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## FROM FATHER DENNIS

Dear Faithful in the Lord,

Please read the following beautiful comments by Saint Nikolai Velimirovich of Serbia, who was recently glorified in 2003. This is taken from his **Missionary Letters**, written in 1934. He truly captures the experience of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. May it be so for us.

In the Lord,  
Fr. Dennis

*"We waited, and at last our expectations were fulfilled", writes the Serbian Bishop Nikolai of Ochrid, describing the Easter service at Jerusalem. 'When the Patriarch sang, "Christ is risen", a heavy burden fell from our souls. We felt as if we also had been raised from the dead. All at once, from all around, the same cry resounded like the noise of many waters. "Christ is risen" sang the Greeks, the Russians, the Arabs, the Serbs, the Copts, the Armenians, the Ethiopians - one after another, each in his own tongue, in his own melody. Coming out from the service at dawn, we began to regard everything in the light of the glory of Christ's Resurrection, and all appeared different from what it had yesterday; everything seemed better, more expressive, more glorious. Only in the light of the Resurrection does life receive meaning."*

## BOOK REVIEW

*"So why had we come to the monastery? And why were we planning to stay here for the rest of our lives? We knew very well. It was because, for each of us, a new world had suddenly opened up, incomparable in its beauty. And that world had turned out to be boundlessly more attractive than the one in which we had previously lived..."—preface from **Everyday Saints***

An incomparably beautiful new world is exactly what unfolds in the pages of **Everyday Saints** by Archimandrite Tikhon, the abbot of Moscow's Stretensky Monastery. **Everyday Saints** chronicles the life of young Tikhon, who enters into the Church as the communist grip of Soviet Russia is weakening. His journey begins at the Pskov Caves Monastery where he encounters fellow monastics who are Soviet war heroes, demanding old misers, and clairvoyants. Most importantly, what young Tikhon discovers is that these monastics are, above all humble lovers of Christ. Seventy years of crushing atheistic rule couldn't extinguish the fervent fire of faith that burns within these souls. This book will introduce you to these modern martyrs who continued to live the faith while enduring brutal torment. Archimandrite Tikhon also explores the wealth of miracles that have blossomed as a result of this faith. From the last of the sisters of the Diveyevo Monastery who lived to fulfill Saint Seraphim's enigmatic prophecy, to the discovery of the relics of Saint Tikhon (+d. 1926), the miracles are a powerful reminder of the presence of God. **Everyday Saints** will set your soul aflame, and you will share the sentiment of Archimandrite Tikhon when he proclaims that, *"I could scarcely understand whether I was in Heaven or on Earth."*

See Barbara Liontas in the Bookstore/Library to order your copy.

## PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Fellow Parishioners,

Pascha is in sight! Only a couple weeks left for our Great Fast. Hang in there. If you find yourself struggling, say a prayer asking God for strength, He will answer! With that in mind, planning is underway for our Pascha picnic, so, if you are willing to help out, please let us know.

For those who were asked to participate in our Orthodox Natural Church Development survey, I want to thank you for taking the time to do so. We, like our earlier letter stated, are trying to find ways that will allow our Parish to grow. The research developed from this survey will provide a couple focus areas of which we can stimulate positive effects. We will see in the coming months how this will synergize our Parish. More to follow.

Our new Parish Council has met a couple of times this year. I extend a special thank you to Josh Nichols who volunteered to serve on the Council with us in order to fill a gap. Our energy for this year will be to enhance our current facilities and solidify planning guidance for future years. We want to look 1-5 years into the future to ensure any and all growth can be accommodated. Your ideas are always welcome.

You may have noticed the temporary fixing of the parking lot entrances. Hopefully it'll last a little while so we won't have to use a more costly, permanent solution. The facilities lead, Leon Basdekas, is working with a paving company to seal and restripe our entire parking lot. This will provide an extended life for the asphalt. Anything we can do to save in one area will allow a chance to grow in another.

Barbara Lionatas is looking to expand the bookstore a bit to provide access to a wider variety of products. Please check out the great deals she enables due to her savvy purchasing techniques. Thank you Barbara!

That's all for now, see you in Church!

— John Kubik, *Parish Council President*

## PARISH COUNCIL

John Kubik - *President*

Stephen Bolish - *Vice President*

Roger LaBrie - *Treasurer*

Connie Leonard - *Secretary*

Norm Struck      Bogdan Georgescu

Joshua Nichols      Jake Topakas

Leon Basdekas      Philip Yannias

## ALTAR BOY ROBES

We are grateful to Brigid Rudolph and Kikki Katsampes who sewed 6 new altar boy robes. The cost of the robes were donated by the faithful of our parish. *God bless you and your hands!*

*Pictured are Roger LaBrie (L) and Dan Maschinsky (R)*



## FUNDRAISING

In the last issue of **The Messenger** Newsletter I wrote about VOLUNTEERS! Now I am soliciting your ideas on how to increase volunteer participation for the Annual Festival and Territory Days, along with pre and post activities for the event. Our volunteers come from the church and one third from outside. We have some ideas that we use to get volunteers but additional ideas are important - let's have them.

