finger* - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

- - *Courtesy of Eleanor Metro*

Holy Days and Name Days in October

- October 1 - Protection (Pokrov) of the Most Holy Theotokos
- October 6 - Holy Apostle Thomas; St Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow
- October 8 - Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council; Venerable Pelagia, the Penitent
- October 9 - Holy Apostle James, Son of Alphaeus; St Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow
- October 10 - Martyrs Eulampius & Eulampia; Venerable Ambrose of Optina
- October 16 - Martyr Longinus the Centurian
- October 17 - Prophet Hosea
- October 18 - Holy Apostle & Evangelist Luke
- October 19 - Prophet Joel
- October 23 - Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord
- October 24 - Blessed Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia
- October 25 - St Tabitha the Widow, raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter
- October 26 - Great Martyr Demetrius; Great Earthquake at Constantinople, 740 AD
- October 28 - Venerable Job of Pochaev
- October 29 - Martyr Anastasia of Rome
- October 31 - Hieromartyr John Kochurov

Glorification of St Innocent the Metropolitan of Moscow and Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

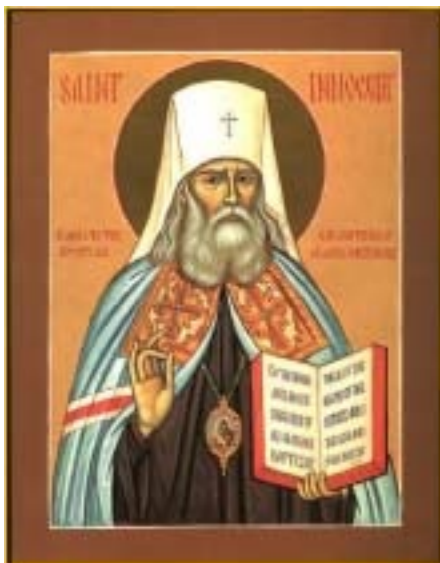
(Commemorated on October 6)

Glorification of St Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to America, was born John Popov-Veniaminov on August 26, 1797 in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese, into the family of a sacristan. The boy mastered his studies at an early age and by age 7, he was reading the Epistle in church. In 1806 he was sent to the Irkutsk seminary. In 1814, the new rector thought it proper to change the

surnames of some of the students. John Popov received the surname Veniaminov in honor of the deceased Archbishop Benjamin of Irkutsk. On May 13, 1817 he was ordained deacon for the Irkutsk Annunciation Church, and on May 18, 1821, he was ordained priest.

The missionary service of the future Apostle of America and Siberia began with the year 1823. Father John spent 45 years laboring for the enlightenment of the peoples of Kamchatka, the Aleutian Islands, North America, Yakutsk, the Khabarov frontier, performing his apostolic exploits in severe conditions and at great risks to his life. He baptized 10,000 people, built churches, and founded schools where he himself taught the fundamentals of Christian life.

Father John was a remarkable preacher. During the celebration of the Liturgy, Memorial Services and the All-Night Vigil,



he incessantly guided his flock. During his time of endless travels, Father John studied the languages, customs and habits of the peoples among whom he preached. His work in geography, ethnography and linguistics received world-wide acclaim. He composed an alphabet and grammar for the Aleut language and translated the Catechism, the Gospel and many prayers into that language. One of the finest of his works was the Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven (1833), translated into the various languages of the peoples of Siberia and appearing in more than 40 editions. Thanks to the toil of Father John, the Yakut people in 1859 first heard the Word of God and Divine Services in their own native language.

On November 29, 1840, after the death of his wife, Father John was tonsured a monk with the name Innocent by St Philaret, the Metropolitan of Moscow, in honor of St Innocent of Irkutsk. On December 15, Archimandrite Innocent was consecrated Bishop of Kamchatka, the Kurile and Aleutian Islands. On April 21, 1850 Bishop Innocent was elevated to the rank of archbishop.

By the Providence of God on January 5, 1868, St Innocent succeeded Metropolitan Philaret on the Moscow Cathedral. Through the Holy Synod, Metropolitan Innocent consolidated the secular missionary efforts of the Russian Church.

Under the care of Metropolitan Innocent, a Missionary Society was created, and the Protection Monastery was reorganized for missionary work. In 1870 the Japanese Orthodox Spiritual Mission headed by Archimandrite Nicholas Kasatkin (afterwards St Nicholas of Japan) was set up; St Innocent had shared much of his own spiritual experience with St Nicholas of Japan. The guidance by St Innocent of the Moscow diocese was also fruitful; by his efforts, the Church of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos was built up into the Moscow Spiritual Academy.

St Innocent fell asleep in the Lord on March 31, 1879, on Holy Saturday, and was buried at the Holy Spirit Church of the Trinity-St Sergius Lavra. On October 6, 1977, St Innocent was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church. His memory is celebrated three times during the year: on March 31, the day of his blessed repose, on October 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs), and on October 6, the day of his glorification.

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