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SERVICES FOR OUR PARISH FEAST-DAY OF SAINT PANTELEIMON

On Saturday 5 August we will have All-night Vigil at 6.00pm and on Sunday 6 August, the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and the day of commemoration of the Right-believing Passion-bearers Princes Boris and Gleb (+1015 AD), we will have Divine Liturgy at 9.00am. In anticipation of our parish feast-day on 9 August, Bishop George will preside at Divine Liturgy on Sunday 6 August. **Our parishioners and friends are asked to be at church by 8.45am to greet Bishop George when he arrives.** Following Divine Liturgy, there will be a festive lunch at the Narara Community Centre, 2 Pandala Road, Narara. **All are welcome to join us for this lunch.** Our Saint Panteleimon's Day raffle will be drawn at lunch on this day.

On Tuesday 8 August All-night Vigil with the blessing of wheat, wine, oil and five loaves will be served at 6.00pm. On the following day, Wednesday 9 August, the day of commemoration of the Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, the heavenly protector of our parish, the Lesser Blessing of Water will be served at 8.15am. Divine Liturgy will commence at 9.00am, at the completion of which there will be a moleben to Saint Panteleimon. There will be a festive meal in the parish hall for those present after the services on Wednesday.

PARISH LIFE: JUNE & JULY 2017

On Saturday 3 June and Sunday 4 June we had services for the Great Feast of Pentecost, the commemoration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. All-night Vigil with the blessing of wheat, wine, oil and five loaves, was served on Saturday evening and Divine Liturgy was served on Sunday morning. On Saturday our small church was beautifully decorated by Kate Macotriagiano and Claudia Kraihin with fragrant herbs and green branches in honour of the the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life. Divine Liturgy on Sunday was followed by Vespers and the customary "kneeling prayers".

On Saturday 17 June and Sunday 18 June we had services for the Sunday of All Saints of Russia, the Second Sunday after Pentecost. At Divine Liturgy on Sunday prayers were offered for Bishop George and Father Martin, both of whom were travelling abroad. It being a feast-day of particular significance for the Russian Orthodox Church, the Prayer for the Prosperity of the Russian Church was read. Following Divine Liturgy a collection was taken up at the request of the Diocesan authorities to assist the construction of a memorial church in Sremski-Karlovci, a town on the banks of the Danube River in central Serbia. Sremski-Karlovci was for a number of years home to the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia under Metropolitan Anthony

(Khrapovitsky) and headquarters of the Russian emigres under General PN Wrangel. This year, the centenary of the beginning of the revolutionary turmoil that forced so many Russians abroad, is also the centenary of the beginning of the presence and influence of Russian emigres in Serbia. The church is to be dedicated to Saint Mary Magdalene, Equal-to-the-Apostles, and will be built in Russian architectural style. It will stand as a monument to Metropolitan Anthony and all the Russian emigres laid to rest in the Serbian land. Our collection raised \$390.00.

On Saturday 1 July and Sunday 2 July we had services for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and in honour of the Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord (+c.80 AD). In his sermon at Divine Liturgy on Sunday Father James spoke about the evidence in the recently-published 2016 Census data of increasing unbelief in Australian society, of our Lord's words to the Apostle Jude that He will be manifest to those love Him and keep His words (John 14:21-24), and of the need "to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3). Following the service many enjoyed a range of Lenten piroshki - with mushroom, cabbage, rice and spinach, potato and apple fillings - freshly cooked by our hard-working Ladies' Auxiliary.

On Saturday 15 July and Sunday 16 July we had services for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and in honour of the Martyr Hyacinth (+108 AD). At Divine Liturgy on Sunday the Prayer for Ukraine was read. Following the Prayer before the Amvon the prayers of blessing were read over a copy of the "Port Arthur" Icon of the Mother of God, a gift to our parish from Arthur and Natasha Tane. In his sermon at Divine Liturgy Father James spoke about the history and significance of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, the specific guidance for Christian living given in the appointed reading from that Letter (Romans 12:6-14), and the example of Martyr Hyacinth in resisting the civic piety of his day and remaining faithful to Christ.

THE REPOSE AND FUNERAL OF ALEXANDER MOMOT

On Wednesday 21 June we learned with sadness of the repose, in Brisbane, of Alexander Sergeevich Momot, a former parishioner and long-term resident of the Central Coast. On Friday 30 June Alexander's funeral was served in our church. Born in China in 1936, Alexander was blind from his infancy. After qualifying as a physiotherapist in 1956 in Harbin, he worked in that profession until coming to Australia in 1961. Continuing his studies in Australia, Alexander qualified as a chiropractor in 1965. He had a successful private practice in Gosford from 1965 until 1995, afterwards practising in Laurieton until his retirement in 2001. He served for a number of years in the 1970s as President of NSW Branch of the United Chiropractors Association and was also a respected teacher in his field. A spiritual son of the ever-memorable Archpriest Rostislav Gan (+1975), Alexander knew many parts of the Divine Services from memory and would in this way assist with the reading in church. A great many family members, friends and colleagues gathered to farewell him, after which he was laid to rest at Point Clare Cemetery. **A memorial service will be held at Alexander's graveside at 12.30pm on Sunday 30 July, the fortieth day of his repose.** May his memory be eternal!

PARISH LIFE: THE MONTH AHEAD

August is generally a busy month in church life. The focus for us at the beginning of the month will be on Bishop George's visit on the weekend of 5-6 August and the celebration of the feast-day of Saint Panteleimon on 8-9 August, details of which are at the beginning of this newsletter.

