

ST. SERAPHIM ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Orthodox Church in America – Diocese of the South

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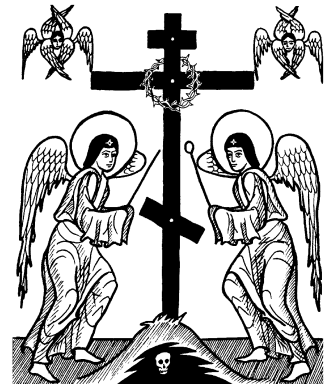
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah , Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the South

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Sunday, March 7, 2010 – Sunday of the Cross



This Week at St. Seraphim

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Hours 9:30 Divine Liturgy Church School 6:00 Lenten Vespers at Sts. Constantine and Helen AOC	6:30 Lenten Daily Vespers	6:30 Lenten Reader Vespers	6:00 9 th Hour and Typica 6:30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	6:30 Lenten Reader Vespers	Slavonic Presanctified Liturgy 6:30 Slavonic 9 th Hour and Typica 7:00 Slavonic Presanctified Liturgy	Memorial Saturday 9:00 Hours 9:30 Divine Liturgy 4:00 Confessions 5:00 Vigil

WE WELCOME – all our visitors today and those returning. We pray that you will make St. Seraphim your spiritual home. Please fill out a visitor’s card and leave it at the candle desk if you would like more information about St. Seraphim’s.

EXTRA COPIES-of His Beatitude’s letter to SSOC are available at the candle stand.

THE SUNDAY-Lenten Vespers are being hosted by Sts Constantine and Helen Antiochian Orthodox Church tonight. The Vespers begin at 6pm.

THIS FRIDAY-the Presanctified Liturgy will be in Slavonic and served by Fr Justin. Wednesday’s Presanctified will be in English. Confessions will be heard one hour before each day. Note the time change with 9th Hour and Typica starting at 6:30pm and Presanctified Liturgy starting at 7pm.

THE SSOC PARISH COUNCIL-will meet next Sunday after Fellowship Hour.

A SIGNUP SHEET-is available today at the candle stand for those who would wish to bring food for our hosting of the evening fellowship meal after the Sunday Lenten Vespers on March 21.

MANY THANKS-to Maureen Jury and Vladimir Grigorenko who have painted the new Cathedral office in the Chancery building. The new office looks great!

PLEASE REMEMBER-that only teachers, students and those parents who need to accompany their children are allowed to leave the Cathedral after Communion. The hall is NOT OPEN for others until AFTER the post communion prayers, announcements and veneration of the Cross.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

- 11 BD Anastasia Nowik Yates
 AN Milos & Bonnie (Mary) Konjevich
 (Wedding Anniversary)
 AN Frances (Cassiane) Ford (Repose, 2008)
- 12 ND Gregory (the Great) Davis
 ND Dr. Ronald (Gregory the Great)
 Rodriquez
 BD Konstantin Deshevyy (2007)
- 13 BD Fr. Basil Zebrun

**PLEASE KEEP- our brothers and sister who have
 "Important Dates This Week" in your daily
 prayers.**

Coffee Hour Hosts - Coordinator: Jeanie Potthoff

- March 14 BAGELS and COFFEE
 March 21 BAGELS and COFFEE
 March 28 BAGELS and COFFEE

NEXT SATURDAY-we will have a Cathedral workday to cleanup around the Cathedral grounds. It is feeling like Spring so your help is needed to spruce up the grounds in preparation for Pascha. The work day will begin after Liturgy next Saturday and we hope to conclude by 3pm. We will trim the holly bushes, weed the flower beds, get the soil ready for planting. So bring your trimming tools, pitch forks, and other gardening tools. More details and reminders this week in the Daily Email Ministry.

