



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. All Saints of America.  
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16; Hebrews 11:33-12:2  
Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-23; 4:25-5:12  
Ven. Bessarion the Wonderworker  
Apostles' Fast

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## Sunday, June 6, 2010

### Today's Announcements

- Following Veneration of the Cross, prayers will be held for the repose of the souls of Nancy and Michael Wusylko, Matrona and Elia Tuskevich, Wasil and Anna Wusylko, and infant Mary. May their memory be eternal!
- Parish Survey – following Divine Liturgy – The survey will assess the personal and professional qualities desired in our new priest, as well as parish goals, strengths and improvement opportunities. We are asking all members to participate. See Priest Selection Process note.

### Tuesday – June 8

- Women's Association Meeting – 7 pm in the church hall.

### Thursday – Friday – June 10-11

- Pierogi Workshop – Potato balls will be made on Thursday beginning at 5 pm, and the pierogi pinching will commence at 10 am on Friday.

### Saturday – June 12

- Vespers – 7 pm, followed by General Confession.

### Next Sunday – June 13

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am
- Parish Graduates will be honored following Liturgy
- Parish Council

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Memorial Divine Liturgy commemorating the third anniversary of the repost of Archbishop Kyrill – June 17 at 10 am at Transfiguration Monastery. A Parastas will be served at St. Alexander Nevsky that evening at 7 pm.
- Archdiocesan Youth Retreat – June 26 at Transfiguration Monastery.
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

**Previously Noted:** The Women's Association is planning to clean and organize the church hall. We need to find a place for the wooden chairs and tables that we no longer use. Therefore, we would like to offer our parishioners a chance to purchase these items. A suggested price is \$5 for 2 wooden chairs, or \$10 for 5 wooden chairs; tables are being given away for free. If you are interested please contact Sandy Pysh by June 14.

### **Parish Priest Selection Process Update**

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. He is therefore establishing the following selection process in the hope that a consensus of the best candidate will emerge over the course of the Summer.

1. A survey is being developed which will be administered to parish members on Sunday, June 6 following Divine Liturgy. The survey will assess the personal and professional qualities desired in our new priest, as well as parish goals, strengths and improvement opportunities. Although we hope to accommodate those who are unable to attend Liturgy that day, we are asking that everyone make every effort to attend on that date. Your survey will be anonymous, and profile results will be provided to parishioners. The survey will provide input to Bishop Melchisedek in developing a set of interview questions to be asked of each candidate.
2. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. We will provide you with the dates of these visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.
3. The following priests have been submitted for consideration: Fr. Michael Senyo, Fr. John Mikita, and Fr. John Soucek. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

**The Venerable Bessarion** was born and educated in Egypt. He dedicated himself to the spiritual life at an early age and "did not stain his spiritual garment in which he was clothed at baptism." He visited St. Gerasimus by the Jordan and learned from St. Isidore of Pelusium. He subdued his body through extreme fasting and vigils but he concealed his life of mortification from men as much as possible. At one time, he stood for forty days at prayer, neither eating nor sleeping. He wore one garment both in summer and winter. He possessed the great gift of miracle-working. He did not have a permanent dwelling place but lived in the mountains and forests until a ripe old age. He healed the sick and worked many other miracles for the benefit of the people and to the glory of God. He died peacefully in the year 466 A.D.

**Kontakion** (Tone 2) You imitated the powers on high, venerable Bessarion, living by example the life of those who take flight. Led by steadfast desire to the heavenly good things of Christ the King, you put passing things from your mind and attained to Him. Entreat Him without ceasing for the sake of us all!