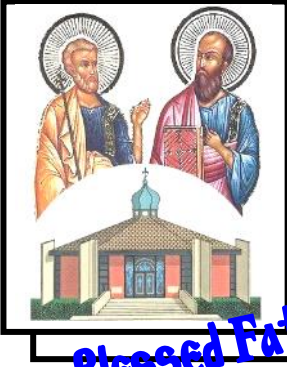


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Blessed Father's Day!

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Church Growth Orthodox Style

by Kevin Allen

Church growth has become a buzzword in the Protestant and Evangelical Christian world.

Being “evangelical” has tended to become a numbers game, and a virtual cottage industry has emerged to figure out how to grow churches. Books, seminars, research companies, seminary classes and church growth “experts” have developed strategies and marketing plans to reach demographic sub-groups like “seekers” and “post-moderns.”

Kevinallen Churches often change or modify their approaches to accommodate these demographic groups and their perceived “needs.” I recently received an attractive, glossy postcard from a local community church, for example, promising Sunday services would be “fun for the whole family!” It is now quite common to see, as another example of this trend towards “user friendliness,” “coffee bars and kiosks” inside churches, serving free latte and crumb cake! The philosophy seems to be, “If you want to hear the sermon, fine! If not, come and have cake!” Church services often include elaborate, high-tech musical presentations to connect with the MTV generation.

You hear of skits and short performances being offered — instead of sermons (let alone liturgy or communion!) — in the attempt to create “seeker friendly” church environments. In the frenzy to grow the numbers, many churches are even leaving their traditional denominations, dropping (even) the words “Christian” and “Church” from their names, for cooler ones like “The Rock” or “The Flow.”

Obviously, these contemporary marketing strategies are not the approach the Holy Orthodox Church should take to draw people to the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.” Becoming an Orthodox Christian is a serious commitment to live in community with the faithful according to the apostolic tradition, which is not subject to change in order to accommodate the needs of our fallen culture. Choosing to become Orthodox is not a decision that should be encouraged to be made lightly. Our tradition, our liturgy, our rubrics, our theology, our faith must be understood and internalized. It takes time and effort to adopt the “mind of the Church.” As our Bishop JOSEPH has reminded us time and again, “Our goal must be on quality, not quantity.”

But is Christ’s call to

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:18-20),


a command only to the Protestants? Are we Orthodox Christians not especially called to present to our culture “the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3)? I think the answer is clearly yes. As our visionary Metropolitan PHILIP wrote in *The WORD* in 1985,


“North America is searching for the New Testament Church. North America is searching for the Church which was born on Pentecost Day. North America is ready and waiting for us, but are we ready for North America?”

Has progress been made since those words were written in 1985?

Well, with over 100 new Antiochian parishes formed since 1987 (with more being added annually), tens of thousands of new Or-

Liturgical Schedule

<p>Today</p>	<p>Pentecost – Trinity Sunday. Lucian the bishop, Maxianus the presbyter, Julian the deacon and Martyrs Marcellinus and Saturninus in Belgium (96). Venerable Athanasius, the wonderworker of Cilicia. St. Clotilde (Chlotilda), queen of France (545) (Gaul). Venerable Kevin, hermit and abbot of Glendalough (618) (Celtic & British). St. Meriasek, bishop of Camborne. Venerable Pappus monk (Greek).</p>
	<p>Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52; 8:12 Reader of the Hours — open Reader of the Eng. Epist.— open Reader of the Ukr. Epist.— open</p>
<p>June 22 Saturday</p>	<p>No Vespers</p>

<p>Sunday, June 23</p>	<p>1st Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints. Tone eight. Eve of Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast. Hieromartyr Timothy, bishop of Prusa (362). Venerable Silvanus of the Far Caves in Kiev (14th c.). Martyr Alexander and Virgin-martyr Antonina at Constantinople (313). Venerable Theophanes, monk, of Antioch (363). Hieromartyr Metrophanes, the first Chinese priest, and the Chinese New Martyrs of the Boxer Uprising, at Peking and other places in 1900. Martyr Neaniscus the Wise of Alexandria (Greek). St. Canides, monk, of Cappadocia (460) (Greek).</p>
	<p>Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 Reader of the Hours - Sandra Hladky Reader of the Eng. Epist.— Sandra Hladky Reader of the Ukr. Epist.— PM Olenka</p>

thodox faithful, truckloads of books and magazines published, 24/7 Orthodox Internet radio now being streamed, our God-protected Archdiocese is certainly doing its part (or more)! Those of us who have been catechized and received will be eternally grateful to our beloved Metropolitan and the faithful of our Archdiocese for opening its doors to us. I also take my hat off to the Department of Missions and Evangelism for being a significant catalyst in bringing the Metropolitan's "vision" to North America. But we can't rely on the Missions and Evangelism Department alone to grow the Orthodox Church. Growth must occur by adding from the outside (as they are doing), and by growing from the inside — by local church growth.

Sisterhood of St. Anne



We are back in the kitchen.

Sunday June 23 Make Cheese balls

Monday June 24 at 8:00am make cheese pierogies

Tuesday June 25 at 8:00am make Pot & SK balls

Wednesday June 26 8:00am make SK & Pot pierogies

Thursday June 27 Sale from noon- 4:00pm

Church School Summer Camp

This Year's Church School Camp is expanding! We are expecting more than usual number of kids. The tentative dates are August 1 & 2, 2019

Please look for the announcements and bring your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Prayers, fun activities, learning games, outings, guest performances and more. Hours are: from 9:00am—3:30 pm. If needed, the arrangements can be made for children to be drop of earlier or picked up later.

