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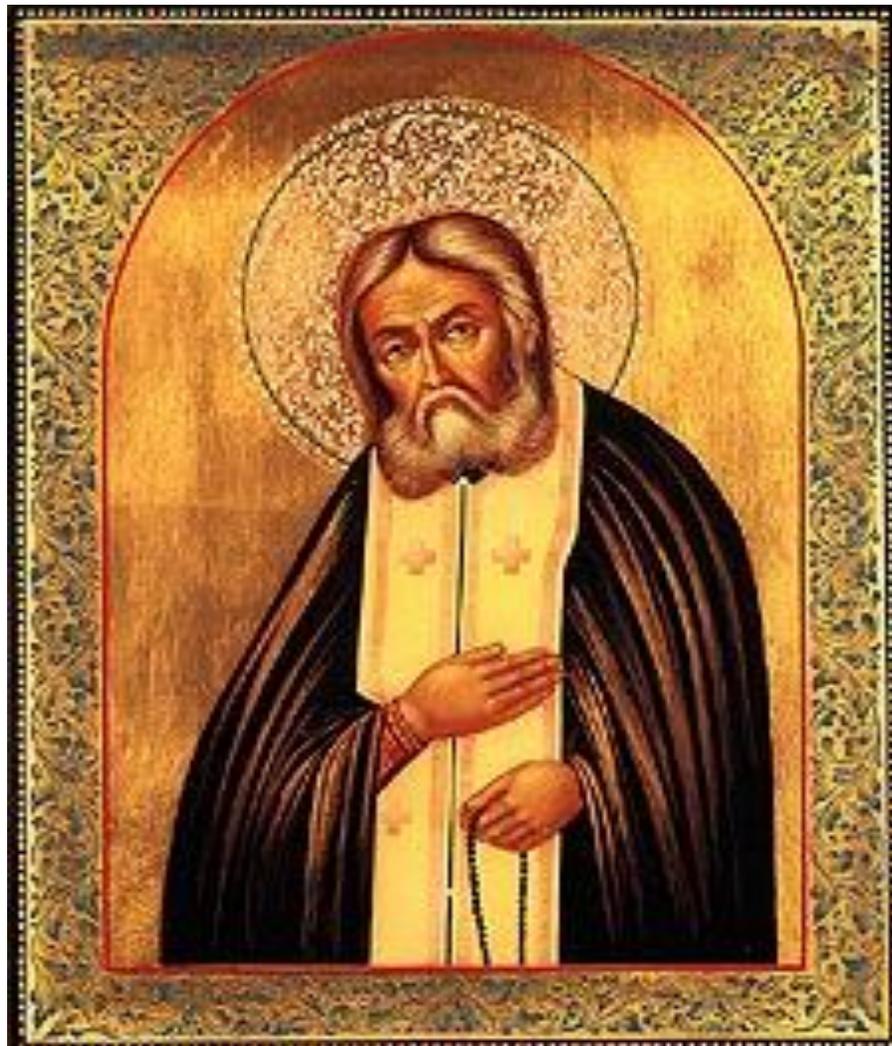
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SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2014 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov (1903). Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great (380). Ven. Dius, Abbot, of Antioch (ca. 430). Rt. Blv. Román, Prince of Riazan' (1270). Ven. Paísii of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Bl. Stephen (1427), King of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa (1405).

TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(Tone 8) Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to you!

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 6) Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15) Titus, my son: The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (5:14-19)

At that time, Jesus taught his disciples saying: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

During the week of July 19, the Church remembers two saints who showed deep love for Christ by doing things that go far beyond what most people would be willing to do.

The first is Saint Seraphim of Sarov. On July 19 the Church celebrates the transfer of his relics from his original place of burial to the Church of Sts. Zosimus and Sabbatius, and then to the Dormition Cathedral in Sarov. Over 200,000 people paid their respects to the beloved saint, and many healings took place during the procession with his relics.

We know many things about Saint Seraphim, including his wonder-working and his gentle companionship with wild animals. But one of the most unusual things we know is the story of what caused him to walk hunched over during the later years of his life.

Saint Seraphim was working in his garden when he was attacked by robbers. Rather than defend himself or use his heavy garden tools to fight them off, he allowed them to beat him badly. It was after that incident that his injured back was permanently bent and affected his walk.

For most people, the idea of not even trying to defend ourselves from an unjust attack is unthinkable. But Saint Seraphim's Christlike love for God's creatures made him unwilling to harm any of them, no matter what the circumstances.

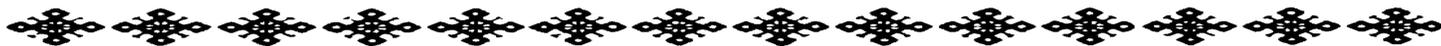
Saint John Chrysostom comments on a similar episode, when companions of Saint Paul didn't fight back against attackers: "For to endure when insulted is God's part: to be merely abusive, is the part of the devil...to them that beat us, let us return blow for blow, by meekness, by silence, by long-suffering..."

The second saint, commemorated on July 21, is the Venerable Simeon of Edessa, Fool-for-Christ. Like Saint Seraphim, though in a different way, he showed Christlike love that would be difficult for most people to manage. He called people to repentance by feigning madness. He would bound around crazily in the streets and approach people, whispering their sins in their ears and urging them to repent. Sometimes he appeared in dreams and reminded the dreamers to repent. To do this, of course, he had to have insight into people's deepest secrets, which he did.