THE SUNDAY OF THE CROSS-Together with the Holy Scriptures we proclaim that our Lord Jesus Christ is King, Prophet and High Priest of all Creation. And the Lord has told us that in the Christian Church and in the Kingdom, a King is not one who overpowers others to exact from them unconditional and slavish obedience, but He is the one who serves and gives His life for others. St. John Chrysostom teaches us that anyone can rule, but that no one but a king gives his life for his people, because he so identifies with his people that he has no existence, no life, no purpose but to serve them with all his life and if necessary with his death.

When we keep the Feast of the Cross we can realise with new strength, perceive with new depth what the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ means. It means a love for us so complete, so total that He can forget Himself ultimately, without any reservation, forget Himself to the point of existing, of living and of dying for us and together with us; forgetting Himself to such an extent, and identifying Himself with us in such a way that in His humanity He accepts the loss of the perception of His oneness with God, with the source of life eternal - indeed, with life eternal within Himself, and become one with our deadness, with our mortality. This is the love that makes our Lord Jesus Christ our worthy King; this is a Kingship which makes every knee to bow before Him.

And it is because He is such that He can also be the High Priest of all Creation. The high priests of the pagan world as well as the High Priests of Israel brought forth as a sacrifice victims with which they identified only metaphorically, symbolically, ritually. The Lord Jesus Christ brought as a victim His own Self, although there was nothing in Him that condemned Him to the death He has taken upon Himself. Doesn't He say in His High-priestly prayer, talking to His disciples that the adversary is coming near, but there is nothing in Him - in Christ - that belongs to him. There is nothing in Christ which belongs in the realm of death and of sin. And to His Father He says: I sanctify Myself for them, I bring Myself as a holy offering for My people. The High Priest who brings Himself frees thereby all other creatures from the horror of blood-offering, but confronts us with an immensity, a depth of love divine which otherwise we could not even fathom: life accepting to be quenched, light accepting to go out, eternity accepting to die the mortality of a fallen world.

And that is why the Word of God can speak to us as a Prophet. A prophet is not one who foretells the future; a prophet is one who speaks for God. One of the prophets of old says that a prophet is one with whom God shares His thoughts. Christ, the Word of God, Christ, the perfect image of Love divine, Christ who not only speaks for God, but who acts, enacts in His life and in His death the Love of God, sacrificial, total, perfect, given ...

And this is why the Feast of the Cross is such a wonder in the experience of the Church. We will never be able to experience what it meant for Him to die upon the Cross, even our own death cannot disclose to us what His death was: how can Immortality die? But what we can learn, what we can discover by communing ever more deeply, ever more perfectly through a daring, wholehearted endeavour with the life, and the teaching, and the ways of Christ - what we can learn is to love in a way that approximates more and more to that love divine, and discover in this love the quality which unites death as forgetfulness of self, ultimate and perfect, with the victory of love, Resurrection and eternal life. Amen. (*Met. Anthony Bloom*)

St Seraphim Orthodox Cathedral Church Income	Two Months 2010	Two Months 2009	Two Months 2008	Two Months 2007	Two Months 2006
General Fund					
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 43,657	\$ 32,921	\$ 38,007	\$ 45,721	\$ 28,511
Candles	2,562	2,736	2,381	2,751	2,312
Prophora	181	110	147	368	305
Weddings, Baptisms, Memorials	595	500	60	1,860	50
Subtotal	\$ 46,995	\$ 36,267	\$ 40,595	\$ 50,700	\$ 31,177
Special Revenues					
New Cathedral	\$ 4,604	\$ 3,675	\$ 8,940	\$ 8,632	\$ 8,740
Iconography	32	3,725	560	486	1,728
Capital Projects & Renovations		0		0	14,463
Charity	605	1,472	240	238	232
Humanitarian	1,666				
Coffee Hour	176	197	491	221	288
Missions		0		50	50
Tom Thumb Rewards	138	0	88	92	78
Total Income	\$ 54,216	\$ 45,337	\$ 50,915	\$ 60,419	\$ 56,756