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Bulletin

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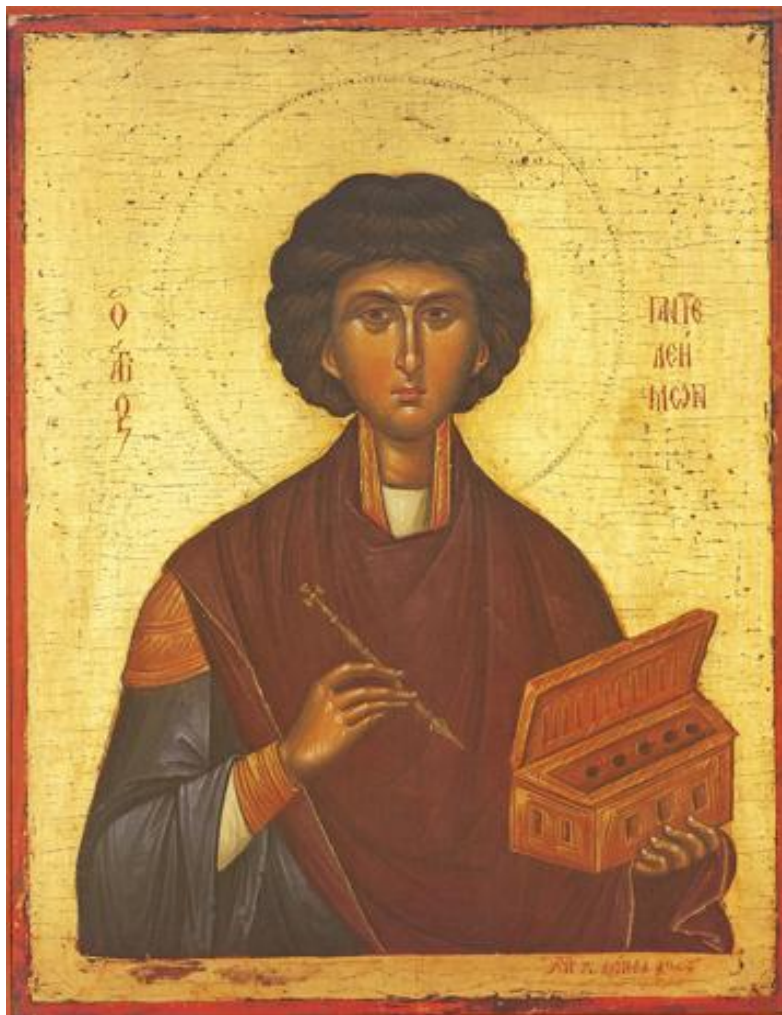
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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (305). The Seven Holy Enlighteners of the Slavs: Cyril and Methodius, Clement, Nahum, Sabbas, Gorazd and Angelarius. Bl. Nikolai Kochanov, Fool-for-Christ, at Novgorod (1392). Ven. Anthusa, Abbess of Mantinea in Asia Minor, and her 90 sisters (8th c.).

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 3) Holy Passionbearer and healer Panteleimon, entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

(Tone 1) With wreaths of praise let us crown the glorious seven: Cyril and Methodius, Clement, Nahum and Sabbas, Gorazd and Angelarius! They are beacons who shone forth and proclaimed to us the glad tidings of the triune God, unshakable pillars of the Church of Bulgaria, and divinely inspired champions of its letters, who abolished the demonic worship of idols, and who pray unto Christ God to make steadfast our Church, //and grant to our souls peace and great mercy.

(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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

The Prokeimenon in the First Tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

v. Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world.

THE EPISTLE OF SAINT PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2) *Brethren*: it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.” When he entered 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 be it done to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, “See that no one knows it.” But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, “Never was anything like this seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the prince of demons.” And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Christians from various backgrounds are discovering the writings of the early desert monastics, and are finding great spiritual profit in the examples their lives offer.

A book entitled "In the Heart of the Desert: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers" by the Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis (World Wisdom, Inc. 2003) gives insight into the world of the desert-dwellers, and gently invites the reader to apply that insight in a personal way.

The book also addresses some of the mistaken ideas that people may have about the monastic life. One important aspect of that life, for example, is dealing with the passions. These are understood, by many people, to be feelings and impulses that are completely negative. Monks and nuns are seen as those who spend their lives working to annihilate the passions.

But Fr. Chryssavgis points out that while some monastics did seem to view the passions in this way; others saw them as neutral or positive impulses coming from God. Taking this view, Abba Isaiah of Scetis wrote about three passions: anger, jealousy and lust. We see them as evil, he says, because we have misdirected and misused them: "However, the original purpose of anger is for it to be used against injustice in the world; the proper reason for envy is so that we may seek to emulate the virtues of the saints; and the natural goal of our desire is to thirst for God."

It is possible, Abba Isaiah and others say, first to identify our own personal passions—the things we desire or are strongly drawn to—and then redirect them so they become means of loving others and loving God. This is the long struggle the monastics undertook. They strove to become "dispassionate," which does not mean indifferent, but truly charitable toward the whole world.

Fr. Chryssavgis uses Saint Anthony's example to address the common idea that monastics hated their bodies, and all matter. Anthony, after his intense fights with demons and extreme ascetical

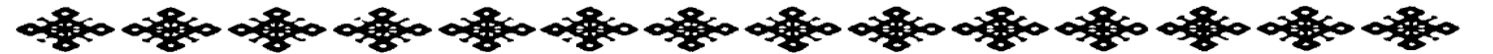
effort, was not emaciated or exhausted. He seemed to be in perfect balance, physically and in every other way.

