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July 30, 2006

7th Sunday after Pentecost; Tone 6; Commemorating Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy and those with them Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus; Martyr John, the soldier at Constantinople

Readings:

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Saint Matthew 9:27-35

8:00 a.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

9:00 a.m.—Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

9:10 a.m.—Readings of the Third and Sixth Hours

9:30 a.m.—Divine Liturgy, Sermon, A cappella Choir and singing by the assembled;

11:15 a.m.—Fellowship in the Parish Hall

11:30 a.m.—Men's Club Brunch

Calendar:

Jul 31, Mon: Men's Club Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Aug 1, Tue: Dormition Fast begins

Aug 5, Sat: Great Vespers, Transfiguration, and Blessing of Fruit—7 p.m.

Aug 6, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Fruit—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:15 a.m.

Aug 8, Tue: Great Vespers—7 p.m.

Aug 9, Wed: Divine Liturgy, St. Herman of Alaska—9:30 a.m.

Aug 12, Sat: Women's Retreat at St. Tikhon's Seminary—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Vespers at our Church—7 p.m.

Aug 13, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:15 a.m.; Central PA District Board Meeting in St. Clair—2 p.m.

Aug 14, Mon: Great Vespers, Blessing of Fresh Flowers—7 p.m.

Aug 15, Tue: Divine Liturgy, Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos—9:30 a.m.; Blessing of Fresh Flowers; Church Choir rehearsal—7:30 p.m.

Aug 19, Sat: Maintenance at the Church Property—9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Vespers—7 p.m.

Aug 20, Sun: 720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Fellowship—11:15 a.m.; Baptism—12:30 p.m.

Today's Prayers: Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.

Those Ailing: **Mary Yahelski**, friend of Paul & Betty Pellegrini; Donna's Godmother; **Millie Wolfe** out of ICU #620; **Beth Yeingst** friend of Evelyn Krempasky; **Anna Pampalona** sister of Janet Kuzupas;

Health and well-being of: **Mary Essock and Katherine Pilc**, sisters of George Krempasky; **Russ Sass**;



CONFINED at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, Pa 17011 is Johnny Farrow of New Cumberland, our parishioner. Remember him in your prayers.

Newly Departed from This Life:

Nicholas Anderson—July 22nd; **Sandra Sebasovich**—Jul 16th, mother of Marie Intrieri; **Howard Redmond**, 85, June 23rd, Barb Norato's Uncle; **Rose Marie Komernicky**—June 17th;

FUNERAL: Nicholas Anderson, 91, formerly of Chambers Hill, passed away Saturday July 22nd at the Jewish Home. A World War II veteran, he was buried at Indiantown Gap Military Cemetery July 27. Father Dan conducted the funeral services.

We sing Eternal Memory to Nicholas, "newly departed this life".

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

George Demchak, father of Suzanne Demchak, July 30th is the 51st anniversary;

Mary Prislopsky, grandmother of Matushka Theodora Ressetar, August 1st is the 55th anniversary;

Peter Kovach, brother of Fr. Michael Kovach, August 1st is the 5th anniversary;

William Butka, grandfather of Bob Drozd, August 1st is the 6th anniversary;

Mary Maliniak, Nesquehoning, sister-in-law of Gloria Maliniak, August 1st is the 1st anniversary;

Andrew Hornack, Jr., brother of Evelyn Onufer, August 2nd is the 20th anniversary;

Archpriest Vladimir Soroka, August 5th is the 1st anniversary;

Candle Offering:

Two candles on the center table offered in memory of **Mary Cvijic** by Lorie Di Clemente, Natalie Treece and George Cvijic. **July 26th** was the 10th anniversary of her departure from this life.

Many Years (Names for the singing of MANY YEARS after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.)

Gloria Maliniak will celebrate her birthday on **July 31st**.

David Martin will celebrate his birthday on **August 1st**.

Jonathan Taleff will celebrate his birthday on **August 1st**.

Pat Drebot will celebrate her birthday on **August 4th**.

Russell Sass will celebrate his birthday on **August 4th**.

Patti Taleff will celebrate her birthday on **August 5th**.



TODAYS NEWS

FATHER DAN will be retiring on September 30, 2006. He has submitted his retirement request to His Grace Bishop Tikhon. Fr. Dan and Matushka Theodora will be moving out of the Rectory and into the house on Wanda Lane (Matushka Prislopsky's former residence) by September 30th.