We are also looking for someone to lead the Territory Days this May and in the future. Our person in charge last year, Dan Maschinsky has transferred to Seattle, WA with his job. I need someone to work with me this year to learn what needs to be done for Territory Days. Someone mentioned the possibility of doing it by committee - that is how it is done now but one person has to be in charge overall. Interested, call me at 719-360-6844 or [nstruck40@yahoo.com](mailto:nstruck40@yahoo.com). This is my last year doing Territory Days - someone has to step up.

—Norm Struck, *Fundraising Director*



### TREASURER

I want to start off by thanking Andy Dabit for all of his hard work while serving as treasurer for the past three years. By the end of February, I had transitioned all treasurer duties from Andy to myself. I am excited to work for all of you and hopefully we have a great year. Please let me know there is anything I can do to help you this year.

#### Balance of accounts as of March 31, 2014:

General Fund	\$7,720
Festival Fund	\$59,730
Youth Fund	\$263
Bookstore Fund	\$618
New Building Fund	\$8,787

—Roger LaBrie, *Treasurer*

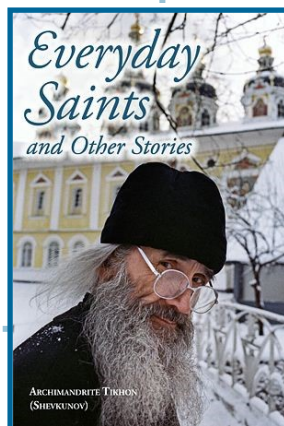
### LIBRARY/BOOKSTORE

During this Lenten season the bookstore/library has tried to have some items that may be of help to you during the season.

We have several Lenten Cookbooks, one is the **Festival of Greek Flavors** from the Cathedral in Denver. They have a Lenten index of wonderful recipes. We

also have the Service book for Holy Week and Pascha/Easter daily services, plus several prayer books. You may also like our votive lamps and sun catchers of the Holy Family and a guardian angel. A new book, **The Orthodox Church A to Z**, is a wonderful reference to have in your library or give as a gift. It is a wealth of information, very well organized and easy reading. Take time to browse through it, it won't be time wasted.

—Barbara Liontas



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Metropolitan Isaiah will preside at Agape Vespers at the Ludlow Massacre Memorial site, at 2pm on Pascha. It marks the 100th Anniversary of the massacre where Greek Orthodox immigrants were killed by Colorado National Guard troops on April 20, 1914 and it was Pascha that year. A luncheon will be offered following service for \$12 for adults and \$2 for children. To make your luncheon reservation please call Pam Jacobsen at 719.252.9446.
- Be sure to **Like** our **Facebook** page at [www.facebook.com/amgoc.co](http://www.facebook.com/amgoc.co) to be updated on current events associated with the church. Also, our webpage at [www.amgoc.org](http://www.amgoc.org) is a great resource for past bulletins, information, weekly services, events and history. Submit **Messenger** ideas/articles to: [admin@amgoc.org](mailto:admin@amgoc.org).

# APRIL / MAY SERVICES

## REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

- \* **Saturday:** Great Vespers at 6pm. Holy Confession before or after service.
- \* **Sunday:** Orthros 9am and Divine Liturgy 10am. Fellowship and coffee hour following services.

## HOLY WEEK / PASCHA SERVICES

*\* In preparation for Holy Week and Pascha we will be cleaning the hanging lamps, oil lamps, brass candle stands, etc. To help with these projects, please see or contact Fr. Dennis.*

- \* **April 11:** Little Compline with Canon to St. Lazarus — 6pm
  - \* **April 12:** St. Lazarus Saturday Orthros — 8am / Divine Liturgy — 9am  
*(The folding of palm crosses after services.)*  
Great Vespers for Palm Sunday — 6pm
  - \* **April 13:** Palm Sunday Orthros—9am / Divine Liturgy—10am / Palm Sunday Evening / Bridegroom—6pm
  - \* **April 14-16:** Presanctified Liturgy — 7am / Bridegroom Service — 6pm
  - \* **April 17:** Vespersal Divine Liturgy — 9am / 12 Passion Gospels Service — 6pm
  - \* **April 18:** Royal Hours — 9am / Vespers — 3pm / Lamentations — 6pm  
*(The Church is open all day to venerate the Holy Epitafio.)*
  - \* **April 19:** Holy Saturday Liturgy — 9am *(First Announcement of the Resurrection.)* / Vigil — 11:30pm
  - \* **April 20:** Paschal Resurrection Orthros & Liturgy — Midnight / Pascha Sunday Agape Vespers — Noon
- \*\* For more details on these services please visit our website or Facebook page listed below. \*\***

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