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GOB Has Gone Up With A Shout! The LORO – With The Sound Of A Trumpet!

June 5, 2011	Sunday of Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
June 11	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
June 12	Holy Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre (361). New Hieromartyr Priest Michael (1931). New Hieromartyr Priest Nicolas (1943). Translation of the relics of the Blessed Igor-George, tonsured Gabriel, Great Prince of Chernigov and Kiev (1150) to Chernigov. Blessed Constantine, Metropolitan of Kiev (1159). Repose of Saint Theodore Yaroslavich (1233), brother of Saint Alexander Nevsky. Finding of the relics (1599) of Venerable Monks Jonah (1561) and Bassian, of Petroma (Solovki). Martyrs Marcian, Nicander, Hyperechius, Apollonius, Leonides, Arius, Gorgias, Selenias, Irenaeus, and Pambo, of Egypt (311). Venerable Theodore the Wonderworker, hermit of the Jordan (583). Venerable Anubius, Confessor and Anchorite of Egypt (5 c). Venerable Abba Dorotheos of Palestine (620). Venerable Peter, Monk, of Korisha, Serbia (1275). New Martyr Mark of Smyrna, who suffered in Chios (1801). Saint Illidius (Allyre), Bishop of Clermont (385). Hieromartyr Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, England, Archbishop of Mainz (754). Martyr Christopher of Rome. Martyr Conon of Rome. Saint Dorotheus, Abbot at Chiliokama on the Black Sea (11 c). Saints Agapius and Nicodemus, Stewards of Vatopedi (14 c). Saint Tudno of Caernarvon.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Metropolitan CONSTANTINE were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Father Sergius Willis were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of newly-wed son Aaron and daughter-in-law Ashley were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Sonia Buttino.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of newborn Nolan David Albrecht, parents Erin and David and sister Zara were offered May 28 at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of George Grentzinger and Curt Arndt were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of brother Frank and mother Vera were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Sonia Buttino.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Protopresbyter Frank Estocin were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Pazia Dulak, Dimitri Doshua, Rose Gyvetz, Julia Firlet, John Hardish, Ann Dulak and Michael Morris were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

+ **Please remember in your prayers** John Ille, Michael Rosics, Oleh Tarnawsky, Robert Roback, Zoran Milkovich, Edward Higgins.

Please remember in your prayers: Susan, Ada, Don, Rea, Daniel, Aaron, Archpriest Jason, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Priest Sergius, Nadine, Helen, Anna, Thomas, Archpriest Vincent, Mother Raphaela, John, Catherine, Ron, Albert, Michael, Gregory, Emma, Cathy, John, Mykola, Dan, Wayne, Nina, Dan, Isaiah, Robert, Robert, Kevin, Andrew, David, Warren, Michael, Archimandrites Athanasys, Isidore, Pachomy and Nectarios.

A word from the desert. Neither despair, nor cease praying, but approach even though you are sinful, so that you may glorify the Master and give him the opportunity to show His own lovingkindness when your sins are forgiven. Likewise, if you fear to approach, you have prevented His goodness and impeded His abundant kindness – which indeed belong to you. Saint Nektarios of Aegina (1846-1920)

REMINDERS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- June 12: Pentecost: Potluck Lunch before going to the Cemetery
- July 4: Saints Peter and Paul Parish Picnic hosting Bishop MICHAEL and the New York Deanery Clergy (25 adults, 10 children): burgers, dogs, sausages, potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit, drinks, chips, dips, etc. Contact Father John or Becky to make your contribution!
- June 19: Graduate Sunday. Please inform the Sisterhood of graduates so they have the correct count.

A word from the desert from Saint Isaac the Syrian. If you guard your tongue, my brother, God will give you the gift of compunction of heart so that you may see your soul, and thereby you will enter into spiritual joy. But if your tongue defeats you - believe me in what I say to you - you will never be able of escape from darkness. If you do not have a pure heart, at least have a pure mouth.

A word from the desert. It was related of a brother who had committed a fault that when he went to Abba Lot, he was troubled and hesitated, going in and coming out, unable to sit down. Abba Lot said to him, "What is the matter, brother?" He said, "I have committed a great fault and I cannot acknowledge it to the fathers." The old man said to him, "Confess it to me, and I will carry it." Then he said to him, "I have fallen into fornication, and in order to do it, I have sacrificed to idols." The old man said to him, "Have confidence; repentance is possible. Go, sit in your cave, eat only once in two days and I will carry half of your fault with you." After three weeks, the old man had the certainty that God had accepted the brother's repentance. Then the latter remained in submission to the old man until his death.

HOMILY About the justification of almsgiving by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it" (Proverbs 3:27).

