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Sunday, October 30, 2022
Choir Director: Wash King

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (6th of Luke)

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, Oct. 30- **8:30 AM – Service for the Reception of Edward Pierson**
Sunday, Oct. 30- **9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and Parastas followed by Fellowship Hour**
In memory of Fr. Andrew Diehl offered by Family & Friends
In memory of Jennie & Michael Harb offered by Jeanne & John Cannon
In memory of wife, Gertrude Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko
In memory of parents, Michael & Anna Tatusko offered by Michael Tatusko
In memory of MaryAnn Macenka offered by John Charnak
In memory of John & Mary Macenka offered by granddaughter, Mary Hertzog
In memory of Mary Maholick offered by Gloria Bench

Saturday, November 5- **4:00 PM – Great Vespers and Confessions**

Sunday, November 6- **9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour**

Sunday, November 6 – Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy – Third Announcement!

We WELCOME all our visitors today! We want to let you know that 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 Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Danielle Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Nadine Fegley, Julia Forte, Michael & Julia Harahus, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, Russell King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Dale Renninger, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, George Yurchak, & 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.

We celebrate the Illumination of Edward Pierson!

May God Grant Edward and his Sponsors

John Ewetushick and Nancy Lorchak,

Many Blessed Years!

Candles (October 30)

7-day Vigils-Altar... In memory of **Mickey King** offered by Gary Harahuess

Altar Candles... In memory of **Mary Maholick** offered by Geri & Russell King

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Theresa Wyshosky** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod... In memory of **Sister, Justine Yurchak** offered by Gary Harahuess

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

November Birthdays: 1- Nicholas Teno, Jr., 2- Justin Babinetz, 4- Lena Marie Berezniak, 11- Nancy King, 17- Victoria Weremedic, 17- Irene Puschak, 26- Helen King, 26- Barbara Birocik, 27- Chris King, 27- Walter Rosahac

November Anniversaries: 13- Walter & Louise Rosahac

Financials 10/16/22: Operating Acct: Candles 63 - Offerings 376 Non-Envelope 45

Holy Days 5 – Donations 250 = Total \$739.00. Building Fund- 5

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

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

October 30 Weremedic Family November 6 John Ewetushick

November 13 Lena Berezniak November 20 Michael Tatusko

November 27 Open

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

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

Thank you for the wonderful cards, gifts and especially the very kind words during Clergy Appreciation month! I will cherish the thoughtfulness towards myself, my wife, Matushka Lisa and my family. May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!

“LIFE WITHOUT CHRIST IS NOT LIFE”

The relationship between a brother & sister can take many different paths. There is often a competition or rivalry between the two, as they seek the attention & affection of their parents. Many times, however, an unbreakable bond is formed between the two - almost to the point where they act & think as “one.” Such was the case of Zenobius & his sister Zenobia.

Zenobius & Zenobia came from the town of Aegae in Cilicia. They inherited a great deal of material wealth from their parents, but Zenobius & Zenobia received an even greater “gift” from them: a deep love for the Christian Faith. Like many of the saints of the early Church, this pious brother & sister willingly shared their abundance with those less fortunate - they literally gave away all that they had to the poor & needy. God blessed the pair in other ways, bestowing the gift of healing upon Zenobius, who was able to cure the sick with the mere touch of his hand. His popularity among the Christians in Aegae brought about his election as Bishop.

This was still the era of religious persecution in the Roman Empire, and Zenobius & Zenobia were arrested. They were brought before the magistrate, who gave them this ultimatum: bow down to our gods, or die! Zenobius responded quickly with these words: “Life without Christ is not life, but death, and death for Christ’s sake is not death, but life.” When Zenobius was handed over to be tortured, his blessed sister pleaded to be able to “. . . drink from this cup of suffering.” Her wish was gladly granted, so Zenobius & Zenobia gave their lives for the Lord in 285 A.D.

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Saints Zenobius & Zenobia

A brother and sister, whose lives

were intertwined on Earth and in Heaven

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **Tone 3** Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia. Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas, of the Seventy. Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse. Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria. Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica. St. Stephen Milutin, his brother Ven. Dragutin (Theoctistus in monasticism), and their mother, St. Helen (Jelena), of Serbia.

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned, again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs.

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness.

Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him.

And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.

Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them.

Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed.

Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia

Commemorated on October 30

Troparion: Tone 4 As brother and sister united in godliness together you struggled in contest, Zenobius and Zenobia. / You received incorruptible crowns / and unending glory / and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.

Kontakion: Tone 8 Let us honor with inspired hymns the two martyrs for truth: / The preachers of true devotion, Zenobius and Zenobia; as brother and sister they lived and suffered / together and through martyrdom received their incorruptible crowns.

The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life, the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, Saint Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you, life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured. By the power of the Lord, they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

Saint Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

Ozeryana Icon of the Mother of God

Not far from Kharkov, in the Transfiguration Kuryazh Monastery, the wonderworking Ozeryana Icon of the Mother of God was kept. According to tradition, the Icon appeared at the end of the XVI century during Tatar raids on Ukraine near the village of Ozeryana - hence the name of the Icon. It is thought that the Icon was brought to Ukraine from beyond the Dnieper, that is, from Galicia. Later, a Monastery was built on this site, which was also called Ozeryana. Many miracles occurred before the Icon at the Ozeryana Hermitage. But despite this, no one knew just who put the Icon in the Monastery's trapeza church.

It is said that a certain Ukrainian peasant was cutting hay and split the Icon of the Mother of God in half. Realizing that what he had done, though unintentionally, was a terrible thing for him and for those around him, the man took the two halves of the Icon, and reverently placed the Icon in his prayer corner, and lit a candle before it. The next morning, he found the Icon intact, and only a thin trace of the break remained.

In 1794, the Ozeryana Icon was transferred to the Kuryazh Monastery, and after it was closed it was kept in the Kharkov church of the Protection for eight years. At the beginning of the XIX century, the Monastery was restored, and the holy Icon of the Mother of God was returned to the Monastery at the request of the brethren.

Many of the faithful from Kharkov and the surrounding villages came to venerate the wonderworking Ozeryana Icon, before which many healings of the afflicted occurred by the fervent prayers of the believers. Beginning in 1843, the wonderworking Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos was transferred to Kharkov every year on September 30 in a Cross Procession, where it remained all winter. On April 22 the Icon was returned to the Monastery in the same manner.

The Ozeryana Icon was adorned with an expensive riza made of red gold of ancient workmanship. The Icon was painted on canvas using an old Russian painting technique, and it belongs to the Hodegetria (Hodēgētria) type.

Unfortunately, during the years of religious oppression in the XX century the Ozeryana Icon, which is considered to be, the patroness of Kharkov and the entire Sloboda region of Ukraine, was lost. Only one copy made according to Church canons has been preserved. According to the clergy, it possesses the same miraculous power as the original Icon.