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Sunday, July 24, 2022

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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, July 24 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by **Parastas and Church Picnic**

In memory of Alexis Gancasz offered by John & Jeanne Cannon

In memory of Eugene Haspe offered by children & grandchildren

In memory of Catherine Hedes offered by Donna Hedes

In memory of Matushka Lovey Ropitsky offered by Russell & Geri King

In memory of Mary Staruk offered by Kathryn Jupin

Saturday, July 30 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, July 31 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

We WELCOME all our visitors today! *We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall for Coffee Hour.*

If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family.

Please Note: *Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.*

Prayer List:

Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidorik, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory.

Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (July 24)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Matushka Lovey Ropitsky** offered by Russell & Geri King
Altar Candles... In memory **Eugene Haspe** offered by Children & Grandchildren
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members
Vigil Crosses... For the Health of **Martha Teno** offered by Gloria Bench
7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Catherine Hedes** offered by Millie O'shura
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Walter Scarloss** offered by Natalie & Michael Bolinski

July Birthdays:

2-Mary Taylor, 11- Geri Vavra, 15- Sami Vavra, 17- Althea Shellock,
20- John Evetushick, 22- Michael Ropitsky, 28- Christopher Kalavritinos

July Anniversaries:

9- David & Chris King, 16- Joseph & Dorothy Macenka (67 yrs)

Financials 7/17/22: *Operating Acct:* (Will be in next week's bulletin)

Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

July 24 Church Picnic

There is a sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour in the vestibule if you would like to host.

July 18 to July 22 – The 20th All American Council

Read the latest news & reports on the OCA website, www.oca.org
Click on the "20th All American Council" on the right side of the screen

As described in the Statute of Orthodox Church in America, "The All-American Council is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Church. The Council brings together the various elements of the Church to bear witness to her identity, unity, and mission."

All-American Councils are vital to life of our autocephalous Church not only because of their authority, but also because they effectively express the conciliar nature of the Orthodox Church providing an opportunity for the entire Church to gather together in communion, prayer, and faith.

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THE "ALL-MERCIFUL" SAINT

It has been said that we must evaluate a person's life based on the QUALITY of their years, not upon their QUANTITY. This certainly holds true for the saint depicted on the cover of today's Church Bulletin: the Great Martyr PANTELEIMON. Panteleimon was born in Asia Minor in 275 A.D. A brilliant student, he became a physician at a young age. He developed a reputation for being a great healer, with word of his prowess reaching the ears of the Emperor himself. What was not known, however, was that Panteleimon had befriended a priest named Hermolaus, who instructed him in the Christian faith and later baptized him. This was the real source of his healing powers!

When the Emperor Maximian learned that Panteleimon was a Christian, he summoned him to appear before his throne and renounce his beliefs. Defying Maximian's command, Panteleimon proceeded to heal a paralytic before his very eyes, causing many to abandon their pagan ways and become Christians. The enraged Emperor handed Panteleimon over to be tortured, but the Lord continued to protect him. Finally, this great healer was beheaded under an olive tree, which became laden with fruit after the execution.

Fittingly, the name "Panteleimon" means "ALL-MERCIFUL." In his brief life of 29 years, Panteleimon exhibited mercy and compassion to all who came to him seeking assistance. Through his example, we are reminded that our Lord Jesus Christ is the true Physician of our souls and bodies, and every "good and perfect gift" comes from Him alone.

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 5. Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris, in Holy Baptism Romanus and Gleb, in Holy Baptism David (1015).

Romans 12:6-14 (Epistle)

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Romans 8:28-39 (Epistle, Saints)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 9:1-8 (Gospel)

So, He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb

Troparion — Tone 2 - Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ, / chaste Boris and guileless Gleb, / you did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy, / when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls. / Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn / while you rejoice with the angels standing before the Holy Trinity. / Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God, / and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved.

Kontakion — Tone 3 - Today your most glorious memory shines forth, / noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb, / for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God! / Praying to Him before your sacred images, / we receive the gift of healing by your prayers, / for you are indeed divine healers.

Saints Boris and Gleb were sons of Saint Vladimir (July 15). Saint Boris was named Romanus and Saint Gleb was named David at their Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. Saint Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived, they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

After Sviatopolk had killed Boris, he wondered, "Now how can I kill Gleb?" He sent him a message saying that their father was ill and wished to see him. As he was on his way, he received word from Yaroslav that their father had died and that Sviatopolk had murdered Boris.

Saint Gleb wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived. They seized his boat and drew their weapons, but it was Gleb's cook Torchin who stabbed him with a knife.

The martyr's body was thrown onto the shore between two trees. Later, he was buried beside Saint Boris in the church of Saint Basil.

Saints Boris and Gleb received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. They became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.

The holy martyrs Princes Boris and Gleb are also commemorated on May 2.