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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6 Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Blessed Nikolai Kochanov the Fool-for-Christ at Novgorod; Ven. Anthusa, Abbess of Mantinea in Asia Minor, and her 90 sisters; Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians, and with him SS. Angelar, Gorazd, Nahum and Savva the disciples of SS. Cyril and Methodius

Epistles: Romans 15:1-7
2 Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Panteleimon)

Gospels: Matthew 9:27-35
John 15:17-16:2 (St. Panteleimon)

◆ The Liturgical/Study Week at a Glance ◆

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	<i>Faith Feedback Session</i> with Fr. David
Fri, Aug 1	BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST	
Sat, Aug 2	9:00 a.m.	Diocesan Christian Education Conference at <i>Holy Trinity Church</i> in Randolph
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers (<i>General Confession</i> will be held on Saturday, August 9 , following Vespers.)
Sun, Aug 3	8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7	
9:00 a.m.	Ven. Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 1:10-18	Gospel: Matt 14:14-22



Fr. David will be away from Friday, August 1 until Tuesday afternoon, August 5. Our Pastor Emeritus, Father Sergius S. Kuharsky, will be serving in his stead. For any pastoral emergencies during Father's absence, call him on his cell phone (732-740-6230). If you can't reach him, get in touch with Starosta (732-462-3388).

◆ In Our Parish ◆

Do you have a question on the Faith? If so, you can get your answer at Father David's **Faith Feedback Session TODAY** during the Coffee Hour. Check it out—all are welcome!

A **Pre-Planning Meeting** for a **2015 Calendar Party** will be held in the hall **next Sunday, August 3**, during Coffee Hour. Anyone interested in participating is welcomed to attend.

Our newly-formed **Balalaika Orchestra** is quickly developing into a well-skilled ensemble that has revived interest in the technique of playing this Russian instrument. Our orchestra members are all amateurs of all ages, participating entirely because of their love of Slavic folk music and the pleasure they receive from playing together. Upcoming rehearsals will be held **next Sunday, August 3**, and **Sunday, August 17**, from 4-6 p.m., in the church hall. If you would like to learn how to play one of the most unique and beautiful instruments ever created, come—everyone is welcome and no audition is required!

Following the Liturgy on **Sunday, August 10**, there will be a **Special Parish Meeting** to discuss and approve replacing the air conditioning system in the rectory. Please make an effort to stay and take part.

Parish Council will meet in the church hall on **Monday, August 11**, at 7 p.m. Please contest Father David or Starosta if you **cannot** attend.

The next meeting of the **Men's Club** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 21**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

Our parish will again throw a **Block Party** on **Sunday, September 28**, for ourselves, our friends and our neighbors. The purpose of this event is to bring people of all ages together for a day of music, entertainment, food and fellowship, in support of our mission to be a community with open hearts, open minds and open doors. And the best part...it's all FREE! Stay tuned for more details.

◆ Parish Patter ◆

CHURCH ATTENDANCE at Liturgy last Sunday was **136**.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY The Epistle will be read next week by **Subdeacon Joseph Shaluha**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Deerson**. (**NOTE:** *This group will be charged with the cleaning the church throughout August.*)

WE WELCOME our former parishioners who have joined us today for worship and prayer: **Natalka Pavlovsky Weismantel** (*Natalka is "filling in" for our Choir Director, Basil Kozak, who is attending the 88th Annual National Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America [FOCA] Convention in Gettysburg, PA this weekend.*) and the **Shaluha Family: Subdeacon Joseph, Kyra, Joseph Nicholas & Genevieve**, who are on an extended vacation visiting friends and relatives. We feel so honored that they have returned "home" to renew ties and to celebrate the Liturgy with us. May the Lord God continue to bestow His richest blessings on them for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

GENERAL CONFESSION is held on the **first** and **third Saturdays** of every month. (*Please refer to The Liturgical/Study Week at a Glance for changes.*) If you are a regular communicant, you can participate on whichever weekend is more convenient. You are **NOT** required to go twice a month—only once—and if you're in need of a private confession, Fr. David is available on Saturday afternoons, starting at 5 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST There is an urgent need for volunteers for this service ministry in August, **OTHER** than representatives of **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **St. Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. See Gregory Messeka to find out how you can help.

SINCERE THANKS to the **Altar Society** for hosting *Coffee Hour* this month and to **Team Kaminsky (Kristy Domboski & Barbara Kaminsky)** for cleaning the church throughout July. Everyone's kindness and caring for these ministries are reflections of God's love—bless you.

OUR CONDOLENCES to **Archimandrite Christopher Calin**, Rector/Dean of *Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral* in NYC, on the falling asleep of his beloved mother, **Virginia**, on Thursday, July 24. May the love and sympathy of family and friends reassure him of the great love God has for him and the newly departed. May her memory be eternal—Vechnaya Pamyat!