We are currently seeking a new Priest. If a new Priest has not been found by September 30th, Fr. Dan has agreed to serve as a substitute Priest until a new Priest is assigned. Fr. Dan's current yearly compensation and benefits will cease on September 30th. As a substitute Priest, Fr. Dan would be paid the customary amount for each Sunday served.

Matushka Theodora would like to continue directing our Choir if the new Priest's Matushka does not wish to become the Choir Director. Matushka Theodora would continue to be paid her current yearly salary.

A retirement dinner will be held in our Parish Hall for Fr. Dan on Sunday September 24, 2006 after church. Please plan to join us for this memorable event. Tickets will be \$20.00 for adults. Seating will be limited. A special meal will be provided for children 12 years of age and younger at no charge.

Subdeacon Richard Hathaway wishes to announce that he has decided to retire from serving in the altar.

A MENS CLUB BRUNCH will be served today after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall upstairs. The meal will include scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes and orange juice. The fare is \$6.00, children 12 and under are free.

THE SERBIAN AMERICAN CIVIC and Educational Club of Oberlin present its "Slava Picnic Celebration today from Noon to 7 p.m. at Serb Park, 1131 Eisenhower Blvd. Dance to the high-energy sounds of "Orkestar Junaci" direct from Pittsburgh, PA. Foods (chevapcici, halushka, palacinka, sarma, lamb sandwiches, sausage n kraut, summer salad and more) will be served along with baked goods and ice cold refreshments. Everyone is Welcome! Restrictions: No outside food or coolers allowed.

PARISH NEWS

THE SOFTBALL TEAM UPDATE: The Men's Softball Team won the league championship for the second straight year and 6th time in the last 12 years when it swept Devonshire U.B. last Thursday night, July 20 by scores of 13-10 and 17-6. In both games the team came from behind, especially in the first game, being down 10-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning before scoring 5 runs to win the game. The team finished with a 18-5 overall mark for the season.

CONGRATULATIONS! TO THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!

RETURNING from Russia to Harrisburg to receive extensive treatment for his heart at Hershey Medical Center the first week of August is Maxim Sadov. He is 12 years old and was 3 years old when he came the first time.

Our parish helped him in so many ways and we are asked to repeat our hospitality and help. Maxim will be accompanied by his mother, Elena, from Samara.

Needed for the six-week stay: Russian-speaking volunteers to visit, drive and translate; Host families that could take turns in housing them.

Father Leonid Kishkovsky, who is cooperating with the Russian Gift of Life, called. Check with Father Dan and volunteer.

Natalie Lusin from Gift of Life listed the following who helped nine years ago: Father Michael Kovach, Matushka Anne Prislopsky, Dr. Barbara Sumbatova, Betty Pellegrini, Yelena Sarkisova and John Pylypcw.

THE TRIP TO Sight n Sound's newest & biggest production "In the Beginning" in Lancaster to be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2007** has been completely sold out. Originally booked for 42 guests the trip now has 55 people signed up. The show promises to be most "inspiring" and "uplifting". If you are still interested in joining the church family in this upcoming event please see either Angie Mioff McGreevy or Willard Brown and add your name to the waiting list. In the event of cancellations since the show is being booked for next spring.

FUTURE NEWS

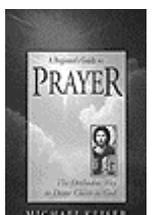
AUGUST 12TH: Women's Retreat at St. Tikhon's Seminary from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; sign up at the candle desk by Sunday Aug 6th. Free transportation, lunch and registration.

AUGUST 19TH: St. Tikhon's Annual Golf Tournament, registration forms are at the candle desk or e-mail bernvgober@verizon.net.

COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT will broadcast the following program next Sunday from 8 am. To 8:30 am. on AM 720—Tune in...

08/06/2006 Beginners Guide to Prayer—Father Michael Keiser

Have you ever struggled with your prayer life? Have you ever wondered how to make your prayer life meaningful? Be sure to listen when Fr. Chris and Emmy speak to Fr. Michael Keiser, author of *A Beginner's Guide to Prayer, the Orthodox Way to Draw Closer to God*, as he will focus on making prayer a meaningful and regular part of our daily lives.



Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the just.

