

## SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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### Father Stephen's Message to the Faithful

#### *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*

(Translated by Robert A. Kraft)

#### I. The two ways<sup>1</sup>

**1** There are two ways -- one of life, and one of death. And there is a great difference between the two ways [cf. Jer 21:8; Matt 7:13ff].

##### A. The Way of life

On the one hand, then, the way of Life is this: **2** First, you shall love the God who made you. Second, your neighbor as yourself [Lev 19:18b; Matt 22:37-39]. And whatever you do not want done to you, do not do to anyone else [Matt 7:12]. **3** Now this is the teaching of these words:

Bless those who curse you [cf. Luke 6:28a; Matt 5:44 var.] and pray for your enemies but fast for those who persecute you [cf. Luke 6:27, 28b; Matt 5:44];

For wherein do you excel if you love those who love you? [cf. Luke 6:32a]

don't the Gentiles also do likewise? [cf. Luke 6:33b; Matt 5:46b, 47b]

But you should love those who hate you [cf. Luke 6:27; Matt 5:44], and you will not have an enemy [cf. 1 Pet 3:13].

**4** Abstain from fleshly and bodily desires [cf. 1 Pet 2:11].

If someone hits you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also [see Matt 5:39b; Luke 6:29a] and you will be perfect [cf. Matt 5:48; 19-21].

If someone compels you to go one mile, go with him for two [cf. Matt 5:41].

If someone takes your coat, give him your shirt too [cf. Luke 6:29b; Matt 5:40].

If someone takes from you what is yours [cf. Matt 5:42b; Luke 6:30b] don't demand its return [cf. Luke 6:30b] for you cannot [cf. Matt 5:39a].

**5** Give to all who ask you, and don't ask for it back [cf. Luke 6:30; Matt 5:42]; for the Father wishes that all men should receive from his own gifts.

Blessed is he who receives according to the command, for he is blameless.

Woe to him who receives; for if someone who is in need receives, he is blameless, but he who is not in need will be called to account as to why he received and with what results, and when he has been imprisoned, he will be interrogated concerning his actions, and he will not be released from there until he repays the last penny [cf. Matt 5:25ff. 18:34; Luke 12:58ff].

But it also has been said concerning this matter: Let your alms sweat in your hands until you know to what end you are giving.

<sup>1</sup>This section, life vs. death, is paralleled by *Barnabas 18:1-21:9*, light vs. darkness.

## Events and Announcements

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

+ ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM FEAST DAY AND HIS GRACE BISHOP NIKON'S VISIT TO OUR SISTER PARISH - *To be determined, contingent on His Grace's health*

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### SCHEDULE OF OTHER SERVICES

BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY - 7 PM - 8:30 PM in the Church Hall - Led by *Fr. Dn. Gregory*

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### CHURCH NEWS AND REMINDERS

ICON PLEDGES - Can be paid at any time to our treasurer, James Schaeffer. *Please note: when returning your Icons, please return them to the Church Store. You will be given a receipt for all Icons returned.*

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2010 - *Please note: THE CHURCH FISCAL YEAR ENDS SEPTEMBER 30TH; if at all possible, please have your dues of \$125 per person paid by that time.* Dues can be paid at any time to James Schaeffer, our Treasurer. *Thank you!*

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.*

**Memorials:** Any help in setting up and cleaning up from the families involved is truly appreciated and welcomed by the Ladies Society.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday, October 4, 7 PM. Mid-Month Council Meeting - Sunday, October 17, after Divine Liturgy. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

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### THE JOY OF GIVING

A SINCERE "THANK YOU" - To the golf foursome of *Stephen Murianka, Lester Speero, Jim Schaeffer, and George Johns* who placed 2nd in St John Chrysostom's Annual Gregory E. Costa Golf Scramble and generously donated the prize money to SS Peter & Paul's Poor Box Fund and to the Building Expansion Fund.

COLLECTION SUNDAYS - *May God bless you for your generosity!*

1st Sunday of each month - *Collection for the Poor*

2nd Sunday - *Orthodox Herald*

3rd Sunday - *Pastoral Fund*

CASSEROLES FOR THE HOMELESS - Please continue to help feed the hungry. Frozen casseroles are collected by Harry Halkedis. A \$10 donation for casseroles can be given at any time. Disposable razors and individual/small tubes of hand lotion are still needed.