Anthony's very simple way of life seems extreme to us, Fr. Chryssavgis writes, only because "our culture teaches us that the more we have, the better we are; Anthony's taught him that the less he had, the more he was!" The truth is that "we can often manage with a lot less than we would dare to imagine."

What did "obedience" mean to the desert monastics? Not domination, Fr. Chryssavgis writes. Obedience was a circle, and "was expected of everyone, elders and novices alike!" True spiritual guides didn't seek to be idolized or to be absolute authorities. Mother Amman said that the teacher "ought to be a stranger to the desire for domination, vainglory and pride" and should be "full of concern for others, and a lover of souls."

Beautiful illustrations enhance the richness of this book, which brings the reader closer to the early men and women of the desert who have so much to teach us.

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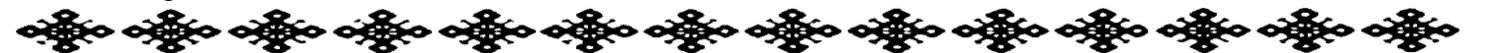


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Health & God’s Blessings Macy Lemmen.....	Gigi & Dedo
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Oleg, Irina, Adelaida, Feodosiy, Galina, Nikolay.....	Irina Sivergina
Birthday Blessings-Good health for Dorothy Goodman	Evanka & Family
Health & God’s Blessings to Christy Panoff on her birthday, Safe trip & Health to the Panoffs, Special Intentions	Mom & Dad
Fr. Ilya, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. Joe, Deacon Anthony, Tronda, Bosa, Reggie, Evanka, Aretoula, Dorothy & Joe, Walt & Zina, Harold, Mira & Stojan, John & Gloria, Peter & Olga, Elaine, Jeanette, Ted & Marlene, Fr. David, Gladys, My family & friends	Joe Tome
Anna Branoff	Alex & Magda Popoff
Health & Blessings John & Jennifer Shann	Les Ford
Birthday (July 19) of Jo Ann Havens	Johnny Kantor
Health & God’s Blessings for Ryan Pyatenko	Grandma & Grandpa Pyatenko
Kum Stojan & Nedeljko-Health & God’s Blessings.....	Kuma Bosa
Joe Goodman, Anna Branoff, Tula Nastos, Macy Lemmen	Deborah Gonser-Adams

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Galina, Vasiliy, Vitaliy, Ekaterina, Ekaterina, Feodosiy, Yulia.....	Irina Sivergina
Peter Popoff-Memory Eternal	Alex & Magda Popoff
Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal	Evanka & Family
35 yrs Joseph Kantor (July 21)	Johnny Kantor
Evdokia Ponomarenko	Lucy Hogg
Bonnie Mengle	Deborah Gonser-Adams



We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us for coffee and donuts in our fellowship hall.

There will be a one year Parastas for the repose of +Athena Kosman. Coffee and donuts are being donated today in Athena's memory by her family.

WAYS and MEANS we are looking for any interested parishioner that would be willing to co-chair the ways and means ministry. Contact the parish office if you are interested.

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. The toilet paper will be distributed by Catholic Charities Community Closet.

FOOD DRIVE Our next pick up is Monday, August 18. A list of food items is located next to the Hope in a Box.

CANDLES & ALTAR CLOTHS need to be changed in preparation for the Dormition Fast and the feast of Dormition. We need your help on Tuesday, July 29 at 10 am to wash the green candle globes and place blue globes in the church as well as iron the blue altar cloths to place them in the church. Please lend a hand to help.

ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY PICNIC will be held on Sunday, August 17 following the outdoor Liturgy. Everyone is invited to stay and join in the fellowship. A ½ Chicken will be sold for \$5, sign-up sheets are in the parish hall for side dishes and desserts to share. The following will be provided: plates, cutlery, napkins, cups and ice.

ASSYRIAN AMERICAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PICNIC is being held today in our pavilion from noon until dark. Everyone is invited to join them.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to serve coffee and donuts for many upcoming Sundays. If you would like to know what this entails, there is a list hanging on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please sign up on the sheet by the kitchen window. Consider pairing up with another family, if you have a smaller household.

Schedule of services and events for the Week of July 27:

Tuesday, July 29

10:00 am Change altar candles & altar cloths to blue

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

10:30 am Adult Education Class

Friday, August 1

7:00 pm **DORMITION FAST BEGINS**
Moleben to the Theotokos at the Shrine

Saturday, August 2

4:30 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, August 3

9:30 am Third Hour

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday Offerings for July 20, 2014

<i>Weekly Offering Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 1,000.00</i>
<i>Children's Offering</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Charity Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Love Inc</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Diocesan Support</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>OCA Envelope</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Candle Fund</i>	<i>\$ 135.00</i>
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>\$ 71.00</i>
<i>Seminarian Fund</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Loose Offering</i>	<i>\$ 34.00</i>
<i>Kiosk</i>	<i>\$ 0.00</i>
<i>Total Sunday Income July 20, 2014</i>	<i>\$ 1,240.00</i>
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 3,629.13</i>

<i>Actual Income</i>	<i>\$126,100.62</i>
<i>Actual Expense</i>	<i>\$112,504.37</i>
<i>+/- to date</i>	<i>\$13,596.25</i>

*98 people were in attendance on
Sunday, July 20, 2014.*