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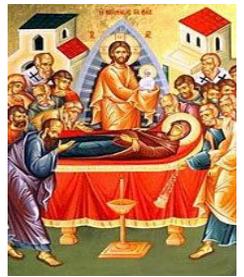
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4 June 2017

Schedule of Services:

4 June - THE GREAT FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY - PENTECOST

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

11:30AM.....The Vespers of Pentecost with the Kneeling Prayers

10 June - The Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa

No Services Today

11 June - The First Sundat after Pentecost; The Holy Apostles - Bartholomew and Barnabas

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed

Repose of Cristina M. Rindfleisch, Tina's Mom on the 11th anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

***“Attend the gathering of elders;
if there is a wise man there, attach yourself to him.
Listen willingly to any discourse coming from God,
do not let shrewd provers escape you.*”**

- Ecclesiasticus 6:35

Attendance and Collection

5/28/2017 – Total Attendance: 19: 17 parishioners; 0 children; 2 guests; Collection: \$1,569.00; Danbury Food Pantry: \$100.00



“For the Service of Thy House, O Lord...”

Reader Schedule:

For the week of June 4: David Mazurik

For the week of June 11: Wayne Golob

For the week of June 18: Tim Glovinsky

For the week of June 25: Ron Royhab



Vigil Lamps Offered by:

Susan Guzy (3)

Natalie Twarek (3) For the health of Sue, Morgan, Leonard, Jake, Katy, Ron, Joe, Diane, John, and Judy; Special Intentions; For all that fought...

Laura Kovach (2) In loving memory of Mom, Dad, John, and Russ; For the health of Amanda, Joe Rose, and Alex; Special Intentions.

Marguerite Bird (1)

Sandy Martin (1)

Troparion for Today's Great Feast –

***Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!***



Let us pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

Dennis Milano – receiving chemotherapy for cancer (prognosis: Good) brother-in-law of Wayne & Heidi Golob
Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo – Greek Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim – Syriac Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Karen Milano – for continued healing and restored health (Heidi Golob's sister)
Lois Tuttamore – in treatment for a re-occurrence of cancer (wife of Bill Tuttamore and friend of Ron Royhab)
Lynn Ruggles – for health and recovery
Alison Pinckney – for healing and restored health (daughter of a good friend of Wayne Golob)
Brad Biecheler – for healing and restored health (son of George Biecheler)
Martin Veronic – for successful surgery and full recovery
Violet Mattingly – neighbor of Greg Mazur, dealing with lung issues
Daria Petrykowski - diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer (dear friends of Ron & Bobbie Royhab)
William Rentz – for healing and restored complete health
Beth Reinhard – (friend of Diane Tryon) preparing for surgery, we pray for healing and restored health
James Heffernan – in treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and restored health
Baby Lucas Goodman – undergoing several surgeries to repair a rare heart defect (friend of Christi Soski)
Diane Tryon – now receiving dialysis three times per week – we pray for her healing and restored health
Joseph Habegger – for healing & restored health (Laura Kovach's brother-in-law)
John Mazurik – struggling with progressive dementia (brother of Paul Mazurik) – we pray for God's care and comfort
Judy Mazurik – recuperating from successful surgery to remove a tumor on her colon – we pray for healing & health
Howard Bailey – undergoing treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and complete recovery
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan – now home and recuperating – we pray for healing and restored health
Jake Lipstraw – in treatment after surgery for the removal of a tumor on the spine (friend of Natalie Twarek)
John Cox – in treatment for Parkinson's disease, and bone cancer (husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox)
Carolyn Zeigler – just diagnosed with lung cancer (friend of Jean Hileman)
Charles Nowak – now home & adjusting to new medications (grandson of Scott & Jose Kluding)
Helen M. Lis – now at Orchard Villa for skilled nursing and physical therapy
Stanley Lis – at Foundation Park with age related dementia
Joseph Rose – now in physical therapy and recuperating from knee replacement surgery
Thaddeus Geletka – (choir director of St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights) for healing and restored health
Ron Stevens – recuperating from emergency heart surgery (future father-in-law of Fred & Teri Cassel's son, Craig)
Leonard Reeves – in treatment for a serious heart attack & other complications (husband of Nikki Twarek's co-worker)
Cheryl Schell – in treatment for cancer (Principal of Oak Harbor High School – working with Jennifer Heffernan)
Nancy Greer – just diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor (grandmother of Nikki Twarek's friend Sean)

Please remember to update Father David on the condition of those for whom you have requested prayers so that we can keep this prayer list current.

Danbury Food Pantry

Here's the breakdown for donations we are asked to collect for the Danbury Food Pantry for 2017. We need your donations by the second Sunday of each month as the distribution of the donated food takes place on the third Saturday of the month. Please refer to the following chart for the monthly donations:

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - Donations requested for each month:

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Tuna	Apple Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Canned Vegetables	Tomato, Vegetable, or Chicken Soup	cereal	Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese Mix	Apple Sauce	Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent	Jars of spaghetti sauce

Heartbeat of Ottawa County – “Baby Bottle Campaign”

First I want to thank all of you here at Holy Assumption Church for taking all 15 baby bottles from Heartbeat Pregnancy Center for its annual “**Baby Bottle Campaign.**” Your willingness to participate in this vital fund raising effort makes me very proud of all of you.

This year's effort will conclude on Father's Day, 18 June. Be sure to return your baby bottles filled with funds that will support **Heartbeat's** good work assisting unwed, and first time mothers and their families as they prepare to welcome a new life into their families.