THANK YOU FROM THE HEART Our appreciation is extended to **Wendy Dashkiewicz, Helena Christie, Janice Meade** and **Dorothy Messeka** for weeding the church grounds this past Thursday. Such great selflessness is worthy of all the Lord's blessings. (**NOTE:** *Anyone can join in—no experience necessary!*)

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY helps keep the Lord's house spic-n-span! Listed below are the volunteer groups for August, September and October:

AUGUST
WALTER & CAROL DEERSON
WAYNE & JOYCE NICE
JAY PELLERITI
MICHAEL & ALLISON STEFFARO

SEPTEMBER
MARGARET BUTCH
DIANE DREYER
BARBARA HORSKY
PATRICIA LARKIN
JAY PELLERITI
MERILYN ROSENTHAL

OCTOBER
GREGORY & KAREN BEREZNIAK
JOHN BEREZNIAK
NICHOLAS & PEARL BEREZNIAK

All of the cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. If you have any questions, concerns or conflicts, please see/contact Jay Pelleriti (732-257-4478) or Starosta. We've been blessed by God with a lovely house of worship; we ask for continued support from **EVERYONE** with the maintenance and upkeep of our "church home." Thanks.

PLEASE REMEMBER the following parishioners, family members and friends in your daily prayers this week:

	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Gregory Bodnarchuk	Metropolitan VOLODYMYR (Sabodan)	Ivan Shidlovsky
Joseph Careyote	Arlene Krell	Gary Amatrudo Jr.
Wasil Kosabutski	Nancy Marlin	Keith Sudder
Walter Dubovick	Janet Gerhardt	Gregory Nosal
Peter Prihodko	Maria Kachur	Steven Moore
William Barge	Virginia Calin	Priest Sean Levine

Patrick Lohr
Elizabeth Brent
Todd Adams
Bryan Smith

	<u>Sick</u>	
Patricia Stier	Elaine O'Neill	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Donna Casale	Nancy Filak
Alexandre Kurtanidze	Joy Guiga	Michael Dargento
Joseph Marciniak	Mary Carol Burchill	Samuel Garretson
Barbara Wylunda	Linda Deurer	Amelia Rugala
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Ellen Dargento
Iwan Jakimtschuk	John Centrelo	Olga Miller
Natalie Matz	Archpriest John Udics	Allen Mioduszewski
Dorothy Sopchak	Margaret Nerush	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Katherine Tarzewski	Mary Jane Schaaf	Sophie Hyland
Vladimir Batenko	Ruth Hartman	Kathleen Keimer
Robert Smith	Philip Metz	David Hebert
Edward Romanofsky	Walentyna Posluszny	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	John Cameron	Julia Glazer
Joseph Basara Jr.	Pearl Blower	Makayla Ahearn
Martha Drobnak	Dorothy Swenticky	Joseph Casale
Sergio Dubowski	Darlene Posluszny	Margo Stewart
Patsy Miller	Donna Kara	Anna Elagin
Irene Boule	David Halpern	Joan Uler
Marita McDonald	Protodeacon Michael Sochka	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Pauline Dziemian	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Caroline Juba
Myrna Woznica	Patricia Capelli	Carol Luongo
Aspasia Alfaro	Beth Regan	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Anthony Januszewski	Sybil Levine
Rina D'Amico	Rosemary Mango	Mari Favire
Manuel Semiao	Victor Rugala Jr.	Gregory Sitze
Simon Koslov Jr.	Robert Hearn	Christopher Reynolds
Pamela Inman	Kristeen Savoia	Michael Bautochka Jr.
Lydia Davis	Matushka Nina Stroyen	Fred Haas
Deanna Marinelli		

Contact Father David or Starosta to notify the church of a prayer request.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS Frequently, when loved ones die, family members encourage donations to various organizations in their memory, in lieu of flowers. Donations to our parish, in memory of loved ones, are another way to honor the lives and deep faith of those who have gone before us. The most common funds designated are: *Church General, Cemetery Perpetual Care, Handicap Access, Prospora Baking, Cemetery Tree Planting, Iconostasis* and *Church Grass Cutting*. All contributions are gratefully received and acknowledged. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

BRING A FRIEND along with you to church. Encourage your relatives to attend services faithfully. It is our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

CRAFT ITEM NEEDED Matushka Shari needs all mothers with infants to save their plastic *Gerber* baby food containers with lids for an upcoming kids' craft. You can give them to her after the Liturgy on Sundays. Thanks for your help.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE The *Cemetery Committee* is requesting that all overgrown bushes and trees be trimmed by plot owners by **Monday, September 1**. Thank you for your cooperation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out TODAY to our Choir Director, **Basil Kozak**, and **Julianna Marie Vlcej**. We wish them all God's gracious gifts—good health, love of family and friends and long life—for many years.

THE FLOWERS on the center tetrapod today were offered by **Sonja Harris** in celebration of the first birthday of her great-granddaughter, **Julianna Marie Vlcej**. This offering of love is very appreciated—thanks.