Adult chaperon help is welcomed!

For more information, please see Pat Wolsko or PM Olenka



Festival Committee

The Festival Committee is working hard preparing for Our Annual Festival on July 14, 2019. There is a great need in volunteers to fill the working spots at the Festival. Next meeting is June 30, 2019



110 Anniversary Celebration

Anniversary

The 110 Anniversary Committee has been formed and started working on preparation for the celebrations . Next meeting is Sunday June 30, 2019
Next meeting is TODAY

Bible & Faith Study Group



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

Next Bible Study group meeting is Wednesday June 19
at 6:30 pm. *If you are interested in joining the study,*
please see Fr. Vasyl

Fr. Vasyl

Seraphim Group

Seraphim Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18th at Noon at the church hall. Please bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share. We will have a short meeting then socializing & games. Please let Father or I know if you will be coming & what you are bringing by June 16th. Thank You!! He Is Risen!! Debbie Pierog 708-710-6009 text or call Deb12153@aol.com



At Our Neighbors

Parish Family of Holy Trinity are honored to invite fellow Christians to their 10th Anniversary Jubilee and Parish Feast which will take place on Sunday, June 16th, 2019, 10:00am at 1009 S. Church Rd. Bensenville, IL 69106

If you would like to attend , please let Fr. Vasyl know

Seven Day Vigil Candles



For the health of my parents Pavlo & Polina in Ukraine
by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of Halyna & Volodimer by Kashpar family
For the health and well being of the Huber Family by John
Gbur

For the health and wellbeing of Amelia by Tom Gbur
For the health of Ana, Viorel, Denis, Michael, Vasile, Oxana,
Ciprian, Andrea, Victor, Cristina, Valeriu, Sergiu, Nicole,
Elena, Victor, Gheorghi, Ira, Efim, Ana, Grigore,
Tatiana

For the health of Aunt Betty Rusich on her 90th
birthday by Tom Gbur, Jody Lang & Family



In memory of Irene daughter by Mother Lillian
Janet Milton in Blessed memory of my father, William.
Janet Milton in blessed memory of my grandfathers, Michael
and Joseph

Building Fund Donaton

In memory of our father Stanley Kuzanek Memory Eternal
Dr. Rudy and Sharon Burger-Zellinger and Susan Mitchell - \$100.00

Church Festival Basket Raffle

Basket Raffle has been very successful for

8 years in a row. The success of this raffle depends on the sup-
port of our parishioners and friends. If you would like to donate
ready gift baskets, please see PM Olenka.

Some of the ideas for baskets:

Kids basket, lottery basket, bakers basket, dog/cat
treats basket, tea/coffee basket

Any kind of basket arrangements. 708-361-5165



Parish Feast Day — Festival 2019

Festival Check List:

1. Save July 14th on your calendar
2. Attend the Festival on July 14th
3. Invite your families
4. Invite your neighbors and friends
5. Volunteer your time. (You can sign up today!)
6. Buy a raffle ticket today
7. Plan on helping Saturday, July 13th to set up
8. Start saving your money now
9. Arrive early and stay late
10. SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CHURCH!!



Festival Cash Raffle

Our Goal 200 Tickets

This year, we have decided to have an early presale of the Big Cash Raffle tickets of Festival 2019.



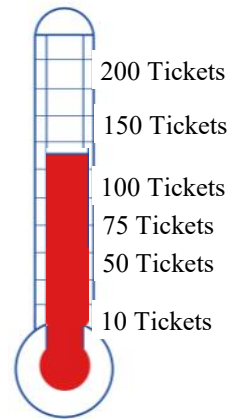
If you would like to purchase the tickets, please see John Grzyski.

Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00.

Only 200 tickets are offered.

You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets. So far **143 tickets** were committed to be bought. Advanced payment for tickets would be appreciated.

Help us make it a success and have all 200 tickets sold!



June Memorial Service



In memory of Glen Podlecki requested by Carol Redmerski

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today —	Father's Day- Women of the Parish
06/23/2019	Cucci & Fischer Families
06/30/2019	Olena & Yuriy Korolyk
07/07/2019	<i>open - volunteers needed</i>
07/14/2019	Sts. Peter & Paul Feast Day Festival
07/21/2019	Ciapinski family
07/28/2019	PANCAKE FLIP
08/04/2019	Olga & Sergie Bureiko
08/11/2019	Supilowski Family

Please remember the dates you are signed up to do the coffee hour
If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun

Save the Date

Sunday July 14, 2019

Come and participate: Festal Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by Festival. Sign up to volunteer at the Festival. Different Positions available. Sign up Sheets to work at the Festival are placed in the Hall by the main doors. Sign up today!

Our Parish is going to celebrate 110 years of service to God and His people. Save the date and come to celebrate.

October 5 & 6, 2019

Church Humor

Fishing

There was a new family that had just moved into town. Their son came to Sunday School but seemed upset. His teacher asked him if anything was wrong.

The boy replied no, that he was going to go fishing but his dad told him that he needed to go to church instead. The teacher was very impressed with the boy's parents and asked the boy if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing.

The boy replied, "Yes he did. My dad said that he didn't have enough bait for both of us."