Heartbeat's work begins before the baby is born, providing support and counselling to new mothers to insure that they do all the right things prenatally so that their babies are born healthy and strong and ready to greet the new world into which they will soon be born.

Then, if necessary, **Heartbeat** continues their support with clothing, diapers, cribs, bassinets, strollers, baby formula, whatever is needed to help new mothers and their babies to develop into healthy children. Every new life is a gift from God enriching His creation, and each year we are given the opportunity (in a small way) to be a part of that effort.

May God bless your “yes” with His blessings to each of you and your families.

Father David

It's Not To Be Good, It's About Being Holy

By Archpriest Gabriel Rochelle

For years I have heard people say that being Christian is about being good or ethical. Simply put, that is not true. Never has been true. I have no beef with people who say that atheists make better ethical decisions than do some Christians. That may be true. My objection is that being Christian is not the same thing as being good. Everyone can find ways to be good, although in a fallen world it is close to miraculous that we are able to live with one another with as little friction and violence as we do. I marvel daily that there is not more mayhem afoot. The "goodness" argument is, however, a diversion.

So if Christianity is not about goodness, then what is it about? For Orthodox Christians, in particular, but one hopes for all Christians in general, it is a spiritual path to holiness. Holiness? What an outdated or misused word! Stay with me. Holiness has several meanings, none of which is "goodie two-shoes" or "holier-than-thou." Those slurs are also a diversion.

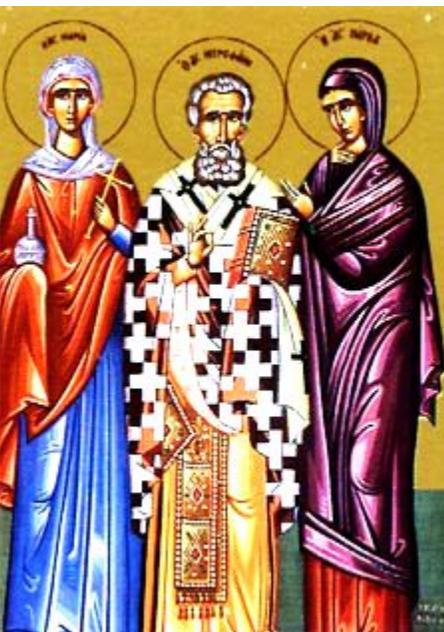
Holiness means one of two things: first, separateness – the idea of separating from what is unholy or in other words profane or obscene. Profanity originally meant naughty acts outside the fanum (the temple where the holy action is) rather than inside, so it meant to defile or disrespect religious acts. To be holy is to be consecrated, set apart from that which is obscene or profane. At the same time it means to be involved in the sacred rituals – which may include what we think of as "religious services," but need not. Sacredness is primarily in the act, not in the locale. The locale is secondary and a reminder that all of life is to be lived as if you were in the temple. That's why obscenity occurs "offstage," outside the temple, and was unspoken onstage in ancient times.

A second stream of meaning is visible in the Anglo-Saxon words; health, healing, holiness, and wholeness all connect linguistically and in reality. So holiness means to be healthy and whole, which in past ages always meant that you related healthfully to God, to creation, to others, and ultimately to yourself. So it has to do with physical and spiritual health and achieving balance.

Now maybe we see that the search for holiness is life-long. Holiness is not a matter of believing a handful of things you hold intellectually; it has to do with commitment for the long haul, rather like marriage. It is a way and not a belief system; it not mental so much as it is physical. It is a walk and not a station. As Chaucer said of love (following Aristotle), "the life so short, the craft so long to learn." We could easily say this of holiness as well. The two meanings converge if you define holiness as the search for wholeness through consecration and commitment to a respectful, spiritual way of being in the world.

We Orthodox speak of developing the "mind of Christ" (Colossians 3). This is not a form of intelligence so much as it is a way to see the world. "All religion is but a looking," said French seeker Simone Weil, a deeply holy person who saw that the faith she pursued leads to wholeness because it enables us to see the world from the perspective of eternity. When we take the long view, so to speak, many of the concerns that plague us and throw us off balance recede to the background of our lives, and we are enabled – paradoxically – to concentrate on that which is in front of us, to pay attention and enter into the moment in a whole and holy way.

Today we also commemorate...



The Righteous Sisters, Mary and Martha

The righteous sisters Martha and Mary were believers in Christ even before He raised their brother Saint Lazarus (October 17) from the dead. After the murder of the holy Archdeacon Stephen a persecution against the Jerusalem Church broke out, and Righteous Lazarus was cast out of Jerusalem. The holy sisters then assisted their brother in the proclaiming of the Gospel in various lands.

In Orthodox Church tradition, though not specifically named as such in the gospels, Martha and Mary were among the Myrrh-bearing Women. These faithful followers of Jesus stood at Golgotha during the Crucifixion of Jesus and later came to his tomb early on the morning following Sabbath with myrrh (expensive oil), according to the Jewish tradition, to anoint their Lord's body. The Myrrhbearers became the first witnesses to the Resurrection of Jesus, finding the empty tomb and hearing the joyful news from an angel.

Mary Magdalene remained with John the Apostle and assisted him with the Church of Jerusalem. The three later came to Cyprus, where Lazarus became the first Bishop of Kittim (modern Larnaca). All three died in Cyprus.

Sts Martha and Mary are also commemorated on the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women.