The Lord does not deny you that which you need, neither should you deny the man whom the Lord has sent to encounter you in order to test your heart. If a beggar extends his hand to you for help once in your life, give to him and do not refuse. Remember how many years there are in your life and how many are the hours in a day and how many are the minutes in an hour-every minute of so many, many thousands of days you extend your hand to the Lord and the Lord gives and does not refuse. Remember the mercy of God and your lack of mercy will burn you as a live coal and it will never give you any peace until you repent and soften your heart.

Do not ever say: "These beggars annoy me!" So many millions of men live on earth and all are beggars before the Lord; emperors as well as laborers, the wealthy as well as servants, all are beggars before the Lord and the Lord never said: "These beggars annoy me!" O man, give thanksgiving to God that someone seeks something good from you, be it material, or spiritual! This means that you are a man of God's trust: God has entrusted some of His goods to you because all goods belong to God. Show yourself worthy of this trust, show yourself worthy in lesser things so that you may be entrusted with greater things.

O Lord, most rich, soften our hearts and enlighten our understanding that we may be merciful in the goods which You, the All-merciful, have entrusted to us. To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

A word from the desert. A brother whom another brother had wronged came to see Abba Sisoës and said to him, "My brother has hurt me and I want to avenge myself." The old man pleaded with him saying, "No, my child, leave vengeance to God." He said to him, "I shall not rest until I have avenged myself." The old man said, "Brother, let us pray." Then the old man stood up and said, "God, we no longer need you to care for us, since we do justice for ourselves." Hearing these words, the brothers fell at the old man's feet, saying, "I will no longer seek justice from my brother; forgive me, abba."

VENERABLE THEODORE, THE HERMIT was a miracle-worker. Purifying his spirit through a long life of asceticism in the wilderness of Jordan, Theodore received from God the gift of working miracles. Traveling by boat to Constantinople, it happened that the boat wandered off course and water for drinking ceased to exist. Because of thirst all the travelers on the boat were at the point of death. Theodore raised his hands to heaven, prayed to God and traced the sign of the cross over the sea water. After that, he said to the boatmen to draw water from the sea and drink. When they drank the water it was sweet. When they all began to bow down before Theodore, he beseeched them not to thank him but to thank the Lord God Who worked this miracle because of His love for mankind. Theodore died peacefully in the year 583 A.D.

THE VENERABLE ANOUB was one of the great Egyptian monks. He suffered much for the True Faith. Prior to his death, three aged hermits visited him and he, "a discernor of the thoughts of man," revealed all the secrets of their hearts to them. Anoub died peacefully in the second half of the fifth century.

BLESSED IGOR was the Prince of Chernigov and Kiev. Persecuted by his kinsmen, he withdrew from the world and was tonsured a monk. The inhabitants of Kiev, dissatisfied with the Olgovitch dynasty, wanted to exterminate it. They charged the monastery, captured the innocent and young Schemnik Igor and slew him. As a result of this crime, many were the misfortunes that befell the inhabitants of Kiev and over the grave of this blessed monk candles were seen on several occasions lighted by themselves and a fiery pillar was seen over the church where he was buried. This occurred in the year 1147 A.D.

BLESSED CONSTANTINE, METROPOLITAN OF KIEV. In the days of Blessed Prince Igor when there was great litigation and confusion among the Russian princes, there was also disorder in the Church and frequent changes on the thrones of the hierarchs. Thus, after the death of Metropolitan Michael of Kiev, Prince Izyaslav brought the famous and learned monk Klim as Metropolitan not seeking the blessing of the Patriarch of Constantinople, contrary to the age-old tradition. Thus, the Patriarch sent Metropolitan Constantine to investigate the matter. Constantine removed Klim and banished all those clerics from the Church that he had ordained. Because of this the people were divided; some adhered to Klim and others adhered to Constantine. Then, according to the wishes of the Russian princes, the Patriarch sent a third, Theodore, and both Klim and Constantine were removed. When Constantine died in the year 1159 A.D. they opened his will and in it he requested that he not be buried but that his body be thrown in the field to be consumed by dogs because he considered himself the culprit responsible for the confusion in the Church. Not daring to disobey his testament, nevertheless, with great horror men took the body of the metropolitan and tossed it into the field where it lay for three days. For three days it thundered terribly over Kiev, lightning flashed all around, thunder struck and the earth quaked. Eight men perished from the thunder. Three fiery pillars appeared over Constantine's lifeless body. Seeing all of this, the prince of Kiev ordered that the body of Constantine be taken and honorably buried in the church where the tomb of Igor was located. Immediately following, a calm ensued in nature. Thus God justified His humble servant.