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**saint panteleimon**  
gosford

## ПАНТЕЛЕИМОНСКИЙ ЛИСТОК PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **PARISH LIFE: NEW DATE FOR AGM**

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 4 July in the parish hall after Divine Liturgy. An AGM is convened each year in order for parish members to hear the Parish Council and Auditing Committee report on the year just completed, and to elect a Parish Council to serve in the year ahead. For decisions at an AGM to be valid, two thirds of financial members must be present. The AGM will not take longer than 45 minutes. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. The Annual Report will be distributed to financial parish members at least one week before the meeting.

### **PARISH LIFE: MAY-JUNE 2010**

The second half of May was a busy month in our parish, with services on Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 May for the "leave-taking" of Pascha and the Great Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The "leave-taking" of Pascha is a joyful service, served in the same way as on Pascha itself and during Bright Week, with everything sung and the altar doors open. The Great Feast of the Ascension was also celebrated with joy, marking as it now does the anniversary of the Reunification of the Russian Orthodox Church.

We had our usual services on Saturday May 15 and Sunday May 16. On Saturday May 29, a fortnight later, two infants were baptised. Early that morning Father James baptised Sviatoslav (Richard) Smart, the third and youngest child of Alexei and Sylvia Smart of Kincumber. Later in the day Maxim Blanloeuil, the second son of Jean-Phillipe Blanloeuil and Elena Fauris of Berowra, and a baby brother for Roman, was baptised, with Father James and Father Martin serving in Slavonic and French respectively. Our warmest congratulations to Alexei and Silvia, Jean-Phillipe and Elena and their families, and to the godparents of Sviatoslav and Maxim. This brings to nine the number of children baptised or received into Orthodoxy in our parish this year.

On Sunday May 30, the day of commemoration of All Saints, we had our customary Divine Liturgy in English, it being the fifth Sunday of the month. The

church was full this day, the choir sang beautifully, and a great many people received Holy Communion.

Joining us that day was Rassaphore-monk Peter (Jigalin). Originally from Geelong, Father Peter spent some time at the Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Bombala before moving to the Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville and then returning to Australia. He has assisted with various church projects since. Shortly after visiting us, on the evening of Tuesday June 8, Father Peter was formally tonsured a monk and given the name Panteleimon. The following day, at Divine Liturgy in his home parish of Geelong, he was ordained deacon by Metropolitan Hilarion. We congratulate the newly tonsured and ordained Hierodeacon Panteleimon, and look forward to having him join us when we celebrate Saint Panteleimon's day in August.

The Sunday of All Saints was also the Day of Youth of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. Established by our Synod of Bishops in 2008, this celebration is intended to include all three main socio-cultural groups of the youth of our Holy Church: young people living in Russia, young Russians abroad, and those who have converted to Orthodoxy in the countries of the Russian Church Abroad. Although we offered special prayers on this day for our young people, we were unable to organise any special activities. As the Sunday of All Saints will be celebrated in Gosford again in 2011, we will endeavour to do more than to observe our Day of Youth.

On Sunday June 6 we commemorated All Saints who have Shone Forth in the Russian Land. This was a relatively quiet day for our parish. Father James and Matushka Marie left immediately after the service to attend a festive lunch in Burwood in honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the church of All Saints of Russia in Croydon, and the sixtieth anniversary of the ordination of Mitred Archpriest Michael Li, a priest assigned to that parish. Metropolitan Hilarion had returned to Australia for this important occasion. From our parish, Father Martin and Matushka Tania and their children, and our head sister Olga Petroff, were also present.

### **PARISH LIFE: PARISH FEAST DAY**

Parishioners and friends are reminded that our feast-day of Saint Panteleimon will be celebrated this year on Saturday 7 August, with Bishop Agapit of Stuttgart presiding. Lunch afterwards will be at a community hall in Niagara Park, close to the shopping centre. It is expected that a number of priests and deacons from Sydney will join us, together with the faithful from parishes there and in Newcastle.