Entering the Church (Late)

The time to arrive at church is before the service starts, but for some unknown reason, it has become the custom — or rather the bad habit — for some to come to church late. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy begins, try to enter the church quietly — and observe what is happening. If the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, wait until it is finished to quickly find a seat. If Father is giving the sermon, stay in the back until he has concluded. If in doubt, check with one of the ushers to see if it is a good time to seat yourself. Try not to interrupt the Liturgy with your entrance. By the way, the best way to avoid this problem is to arrive on time — then you don't have to wonder if it's okay to come in or not. People who come late to the Liturgy should not partake of the Eucharist!

Seeing the "other" as a fellow human being: A reflection on the Middle East crisis by Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky

As this is written, we are observing with anguish the violence in the Middle East. The military forces of Israel are in confrontation with Hezbollah in Lebanon and with Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank. Cities in northern Israel are hit by rockets fired by Hezbollah from southern Lebanon. Throughout Lebanon cities are under aerial bombardment by Israeli military airplanes. In Lebanon and Israel the dead and wounded are civilians, women and men and children.

When the Middle East spiraled into a new cycle of violence in early July, I was in Amman, Jordan, participating in a conference hosted by Prince Hassan of Jordan (the brother of the late King Hussein, and uncle of the present King Abdullah). The theme of the conference was "Promoting Political Participation as an Alternative to Extremism." My role was to represent the World Conference of Religions for Peace. The other participants were diplomats and representatives of foundations and institutions in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

It was my task to draw attention to the "religious factor" in social and political life. Just the simple fact that the world's population is approximately six billion and approximately five billion are members of religious communities suggests that the religious communities and religious values are unavoidably a serious factor, and either contribute to extremism or offer alternatives to extremism.

The violence in the Middle East is an urgent and alarming reality, with no just resolution in sight. It is not right that the citizens of Israel, both Jewish and Palestinian, are under threat of bombardment and terrorist attacks. It is not right that the people of Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority are under threat of air strikes. When violence is directed against Israel by Hamas and Hezbollah, the innocent suffer. When violence is directed against militants and extremists by Israel, the innocent suffer.

It is obvious that offering political solutions or strategies is usually not in the competence of churches and religious communities. It is in our competence, however, to insist on the value of human life, on the importance of mercy and compassion, on the urgent need to see the "other" as a fellow human being. In other words, it is the task of churches and religious communities to confront hatred and prejudice, to offer insistently the insight that the suffering of the "other" is not something to rejoice over, but something to grieve over.

And perhaps this is the spiritual strategy which will be the beginning of the road leading away from the cycle of violence, whether in the Middle East, or the Balkans, or Africa, or anywhere in situations of fear, suspicion, and conflict. Only the recognition of our common humanity can show us the way to the recognition of the presence of the living God among us.

With regard to the Middle East there is another issue which is of concern to Christians, and should be of concern to all. The story of the past fifty years has been the story of a declining Christian population in the region, due to emigration. In the confrontations between Israel and the Arab populations and states, there is less and less space for Christians, since more and more of the space is occupied by Muslims and Jews. The Christian presence in the Holy Land, therefore, is likely to become a custodianship of holy sites, rather than the presence of living Christian communities.

While this can appear to be a matter of concern for Christians only, it is in reality something which affects the future of the Middle East region and its people, whether Jewish or Christian or Muslim. If the Christian population continues to dwindle, it will mean that the Jewish and Muslim communities will eventually be left as the only religious communities in Israel and the Arab States, respectively. This is not promising for the creation and maintenance of societies in which alternatives to extremism are promoted. Two religious communities are likely to be in confrontation, while three communities have a greater possibility of interaction.

We pray that all those who look to Abraham as their father — Jews, Christians, and Muslims — will offer the world a sign that their common spiritual origin is not a cause for conflict, but an invitation to recognize in each other and in every human being the image and likeness of God.

Fr. Leonid Kishkovsky

The goal of reading is the application, in our lives, of what we read. Not to learn it by heart, but to take it to heart. Not to practice using our tongues, but to be able to receive the tongues of fire and to live the mysteries of God. If one studies a great deal in order to acquire knowledge and to teach others, without living the things he teaches, he does no more than fill his head with hot air. At most, he will manage to ascend to the moon using machines. The goal of the Christian is to rise to God without machines.

Elder Paisios the Athonite