



### Condolences

We extend our condolences to *Jennifer Goetz* and her family on the death of Jennifer's father, **Michael Lopen**, who departed this life on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Memory Eternal! I Përjetshim Kujtimi!*

### Bible Study

This Wednesday, the Akathist Hymn, **Glory to God for All Things** and **Bible Study** will be held as usual. The *Akathist* will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., followed by *Bible Study* at about 7:00 p.m., lasting until about 8:00 p.m.

This will be the last session until the Fall.

### Jesus Prayer Meditation Group

On Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, there will be a **Jesus Prayer Meditation Group** at the home of Gregory Buzi II, 60 Brookdale Rd. in Seymour. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayers followed by recitation of the Jesus Prayer and a period of silence. A meal will be provided after the meditation.

Speak to Gregory for more information and to let him know you will be attending.

### Lakror for sale

Order your **Lakrors—Leek, Spinach and Sauerkraut**—now. The cost is \$50.00 each.

See *Laura Denisevich* or *Laura Chadwick* to place your order.

### FORCC Scholarships

Each year, the **Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut** (FORCC) offers scholarships to the young people of member parishes who are graduating from high school and entering college. The scholarships are awarded at the organization's annual banquet, which will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.

Applications are now available and must be submitted by June 1, 2016. Contact Father Dennis to obtain one.

### Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting.

The focus of this next meeting will be the *Sixth Step*.

### Cemetery Visitations

This Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we will visit our local cemeteries to bless the graves. The schedule will be as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. Lakeview Cemetery, Bridgeport (starting at Fr. Kovachi's grave site)
- 1:00 p.m. Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairfield
- 2:30 p.m. Gate of Heaven, Trumbull

If there are other cemeteries you would like Father Dennis to visit for grave blessings, please contact him to make arrangements.

### Summer Hours

We will be observing **Summer Hours** again this year. Beginning on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30 a.m. This will continue through Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Weekday Liturgies will continue to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

### Special Guest

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, **Archimandrite Juvenaly (Repass)** will be with us to speak about the missionary work he will be doing in Guatemala.

### Father's Day

We are preparing our annual **Father's Day** Commemorations.

Please submit names of your father, grandfather, step-father, god-father, brother, step-brother, or nephew (clearly indicating whether they are living or deceased) to a member of the Parish Council. The names will be remembered in prayer during the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will be used for the beautification of the church.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **CROP Hunger Walk** program of *Church World Service* that raises funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

**Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42**

In those days it came to pass that Peter, while visiting all of them, came to the saints living at Lydda. And he found there a certain man named Aeneas who had been lying in bed for eight years, since he was a paralytic. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ is healing you: get up and make your bed." And he got up immediately. And all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw him, and they were converted to the LORD. Now in Joppa there was a certain woman disciple named Tabitha, which translated means Dorcas, and she devoted herself to good works and almsgiving. But it happened at that time that she fell ill and died; and they washed her and laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda is close to Joppa, the disciples, hearing Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Come to us without delay." And Peter got up and went with them, and on his arrival, they led him to the upper room, and all the widows stood around him weeping, showing him the gowns and cloaks Dorcas used to make for them. But Peter, putting them all out, knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" And she opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. Then Peter gave her his hand and raised her up, and calling the saints and the widows, he gave her back to them alive. And it became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the LORD.

**John 5:1-15**

At that time Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the gate of the sheep, a

pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these were lying a great multitude of the sick, blind, lame, and those with shriveled limbs, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord used to come down at certain times into the pool, and the water was stirred. And the first to go down into the pool after the stirring of the water was cured of whatever infirmity he had. Now a certain man was there who had been thirty-eight years under his infirmity. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been in this state a long time, He asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred; for while I am coming another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet and walk." And at once the man was cured. And he took up his pallet and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; you are not allowed to take up the pallet." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" They asked him then, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet and walk?'" But the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd in the place. Afterwards Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are cured. Sin no more, lest something worse happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