*Thank you!*

#### OTHER DONATIONS:

Church Library

Pop Tab Collections for Ronald McDonald House

**Wine:** Altar wine: **Manischewitz Concord Grape** - please do not donate any other brand of concord grape;

**Oil:** Virgin Olive Oil

## Events and Announcements *(Continued)*

### LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

MEETING - **October 10, 15 minutes after Divine Liturgy ends, in the Sunday School Room. All members, please attend, as new by-laws will be discussed.**

A REQUEST... if you have borrowed any containers, trays, bowls, coffee carafes, etc. from the kitchen, *please return them as soon as possible.* These items are used for many of the functions held in the Church Hall and they are needed. *Thank you!*

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We invite all children to attend our Sunday School, led by Rdr. Gregory Shaloka and Mrs. Rose Shaloka. Sunday School begins immediately after Holy Communion and takes place upstairs in the Church Hall.

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### FUTURE EVENTS AT SS PETER & PAUL

ANNUAL PARISH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - **Sunday, October 3**, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. ***Please make every effort to stay for this most important meeting.***

SS PETER & PAUL ANNUAL CLAM BAKE - **Saturday, October 9, from 3 PM - 6 PM, Rain or Shine. Save the date!**

**Cost:** Lobster Platter - \$30; Steak Platter - \$25 (All lobster & steak platters include: clams, shrimps, scallops, corn-on-the-cob, salad, coffee, soda, dessert)

**Adult Hot Dog/Hamburger Platter - \$10; Children (Ages 11 -14) Hot Dog/Hamburger Platter - \$5; Children 10 & Under - Free** (Accompanied by a Ticketed Adult)

***Deadline to Purchase Tickets: Sunday, October 3*** (Tickets will be available on **Sunday, September 26.** *You can let Alicia know your platter preference at any time.*)

*Please volunteer to help! There's lots of work to be done to make this event a success! See Jim Schaeffer. If you can't come, buy a ticket and let it be donated to a parishioner who can't afford to buy a ticket.*

***For questions or reservations, see or call:***

**Jim Schaeffer: 609-238-3774**

**Alicia Jaroni: 215-742-0492 (or email: [aliciaj17@mac.com](mailto:aliciaj17@mac.com))**



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### GENERAL INTEREST

SS PETER & PAUL 90TH YEAR CELEBRATION DVD - Copies are available at the Church Store. If the store runs out, you can still order a copy of the 90th Year Celebration DVD by seeing *Jim Bachelor*. Cost: \$15

ANCIENT FAITH RADIO - 24 hour a day internet Orthodox radio station:

<http://ancientfaithradio.com>

## Events and Announcements *(Continued)*

### MISCELLANEOUS

"DAILY BREAD" - The Church distributes a daily email entitled "Daily Bread" containing scripture readings for the day and the commemorated saints. To add your name (or the name of anyone who would enjoy getting it) please forward the email address to the Church email address: [sspeterpaul2@verizon.net](mailto:sspeterpaul2@verizon.net)

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL LIGHTS - Envelopes are available at the Church Store counter for special prayers to be said during the week in conjunction with the burning of the Seven-Day Votive Light hanging above the Royal Doors. Suggested offering: \$10, which will go towards building up our Pastoral Fund with the ultimate goal of supporting a full time priest.

SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH STORE - Open Sundays at 9:30 AM (1/2 hour before Divine Liturgy) **Items available:** Divine Liturgy Books, Icons; Crosses (Baptismal, lapel pins, Georgian style, orthodox); Prayerbooks (English); Censors; CDs and cassettes; Religious Books. Also available: IN THEIR OWN TONGUE, a documentary chronicling the Albanian Archdiocese in America

WEB PAGE/E-MAILS - *SS Peter & Paul has a brand new Website* (the other site is now officially deleted):

<http://sspeterpaulphila.org>

New Bulletins are available online by Saturday 8 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 Alicia an e-mail at: [aliciaj17@mac.com](mailto:aliciaj17@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 email: [aliciaj17@mac.com](mailto:aliciaj17@mac.com). **The deadline for the next Bulletin is Sunday, October 24.** Thank you! *Parishioners will be able to pick up the October Bulletin at the Church on Sunday 10/31/10.* 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, Lucille John, Margie Kelly, Ted Muzekari, Jr., Matushka Irene Rachko, Jean Rifkin, Jim Schaeffer, Fr Stephen Siniari, Ann Stephano*

*May God grant them all many, many years!*

PHOTOS OF SS PETER & PAUL 90TH YEAR CELEBRATION - We would like to add a permanent page on our new website of photos from our 90th Year Celebration. We already have many photos to choose from (*thank you again, Jeanette Napier*), and are looking for any others that might be added, specifically of the Memorabilia Table and the Slide Show Presentation. Please contact Alicia (215-742-0492 or email: [aliciaj17@mac.com](mailto:aliciaj17@mac.com)) if you have any photos you would like to share, either digital or regular. *All photos will be returned to you as soon as possible.*

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to our "Awesome Golf Foursome" (*Stephen Murianka, Lester Speero, Jim Schaeffer, George Johns*) for placing 2nd in *St John Chrysostom's Annual Gregory E. Costa Golf Scramble.*

A VERY BELATED SUPER THANK YOU - to *Brenda Jankowski* (Edna & Jim Bachelor's daughter) for the absolutely superb video presentation that Brenda voluntarily compiled for our 90th Year Celebration.