## **CHURCH LIFE: INDIGENOUS MISSION FEAST DAY**

On Saturday July 3, 2010, the Australian Orthodox Indigenous Community chapel of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco in Gunning, NSW, will celebrate its patronal feast. As the chapel is small and in the home of the head of the community, Father Seraphim Slade, the services at 6.00pm on Friday July 3 and 10.00am the following day will be held at Saint Edmund's Anglican Church in Biala Street, Gunning. A festive lunch afterwards will be held at the Gunning Showground Hall. For further information, contact Matushka Helen on 4845-1370.

## **PARISH LIFE: CHARITABLE WORK**

Our money box collection during the Apostles' Fast is for the assistance of the Russian Orthodox Church in Chile, following the earthquake there in February. Money boxes are available in church or can be obtained by speaking to Paul Pereboeff.

## **PARISH LIFE: WINTER CAMP**

A 'Rough-It Camp' to celebrate the feast day of the Martyred Crown Prince Alexei will be held from Friday 16 – Sunday 18 July (the last weekend of the school holidays) at Camp Chapman in Somersby. There are only 28 beds, so most people will be camping. Activities will include cooking over a campfire and building things from bamboo and rope. Cost is \$50 for those sleeping in a bed, and \$30 for campers. For further information please contact Matushka Marie on 4342-0015.

## **DIOCESAN LIFE: 2010 YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Each year, the youth of our Diocese gather together in late December, traditionally over Western Christmas and the associated Public Holidays, for fellowship and the strengthening of their Orthodox Christian faith. This annual Diocesan Youth Conference provides an important opportunity for our young people to learn, form friendships with one another, and to meet and talk with clergy from across the Diocese.

This year's conference, the forty-sixth, will be held at Treetops Resort Avoca Beach here on the Central Coast. Beginning on the afternoon of Monday December 27, the conference will end on the morning of December 31, 2010. The theme of the conference will be 'Connections: Orthodox Life in the Digital Age'. The conference programme will feature four keynote lectures and a number of small talks and workshops in addition to Divine Services and social activities. It is expected that more than 100 young people aged 18-35 will attend, together with Metropolitan Hilarion and the clergy of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese.

The cost to those attending the conference will be no more than \$350.00. This will include all meals, morning and afternoon tea, twin-share accommodation, and use of the conference centre and resort facilities. For more information, visit [www.syezd.info](http://www.syezd.info) or talk to Father James. Father James and Archpriest George Lapardin have been entrusted with the organisation of the conference, assisted by a youth committee.

### **CHURCH LIFE: SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SKETE FUNDRAISER**

On Sunday July 4 there will be a fundraising dinner at the Holy Protection Church in Cabramatta to raise money for the building of a church at Saint John the Baptist Skete, Kentlyn, the publisher of the English-language journal, 'The Voice'. There will be a market with foods and handicrafts, a Lenten dinner, and the screening of an award-winning new Russian film, "Ποπ" ("The Priest"), with English sub-titles of course. Posters on display at church provide details of the cost and more information about the film. Further information can be obtained from Father Joachim on 4626-3945 or at [kosovo\\_au@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kosovo_au@yahoo.com.au).

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ARE ASKED FOR:**

**The sick:** Subdeacon Vitaly (Lupish) and Nun Euphrosyne; our parishioners Nestor, Victor (Manjetny), Natalia, Irene, Michael, Tatiana, Nina, Natalia and Boris.

**Expectant mothers:** Lydia, Natalia, Maria, Vassiliki, Anastasia, Cindy.

**Departed:** Patriarch Alexis, Metropolitan Vitaly, Metropolitan Laurus, and former parishioners and benefactors Vladimir (Dmitrieff), George (Fomin), Irina (Kamenev), Nun Maria, George (Kraihin), Theodore & Antonina (Tialshinsky), Lyubov (Smieska), Victor (Pulkownik), Olga (Timohina), Alexander (Dikan), Elena (Yakupova), Lydia (Ustimko).



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