Soon after our feast-day we will have services for the feast of the Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord. Matins with the bringing out of the Cross will be served at 6.00pm on Sunday 13 August and Divine Liturgy will be served at 9.00am on Monday 14 August. On this day, the first day of the two-week Dormition Fast, the Orthodox Church also remembers the Holy Maccabean Martyrs (+166 BC), martyrs before Christ who remained faithful to God's law despite bitter persecution. Following Divine Liturgy on Monday the Lesser Blessing of Waters will be served, after which there will be a blessing of honey.

On Saturday 19 August Great Vespers will be served at 6.00pm and on Sunday 20 August, the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration, and the day of commemoration of Monk-Martyr Dometius of Persia (+363 AD), Divine Liturgy will be served at 9.00am. A reliquary containing portions of the relics of twenty-four New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia including Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow; Hieromartyr Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev; Saint Luke of Simferopol; Royal Passion-Bearers Grand Duchesses Elizabeth and Anastasia will be present during these services, and Great Vespers on Saturday evening will be followed by a moleben and an akathist to the New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. A short service of intercession to these saints will also follow Divine Liturgy on Sunday. The reliquary is visiting all the parishes and monasteries of our Diocese as this year is the centenary of the Russian Revolution and the beginning of persecution by the godless authorities. Information about each of the saints in the reliquary will be made available beforehand.

Our Schedule of Services for the Spring months – September, October and November – is expected to be available on the weekend of 18-19 August.

On Sunday 27 August we will have All-night Vigil with the blessing of wheat, wine, oil and five loaves at 6.00pm and on Monday 28 August, the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, we will have Divine Liturgy at 9.00am. In accordance with a resolution of the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, Divine Liturgy will be followed by a moleben to the canonised participants in the 1917-18 Local Council of the Russian Orthodox Church and a memorial litia for the other participants. The Council, a momentous event in the life of the Russian Orthodox Church that culminated in the restoration of the Patriarchate and the enthronement of Patriarch Tikhon (Belavin), opened in the Dormition Cathedral on the day of the feast in 1917. Following these services an Epistle of Patriarch Kyrill on the occasion of the centenary of the Council will be read aloud in Russian and in English.

At 7.00pm on Thursday 31 August we will have a moleben and akathist to Saint Panteleimon. This service will be entirely in English. At these services all of our parishioners, benefactors and friends are commemorated by name. Others wishing to be commemorated at this service – or who wish to put forward names for commemoration – are welcome to contact us. Our next moleben and akathist in Slavonic will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 28 September.

DIOCESAN LIFE: A RUSSIAN ORTHODOX SACRED MUSIC CONFERENCE



From Wednesday 27 September until Monday 2 October this year, a Russian Orthodox Sacred Music Conference will be held in Brisbane. Organised by the Diocesan Liturgical Music Committee, the conference programme will include lectures from eminent guest speakers including Archpriest Andre Papkov from Chicago, USA, intensive choral workshops and rehearsals at Saint Seraphim's church and Saint Nicholas Cathedral, common meals, and a

hierarchical All-night Vigil and Divine Liturgy at the church of Our Lady of Vladimir. The cost – not including accommodation – will be \$200.00 per person and \$150.00 for students, with discounts available for early registration. The organisers are still working on accommodation packages. More information is available on our parish website. See also: <https://www.facebook.com/ROCSingersANZ/>

RUSSIAN AND OTHER ORTHODOX KIDS' CAMP, 10-16 DECEMBER 2017

A group of young families from the Intercession of the Holy Virgin parish in Cabramatta, NSW, is again organising a camp for Russian and other Orthodox children and young people aged 8-17 to be held in Toukley, NSW - not far from us, on the Central Coast - from 10 December - 16 December 2017. The cost will be \$399.00 per person, with a discount available if full payment is made by **4 August 2017**. The organisers are also looking for helpers and supervisors. For those interested in the camp, more information is available at: <https://cabrapokrov.org/camp-rok/>.

CHURCH LIFE: A COLLECTION TO AID THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS IN THE TRANSBAIKAL TERRITORY

Under the leadership of Sophia Mikhailovna Boikov, the Sydney-based Russo-Chinese Orthodox Mission is raising funds for the construction of a church in Shonoktui, a small village in the Borzinsky district of the Zabaykalsky Krai. The Zabaykalsky Krai, or Transbaikal Territory, is a federal subject of Russia that shares borders with China and Mongolia. The church is to be dedicated to Saint Nicholas, the wonderworker of Myra in Lycia, and will be within the Chita Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church. The building project has the blessing of the Diocesan authorities in Russia and the collection of funds in this Diocese has the blessing of Metropolitan Hilarion and Bishop George. In July 2016 a cross was blessed at the site on which the church will be constructed. Donations can be made at the candle-desk in our church, or by direct deposit to the account of the Russo-Chinese Orthodox Mission (Commonwealth Bank of Australia BSB 062-130 ACN 10484933). This is a worthy project – please give generously! More information and photographs of the site and a model of the church are available on our parish website.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE ASKED FOR:

The sick: Olga (Petroff), Ludmila (Roubanoff), Boris (Levitski)

Newly-departed: Alexander (Momot)

Departed: Our former parishioners and benefactors Helen (Leidl), Alla (Neal), Sophia (Kfoury), Tatiana (Elgin-Borodin), Michael (Grigorieff), Irene (Claydon), Victor (Manjetny), Vladimir (Dmitrieff), George (Fomin), Irina (Kamenev), Nun Maria (Gafu), George (Kraihin), Theodore and Antonina (Tialshinsky), Lyubov (Smieska), Victor (Pulkownik), Olga (Timohina), Alexander (Dikan), Elena (Yakupova), Lydia (Ustimko), Nikolai (Pinczuk), Tatiana (Venttsel), and John (Gordeyeff).

Non-Orthodox departed: Bill (Claydon).



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