### **Parishioner's Corner** *(Continued)*

OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS - to **Fr David Fox** for serving and visiting at SS Peter & Paul once again. We always enjoy seeing him! *May God grant Fr David Fox many, many years!*

OUR BELATED CONGRATULATIONS - to **Fr Dn Gregory Vrato and his wife Kathryn** on celebrating their 10th year wedding anniversary. *May God grant them many, many years!*

GOOD COMPANY & GOOD FOOD: HELP BUILD UP OUR PASTORAL FUND - A new tradition has started -- serving a hot meal on most Sundays to build up our Pastoral Fund. If you have any ideas or are interested in participating or sponsoring a particular Sunday, please talk to Jim Schaeffer or Letitia Desloges. *Your help and support is needed to get this project up and running!*

DONATE AN ITEM A MONTH CAMPAIGN - We are still in need of the following items: **Paper Towels, Ziplock Bags, Napkins, Handi-Wipes.** *Your continued help is truly appreciated! A sincere "Thank You" to all parishioners who so kindly donated any requested items.*

A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO DIRECT THE CASSEROLE PROGRAM - Harry Halkedis would like to retire from the casserole program in 2010! *Thank you, Harry, for all your incredibly hard work.* We desperately need someone to take over this most worthwhile program.

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!*

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### **Let Us Keep Them in our Prayers**

Please continue to pray for the full and speedy recovery of: **Gregory Vrato, Sr., Matthew Murianka, Joyce Dorsey, Andi Steffa, Mary Palmerick, John Palmerick, Thimi Daka, Al Rifkin, Sophie Bacon, Margot Craig, Eteri Okropiridze, Katherine Halkedis, Mary Ann Clark, Paulette Steffa, Alexandra Pana, Nicholas Desloges, Steven Yarrow, Martha Murianka, Connie Douris, Anthony Sarris, Jeanie Rifkin, Nick Zeo, His Grace Bishop Nikon**

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

### **Prayer for the Sick**

**O Holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Thine Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: do Thou visit and heal Thy servant \_\_\_\_\_, granting him/her release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that he/she may give thanks unto Thee and bless Thy Holy Name. of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

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#### Special Announcements from Fr. Stephen

Father Stephen may be reached at 609-385-3757, Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM or by email: [ssiniari@covenanthouse.org](mailto: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.



## ALBANIAN ARCHDIOCESE WIDE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

For more than a century, the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America has had a rich and vibrant place in the history of our faith, both here in the United States and in the homeland. From the day in March 1908 when our founding father, Archbishop Theophan Stylian Noli celebrated the first Divine Liturgy in the Albanian language in Boston, the Archdiocese has stood as a symbol of Albanian Orthodoxy and culture to Albanians around the world. Today, we are blessed to have His Grace, Bishop Nikon, a worthy successor to Archbishop Noli and a unique and gifted spiritual leader in his own right, together with the Very Reverend Arthur E. Liolin, who serves as Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

Now that we are entering our second century, we are calling upon our Archdiocesan family to support a vitally important project: the establishment of a new Chancery for the Archdiocese and creation of the Fan S. Noli Library and Cultural Center. Both facilities will be located within the elegant late-Victorian home situated adjacent to St. George Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese, at 517 East Broadway in South Boston.

Our objectives in embarking upon this long-awaited endeavor are as follows:

- to create a fully functioning Chancery office for the Archdiocesan Officers and Council to conduct all operations as well as a meeting site for the Bishop and Chancellor to conduct business and host visitors
- to establish a central location for social, cultural, and civic activities within the Archdiocese and the community
- to enhance utilization of the Fan S. Noli Library, which has been called "the finest repository of Albanian culture in the Western Hemisphere"
- to improve technology, communications, our central database, and record retention
- ultimately, to honor our past while furthering the mission of the Archdiocese both in America and around the world

In order to make this project a reality and advance the work of our Archdiocese, we ask that you consider supporting this worthy project with a meaningful gift. Our fundraising goal is \$350,000. No gift is too small and all are very much appreciated. Your gift will ensure that we continue to have a strong Archdiocese, and that Fan Noli's legacy will continue to inspire those of us living today and will also endure for future generations.