Commenting on Saint Simeon in "The Prologue from Ochrid," Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich writes about Lycerges, the king of Sparta, who set down strict laws and got his citizens to promise to obey them while he was away for a protracted period of time. Having secured their agreement he left and never returned, thus "binding them to their oath forever."

Lycerges' willingness to leave his country forever was a sacrifice for the good of the Spartan people, Bishop Nikolai writes: "But how much greater a sacrifice it is voluntarily to leave one's mind and always to appear before men as mad! Is not madness the greatest banishment known to man? And to live year after year in that state and all in order to be of help to one's neighbor!"

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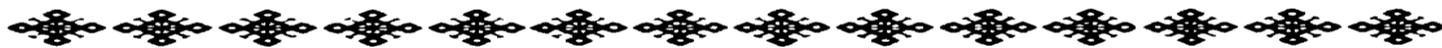
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's Blessings Helen Ethington	Sredich Family
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Dorothy Goodman on her 81 st birthday	Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah
Health & Blessings for Grandson Charlie on his 13 th birthday	Da & Nana
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Health & God's Blessings Helen Ethington	Bosa Kantar

Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Reader Peter, Aaron,
 John, John, Laurie, Anne, Walt & Zina, Joseph, Reggie, Stojan & Mira,
 Jo Ann, Bosa, Dorothy, Phillip, Gloria, Peter & Olga, Jeanette, Elaine,
 Anna, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, my family & friends Joe Tome
 Milica, Nikolina, Joshua, Alicia, Payton, Bogdan, Rade, Jacob, Nedeljka,
 Malina, Ilija, Brian, Nedeljko, Janja, Kum Milan Janja Beslach
 Health & God's Blessings Helen Ethington Anna Branoff
 Gloria Zelenko, Alyson Adams Wilhelm, Kate Adams Stevens, Jake Kusluski Adams Family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Jim Brown-40days Blessed Repose, Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal Anna Branoff
 Sandy Pettis, Jim Brown, Evanka Elieff, John Zelenko Adams Family
 Beloved Uncle Orville Hopkins Dcn. Kerry, Kathy,
 Alexander & Noah
 Bogdan, Vaso, Ilinka Janja Beslach
 Freda Farone in memory of her 80th birthday, July 19 Children & Grandchildren
 Beloved Uncle Orville Hopkins Adams Family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for fellowship, coffee and donuts in our parish hall.

There will be a 1yr Parastas for the repose of +Tronda Nicevski following the veneration of the cross. Coffee and pastries are being donated today in Tronda's memory by her family.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX for the month of July is Toilet Paper. Please place the items in the blue Hope in a Box container located in the parish hall. They will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FOOD DRIVE A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN as a parish we will be serving our brothers and sisters in need a hot meal on the first Thursday of the month from 9 am to 1 pm. **We serve Thursday, August 5.** The soup kitchen is located at 735 E. Stewart Ave, Flint.

DORMITION FAST begins on Saturday, August 1. This date is also the feast of the Procession of the Cross of our Lord at which water is blessed. St. George Antiochian Church will be having Vespers with the procession of the Cross and blessing of water on Friday, July 31 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join in prayer and receive the blessings of this feast.

FATHER MATTHEW will be attending the OCA All American Council in Atlanta, Georgia July 20-25. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call one of the following priests: Fr. Angelo Maggos 810-471-0316 or Fr. Robert Royer 810-919-9485.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE on Sunday, August 9 Bishop Alexander will be here at St. Nicholas to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to ordain Esteban (Julio) Vázquez a Deacon.

PARISH DINNERS *Sunday, August 9*: Fresh Lake Superior White Fish Dinner including cole slaw, potatoes, bread, dessert and drinks. All tickets must be purchased in advance, deadline is August, 2. *Sunday, August 23*: Rib Dinner including cole slaw, baked beans, bread, dessert and drinks. All tickets must be purchase in advance, deadline is August, 16. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under for both dinners. To purchase your tickets see Sharon Jernigan or Matushka Lisa. If you would like to help with and/or make a dessert for both or one of the dinners please call or see Sharon Jernigan 810-877-1766.

LAPEER LAND CONTRACT PROPERTY In May we were offered any early buy-out of the land contract property in Lapeer on Oregon Rd. The house, sold to the current renters, for \$78,178.00. Every month we received \$1,043.81 from the land contract. This money went directly into the Operating Fund. We will no longer received this \$1,043.81 per month. In 4 ½ years we will use up the buy-out funds and be left with a \$1000+ shortfall every month. The parish council is looking at investing the money to help supplement the loss of monthly income of \$1,043.81 we received.

NEW OFFICE FURNITURE Father and Debbie are in need of some new furniture for their offices. We are in need of six chairs total for both offices, bookcase and file cabinet for Debbie’s office. See Debbie if you would like to donate towards the purchase of the new furniture. Thank you for your generosity.

Schedule of services and events for the week of July 19:

Friday, July 24
 8:00 am St. Nicholas Cemetery Clean-Up

Saturday, July 25
 No Vespers

Sunday, July 26
 9:30 am Third Hour
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 40 day Parastas +Jim Brown

Offerings for the week July 12, 2015

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	<i>\$1,471.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$3,634.49</i>
	<i>-\$2,163.49</i>

73 people were in attendance on Sunday, July 12, 2015