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Sunday, July 31, 2022
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7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, July 31 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour
Monday, August 1 Begin Dormition Fast
Friday, August 5 5:00 PM – Great Vespers with Litya and Confessions
Saturday, August 6 – 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Transfiguration and Blessing of Fruit
Saturday, August 6 – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, August 7 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour
Saturday, August 13- 5:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions
Sunday, August 14 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship- Coffee 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 Birozik, 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 Sidoriak, 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 31)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Matushka Lovey Ropitsky** offered by Vera Timko
Altar Candles... In memory **Aunt Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Father, Harry Wyshosky, Sr.** offered by Julia Forte
Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak
Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Matushka Lovey Ropitsky** offered by Millie O'Shura

August Birthdays:

2- David Bogosh, 5- Rose Harkins, 14- David King, 22- Nancy Lorchak, 31- Jerome Balliet

August Anniversaries:

20- Dennis & Geri Vavra

Financials

7/17/22:

Operating Acct: Candles 46 - Altar Candles 30 - Offerings 492
Donations 50 = Total \$618.00. Building Fund 75.

7/24/22:

Operating Acct: Candles 44 - Offerings 303 - Non-Envelope 150
Donations 30 = 527.00

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

July 31-

August 7- John Evetushick

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

Thank you Claire Remington for initiating and coordinating the wonderful picnic last week! We also give thanks to everyone who contributed the delicious foods and deserts! Also, a thank you for those who set up and the clean up, too!

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King
Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

THE NOBLE JOSEPH OF ARIMA THEA

While we usually think of him mainly when we observe our Lord's Passion, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA is actually commemorated in the summer on our Church calendar. During the time of Christ, he was a prominent member of the Sanhedrin - the supreme religious court for the Jews of that era. Yet he was much more than this: he was a secret follower of Jesus who ". . . was waiting for the kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

A man of great material means, Joseph was well-respected in the community. His reputation, no doubt, enabled him to boldly approach Pilate and ask for the Body of Christ, so that the Crucified Savior could be given a proper burial, according to the prescriptions of Hebrew Law. Yes, he would have the Body buried in his own new tomb, hewn out of a rock. Little did he know that three days later it would be empty and in the centuries to come become the sacred shrine of the Holy Sepulcher. It is said that this act of kindness infuriated the Jews, who had him cast into prison. Tradition tells us that the Risen Lord appeared to him so that he would have first-hand knowledge of the Resurrection.

Upon his release from prison, Joseph was exiled from his homeland of Judea. He dedicated the rest of his life to preaching the Gospel, joining the Apostle Philip on a missionary journey that took them to the coast of Europe. Joseph is thought to have been responsible for bringing the Good News about Christ to the inhabitants of present-day England, winning many converts there. These days, we remember him primarily for his pious gesture of burying Christ. For this we will forever ascribe the word "noble" to his name.

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 6. Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the Lord. Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia. Martyr Julitta at Cæsarea. St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre (448). Hieromartyr Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd and Gdovsk, and those with him: Archimandrite Sergius and the Laymen, Yuri and John.

Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the Lord

Troparion — Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries. / And by virtue of the Cross, / preserve Your habitation!

Kontakion — Tone 4 - As You were voluntarily crucified for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your name; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."

And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea

Righteous Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ. As a member of the Sanhedrin he did not participate in the "counsel and deed" of the Jews in passing a death sentence for Jesus Christ. After the Crucifixion and Death of the Savior he made bold to go to Pilate and ask him for the Body of the Lord, to Which he gave burial with the help of Righteous Nikódēmos, who was also a secret disciple of the Lord.

They took down the Body of the Savior from the Cross, wrapped it in a winding-cloth, and placed it in a new tomb, in which no one had ever been buried, in the Garden of Gethsemane, in the presence of the Mother of God and the holy Myrrh-Bearing Women (St Joseph had prepared this tomb for himself). Having rolled a heavy stone before the entrance of the tomb, they departed (John. 19: 37-42; Mt. 27: 57-61; Mark 15: 43-47; Luke. 24: 50-56). Saint Joseph traveled around the world, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. He died peacefully in England.

Righteous Eudocimus of Cappad

Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son "in discipline and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues.

The righteous life of Saint Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed Saint Eudocimus as governor of Chorziane, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, Saint Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God.

Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, Saint Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of Saint Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread.

After 18 months, the mother of Saint Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of Saint Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint.

Saint Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

Martyr Julitta at Caesare

The Holy Martyr Julitta lived at Caesarea in Cappadocia during the reign of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). A certain pagan stole all her property, and when Julitta turned for relief to the courts, her antagonist reported to the judge that she was a Christian, which placed her outside the law's protection. The judge demanded that the saint renounce Christ, for which he promised to return her unlawfully taken property. Saint Julitta resolutely refused the deceitful conditions, and for this she was burned to death in the year 304 (or 305). Saint Basil the Great wrote an Encomium to Saint Julitta 70 years after her death as a martyr.