### Veprat e Apostujve 9:32-42

Në ato ditë Pjetri, duke shkuar nëpër gjithë ato vende, zbriti edhe tek shenjtorët që ishin në Lidë. Edhe atje gjeti një njeri që e quanin Enea, i cili ishte një i paralizuar që dergjej tetë vjet në shtrat. Edhe Pjetri i tha: "Enea, Jisu Krishti të shëron. Ngrihu dhe shtro shtratin tënd." Edhe ai përnjëherë u ngrit. Edhe e panë atë gjithë ata që rrinin në Lidë e në Saron, dhe u kthyen në ZOTIN. Edhe në Jopë ishte një nxënëse që quhej Tavità, që e përkthyer do me thënë Sorkadhe; ajo ishte plot me punë të mira e me lëmosha që bënte. Edhe në ato ditë qëlloi të sëmuret e të vdesë, dhe si e lanë e vunë në një dhomë të sipërme. Edhe pasi Lida ishte afër Jopës, nxënësit, kur dëgjuan se Pjetri është në të, dërguan dy burra tek ai, duke iu lutur atij të mos përtojë të vijë deri tek ata. Edhe Pjetri u ngrit e shkoi bashkë me ta; sapo erdhi atë e ngjiten në dhomën e sipërme dhe i dolën përpara gjithë gratë e veja duke qarë e duke treguar këmishë e rroba, të cilat i bënte Sorkadhja, kur ishte bashkë me to. Po Pjetri, pasi i nxori të gjithë jashtë, u ul në gjunjë dhe u fal; dhe si u kthye nga trupi, tha: "Tavità, ngrihu." E ajo hapi sytë e saj, dhe kur pa Pjetrin, u ngrit e ndenji. Edhe ai i dha dorën dhe e ngriti; dhe pasi thërriti shenjtorët e të vejat, e nxori përpara të gjallë. Edhe kjo u mor vesh nëpër gjithë Jopën; dhe shumë veta besuan në ZOTIN.

### Joani 5:1-15

Në atë kohë, Jisui u ngjiti në Jerusalem. Edhe në Jerusalem afër derës së dhenve është një pellg uji

që quhet Hebraisht Betesdà, dhe ka pesë kamare. Në këto dergjej një turmë e madhe të sëmuresh, të verbrish, të çalësh, të paralizuarish që pritnin lëvizjen e ujit. Sepse kohë pas kohe zbriste një engjëll në pellg dhe trazonte ujin; ai pra që të hynte më përpara pas trazimit të ujit, bëhej i shëndoshë prej çfarëdo sëmundjeje që të kishte. Edhe atje ishte një njeri, që kishte i sëmure tridhjetë e tetë vjet. Jisui kur e pa këtë se po dergjej, dhe mori vesh se tashmë prej shumë kohe ishte i sëmure, i thotë: "A do të bëhesh i shëndoshë?" I sëmuri iu përgjigj: "Zot, s'kam njeri të më vërë në pellg kur trazohet uji; sepse kur vij unë, një tjetër zbret përpara meje." Jisui i thotë: "Çohu, ngri shtratin tënd, dhe ecë." Edhe përnjëherë njeriu u bë i shëndoshë, dhe ngriti shtratin e tij, dhe ecte. Edhe atë ditë ishte e shtunë. Judenjtë pra i thoshin atij që u shërua: "Është e shtunë. Nuk është e udhës të ngresh shtratin." Ai iu përgjigj atyre: "Ai që më shëroi më tha: 'Ngri shtratin tënd dhe ec.'" E pyetën pra: "Cili është ai njeri që të tha: 'Ngri shtratin tënd dhe ec!'" Po ai që u shërua nuk e dinte cili është; sepse Jisui u shmang, se kishte shumë popull në atë vend. Pastaj Jisui e gjen atë në tempull, dhe i tha: "Ja tek u bëre i shëndoshë; mos mëkato më, që mos të të bëhet ndonjë gjë më e keqe." Njeriu pra shkoi dhe lajmëroi Judenjtë se ai që e bëri të shëndoshë është Jisui.