With our prayers and deepest gratitude,

Bishop Nikon

Very Reverend Arthur E. Liolin, Chancellor

Archdiocesan Executive Officers, Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Committee

**Please view the newly established Archdiocese website at [www.aooa.org](http://www.aooa.org) to view/download the booklet which describes detailed plans for the project. A copy of the booklet is available for viewing on our bulletin board upstairs.**

**Credit card donations can be made on the website using PayPal or you can mail a check to:**

**Albanian Archdiocese - 517 Project  
517 East Broadway  
South Boston, MA 02127**

**The initial fundraising began this summer and there has been an amazing donor response. Many contributions have been received, including a very generous pledge to refurbish the back garden of the office/cultural center.**

***Please remember that our forbearers established the Archdiocese and many other Albanian organizations with nickels and dimes, and now it is our turn as the next generation to step up and continue their legacy.***

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** - Venerable Pelagia, the Penitent; Venerable Thais (Taisia) of Egypt
- 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
- October 26** - Greatmartyr Demetrius; Great Earthquake at Constantinople, 740 AD
- October 28** - Venerable Job of Pochaev
- October 29** - Martyr Anastasia of Rome
- October 31** - Hieromartyr John Kochurov

REPOSE OF THE VENERABLE JOB, ABBOT & WONDERWORKER OF POCHAEV  
*(Commemorated on October 28)*

Saint Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (in the world named Ivan Zhelezo), was born around 1551 in Pokutia in Galicia. At age ten he came to the

Around the year 1580, at the request of the renowned champion of Orthodoxy Prince Constantine Ostrozhsy, St Job was appointed the head of the Exaltation of the Cross monastery near the city of Dubno, and for more than twenty years he governed the monastery amidst the growing persecution of Orthodoxy on the part of the Catholics and Uniates.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, St Job withdrew to Pochaev hill and settled in a cave not far from the ancient Dormition monastery, famed for its wonderworking Pochaev Icon of the Mother of God (July 23). The holy hermit, beloved by the brethren of the monastery, was chosen as their Igumen. St Job zealously fulfilled his duty as head of the monastery, kind and gentle with the brethren, he did much of the work himself, planting trees in the garden, and strengthening the waterworks at the monastery.

St Job was an ardent defender of the Orthodox Faith against the persecution of the Catholics. Following the Union of Brest (1596), many Orthodox living in Poland were deprived of their rights, and attempts were made to force them to convert to Catholicism. Many Orthodox hierarchs became apostates to Uniatism, but St Job and others defended Orthodoxy by copying and disseminating Orthodox books. Prince

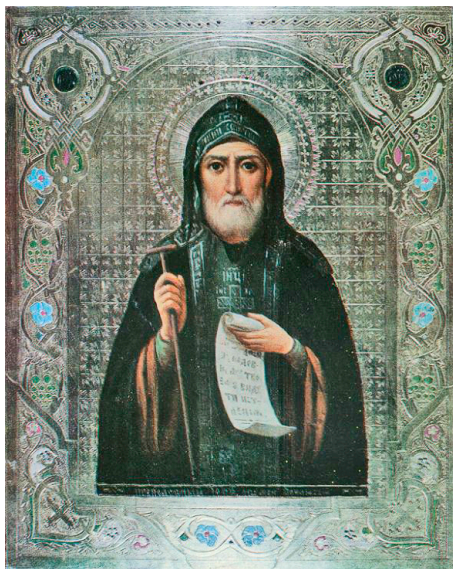
Ostrozhsy was also responsible for the first printed edition of the Orthodox Bible (1581).

In taking an active part in the defense of Orthodoxy and the Russian people, St Job was present at the 1628 Kiev Council, convened against the Unia. After 1642, he accepted the great schema with the name John.

Sometimes he completely secluded himself within the cave for three days or even a whole week. The Jesus Prayer was an unceasing prayer in gentle heart. According to the testimony of his disciple Dositheus, and author of the Life of St Job, once while praying in his cave, the saint was illumined by a heavenly light. St Job reposed in the year 1651. He was more than 100 years old, and had directed the Pochaev monastery for more than fifty years.

The uncovering of St Job's relics took place on August 28, 1659. There was a second uncovering of the relics on August 27-28, 1833.

*Icon & Reading Courtesy of OCA Website*



Transfiguration Ugornits monastery, and at age twelve he received monastic tonsure with the name Job. The venerable Job from his youth was known for his great piety and strict ascetic life, and he was accounted worthy of the priestly office.