MEMORY ETERNAL Our sister in Christ, **Maria Kachur**, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, July 21; she was the dear mother/grandmother of **Vladimir/Marianna, Vladislav & Nicole Kachur**. May their loved one rest now in God's peace and may their hearts find comfort in the care and concern of those around them—Vechnaya Pamyat!

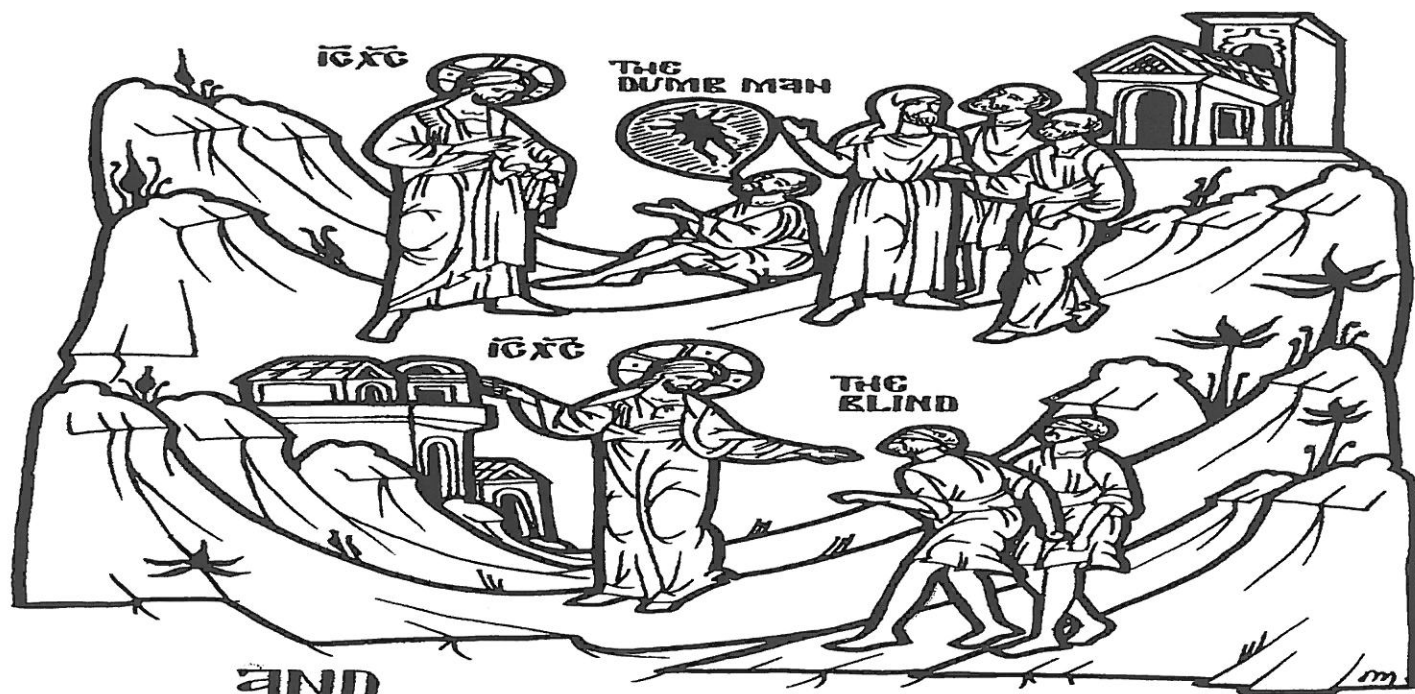
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS If you would like to submit info to be included in next Sunday's bulletin, contact Fr. David at the rectory or get in touch with our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). The deadline is **Thursday evening**. Content will be edited based on format and space.



The Dormition Fast begins this Friday and continues until the holiday of the Falling-Asleep of the Theotokos on August 15. Unfortunately, while many may know of this two-week period of abstinence, prayer, repentance and almsgiving, few follow it and more than a few do not know its purpose.

In a close-knit family, when the matriarch is on her deathbed, normal life comes to a halt. Things like parties, television, luxuries and personal desires become unimportant; life revolves around the dying matriarch. It is the same with us and our relationship with the Virgin Mary. The Church gives us this time of preparation to come to the bier and eulogize and entreat the woman who bore God, the vessel of our salvation and our chief advocate at His divine throne. As such, daily routines and the indulgence in personal wants should stop. Fasting, in its full sense (food, drink, entertainment), accomplishes this. Less time in leisure or other pursuits leaves more time for prayer and reflection on she who gave us Christ and became the first and greatest Christian. In contemplating her incomparable life, we see a model Christian life of obedience, love and commitment. This is our goal and this is the purpose of the Dormition Fast.

Through a long life of prayer and fasting, Mary was always prepared to meet her Son upon her falling asleep. In imitation of her, let us use this Fast to ready ourselves for our own earthly passing and a good account before the dread judgment seat of Christ and to be worthy, as she was, of eternal life.



**AND
JESUS WENT ALL ABOUT,
TEACHING, PREACHING, AND
HEALING...**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!