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- Reader Julius Kovach -
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

July 2, 2006

3rd Sunday After Pentecost



The Akhtyr Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

Prayer Requests

Departed:

Janet Franks
Barbara Boris

Ill-afflicted:

Archpriest Pavel Soucek
Deacon Peter Homik
Helen Baldner
Mary Marhefka
Eva Dudich
John Clements
John Conrad
Alex Dobay
Eileen Eschuk
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Mary Ann Mishko
John & Ann Shuleva
Jan Tkacz
Jeanne Twitchell
Alexander Kuzminec
Billy J Spurlock
James Sheehan
Julia Zimmerman
Karen Felon

Michelle & Kiplan Frampton
& Unborn Child

Parish Council News

🕯️ The next Parish Council Meeting is August 16, 2006 @ Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

Upcoming Events

- 🕯️ August 20, 2006 - Parish Picnic
- 🕯️ September 9-10, 2006 St. Theodosius Feast Day and 110th Parish Anniversary Banquet on September 10, 2006
- 🕯️ September 16-17 - Tremont Arts Festival in Lincoln Park

Deanery-Wide Golf Outing

Saturday July 22, 2006 - 1:00 PM

18 Holes \$50

9 Hole "Best Ball" \$35

Contact Leon Sheean

216 371 1173

Fr. John will be on Vacation from July 3-12. If you have need of a priest during that time please contact:

- ◆ Fr. John Memorich @ 440-526-5192 (St. Michael's),
216 524 9795 (home or
- ◆ Dn. Peter Homik @ 330-467-9419 or
- ◆ Frank Tkacz @ 216351-1011

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

7/2
7/9
7/16
7/23
7/30
8/6
8/13

Greeters:

Debbie Pinta
Paul Pangrce
Steve & Eileen Bondor
Debbie Pinta
Mike Tabelaing
Linda Smotzer
Steve & Eileen Bondor

2006 Dues

\$250.00 per

Adult member

(18 and older)

The Akhtyr Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos appeared on July 2, 1739 in the village of Akhtyr in the area of Kharkov, east of Kiev.

Father Basil Danilov, a righteous man of strong faith, was the priest of the Dormition church in Akhtyr. He wanted to try out a new scythe, and so he went out to a field by the church. As he began to cut the tall grass, Father Basil noticed an icon of the Mother of God shining with a radiant light. Dropping the scythe, he fell to his knees and began to pray, then took the icon to his home.

The icon remained in the priest's home for three years. No one could spend the night in the same room as the icon, because an inexplicable fear would force them to leave.

One night the Theotokos appeared to Fr Basil in a dream, reproaching him because he had not cleaned the icon in the three years since he had found it. When he awoke, he dusted the icon off and washed it with water, then went back to sleep. That night he had another dream in which he saw himself going to the river in order to pour out the water he had used to wash the icon. The Mother of God appeared to him again and ordered him to return home with the water, explaining that it would cure people of malaria and fever.

When Fr Basil's daughter became ill with malaria, he gave her some of the water to drink and she was healed. Others also received healing in this way. The priest decided that the icon should not remain in his home, so he took it to the church.

An iconographer named John was commissioned to restore the icon. When his son was suffering from malaria, John remembered how the water used to wash the icon had cured people of that disease. Therefore, he washed the icon and gave his son some of the water to drink. The young man was healed at once, and there were many other miracles after this one.

The miracles of the Akhtyr Icon were investigated no less than three times. In 1751 the Holy Synod determined that reports of the miracles were true, and declared the icon to be wonderworking.

Empress Elizabeth had a stone church built in Akhtyr for the icon, and she personally donated two thousand rubles. St Joasaph of Belgorod (September 4 and December 10) blessed the cornerstone. The church was consecrated in the year 1768.

Tsar Nicholas I ordered that on the Saturday before Pentecost the Akhtyr Icon should be taken from the Protection Cathedral and carried in procession to the Akhtyr-Holy Trinity Monastery. The icon was brought back to the cathedral during the week of All Saints. Unfortunately, the icon was stolen from the Protection Cathedral on April 1, 1905. Many copies of the Akhtyr Icon were made before it was stolen.

On July 2 many churches bless water in remembrance of the healings which took place after the Mother of God ordered Fr Basil Danilov to wash the icon.

The icon is rather unusual, and does not seem to have an earlier prototype. It is painted in a Western style, and shows the Theotokos with an uncovered head. The Crucifixion of Christ is depicted in much smaller proportions, and the Virgin seems to be gazing directly at the Cross. Her hands are held with the palms together, and the fingers pointing upward, which is not a typical gesture of prayer in Orthodox iconography.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday July 2

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday July 3

Tuesday July 4

Independence Day

Wednesday July 5

Thursday July 6

Friday July 7

Saturday July 8

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday July 9

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



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