



### Father Dennis to be away

Father Dennis will be away this week, attending the meeting of the OCA's Metropolitan Council on behalf of our Archdiocese, and the Archdiocesan Assembly in Philadelphia.

He will return on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Scholarships available

Applications for the 2017 **Thomas and Katherine LaBache Scholarships** are now being accepted.

Applications are available at the Candle Desk and must be returned by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### News from the Women's Council

The September meeting of the **Orthodox Women's Council** will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at Holy Ghost Russian Orthodox Church on East Main St. in Bridgeport, at 1:30 p.m. The proposed slate of elected officers for the next two year term will be presented.

### More news from the Women's Council

The *Orthodox Women's Council's* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (*infants to 18-year-olds*) will begin in September and end in March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

### Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet

The new **Coffee Hour Sign-up Sheet** for 2017/2018 is now posted on the wall in the Church Hall.

Take a look today and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

### Educational Mini-Series to be held

On the last Wednesday of this and the next two months, there will be an adult education "mini-series" on Saints offered in our Church Hall at 7:00 p.m., following the celebration of the Akathist Hymn, "Glory to God for All Things."

See the flyer printed on the back of today's Bulletin for details.

### News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** is currently accepting donations to offset the costs of their annual **Bazaar**, which will be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

See Sue Galich to make your donation.

### FORCC Banquet

The **24<sup>th</sup> Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's event will be held at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church on Racebrook Road in Orange. **Fr. Chad Hatfield**, President of St. Vladimir's Seminary, will be the guest speaker.

Menu options include chicken or fish. Tickets are \$35 per person for adults and \$10 per person for children if purchased and paid for by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Adult tickets will be \$45 per person if purchased between September 25<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. No tickets will be sold at the door.

See *Father Dennis* or *Bob Lazar* for information.

### Parish Finances

Be sure to take a look at the sign at the Candle Desk which shows last month's income and expenses.

### Notification of illness

When you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please be sure to let Father Dennis know so he can visit. He can be reached at 203-598-4678.

### Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will go to **International Orthodox Christian Charities** to help with their relief efforts in areas affected by the recent hurricanes. Donations can also be made directly at the IOCC website: [ioccc.org/Harvey](http://ioccc.org/Harvey).

Please be generous!



**Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, we know man is not justified by the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. Hence we also believe in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law, because by the works of the Law no man will be justified. But if, while we are seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore the minister of sin? By no means. For if I rebuild the things I destroyed, I make myself a sinner. For through the Law I have died to the Law that I may live for God. With Christ I am nailed to the Cross. It is now no longer I who live, but Christ is living in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live within the faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**Mark 8:34-39**

The LORD said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For anyone who would save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will save it. For what does it profit a man, if he gains the whole world, but suffers the loss of his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes with the holy Angels in the glory of His Father." And He said to them, "Amen I say to you, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death, till they have seen the Kingdom of God coming in power."

**Galatianëve 2:16-20**

Vëllezër, duke ditur se s'del i drejtë njeriu prej veprash ligji, veçse me anë të besimit të Jisu Krishtit, edhe ne i besuam Jisu Krishtit, që të dalim të drejtë prej besimit të Krishtit, dhe jo prej veprave të ligjit; sepse asnjë njeri s'ka për të dalë i drejtë prej veprave të ligjit. Po në qoftë se duke kërkuar të dalim të drejtë në Krishtin, u gjetëm edhe ne mëkatarë, Krishti pa fjalë qenka shërbëtor i mëkatit? Qoftë larg. Sepse nëse ndërtoj përsëri ato që prisha, bëj veten time ligjshkelës. Sepse unë me anë të ligjit vdiqa në ligj, që të rroj në Perëndinë. Bashkë me Krishtin u kryqëzova; dhe s'rroj më unë, po Krishti rron tek unë; dhe atë që rroj unë tani në mish, rroj në besimin e Birit të Perëndisë, i cili më deshi dhe dorëzoi veten e tij për mua.

**Marku 8:34-9:1**

ZOTI tha: "Kush të dojë të vijë pas meje, le të mohojë veten e tij dhe le të ngrerë kryqin e tij, dhe le të më vijë pas. Sepse kush të dojë të shpëtojë shpirtin e tij, do ta humbasë; po kush të humbasë shpirtin e tij për shkakun tim dhe të ungjillit, ky do ta shpëtojë. Sepse ç'dobi do të ketë njeriu, në fitoftë gjithë botën, dhe të dëmtojë shpirtin e tij? Apo ç'do të japë njeriu për këmbim të shpirtit të tij? Sepse cilitdo që t'i vijë turp për mua dhe për fjalët e mia në këtë brez të përdalë e fajtor, edhe të birit të njeriut do t'i vijë turp për atë, kur të vijë në lavdinë e Atit të tij bashkë me engjëjt e shenjtë." Edhe u thoshte atyre: "Me të vërtetë po ju them juve, se janë disa prej këtyre që rrinë këtu, që nuk do të provojnë vdekje, deri sa të shohin mbretërinë e Perëndisë të ardhur me fuqi."