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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for all things!

July 17, 2011	5th Sunday	Holy Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
July 20	Wednesday	Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
July 23	Saturday			no Vespers
July 24	6 th Sunday after Pentecost		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Great-martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.). Venerable Abbot Irenarchus of Solovki (1628). Venerable Abbot Leonid of Ust-Neduma (Vologda) (1654). Translation of the relics of Venerable Monk Lazarus of Mount Galesion near Ephesus (1054). Child Martyr Prince Kenelm of Wales (821). Martyrs Speratus and Veronica. Saint Euphrasius Bishop of Ionopolis. Saint Timothy, Fool-for-Christ of Svyatogorsk near Pskov (1563). Saint Cynllo of Wales (5 c). Saint Kenelm, King of Mercia, Martyr at Gloucester (821). Saint Turninus of Antwerp, Missionary (8 c.)

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

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Archbishop DMITRI, Archpriest Herman Schick, Archpriest Thomas Edwards, Archpriest John Chupeck, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Archpriest David Vernak and Don Udics were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Matushka Margaret Kappanadze, Norman Andrews, Priest Senan Taylor, Ken Kavalkovich were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Jonathan M. Timko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Mary McCartney and Protopresbyter John Meyendorff were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Thomas Hubiak, Thomas Mezick, William Pupchek, Stanley Wieliczka and Metro Demchko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today.

A word from the desert. Everyone is made in God's image; but to be in His likeness is granted only to those who through great love have brought their own freedom into subjection to God. For only when we do not belong to ourselves do we become like Him who through love has reconciled us to Himself. No one achieves this unless he persuades his soul not to be distracted by the false glitter of this life. Saint Diadochos of Photiki, 5 c

Bulgarian Diocese Nominates Episcopal Candidate

FORT WAYNE, IN [OCA/Bulgarian Diocese] – Archimandrite Alexander Golitzin was nominated as the candidate for Bishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese at the diocese's Fifth Congress-Sobor here Saturday, June 9, 2011.

A native of Saint Innocent Church, Tarzana, CA, Father Alexander Golitzin received a BA in English from UC Berkeley and an M. Div. from Saint Vladimir's Seminary. He spent seven years pursuing doctoral studies at Oxford University in England under His Eminence, Metropolitan Kallistos [Ware]. During this time, he also spent two years in Greece, including one year at Simonos Petras Monastery on Mount Athos.

After receiving his D.Phil. in 1980, Father Alexander returned to the US, where he was ordained to the diaconate in January 1982 and to the priesthood two years later. In 1986, he was tonsured to monastic orders. He served OCA missions in northern California and headed the Diocese of the West's mission committee. In 1989, he took a teaching position at Milwaukee's Marquette University in the Theology Department, a position which he holds today.

"We are very happy to reach the point of selecting our episcopal nominee, but we are aware that the process is not yet over," noted Episcopal Search Coordinator, Archpriest Andrew Jarmus. "Father Alexander's name will now be formally presented to the Holy Synod of Bishops. The Holy Synod will initiate its own review procedure and, God willing, this will result in Father's canonical election as bishop of our diocese. Once we reach that point, we will be able to issue information concerning Father Alexander's episcopal consecration and installation."

Hosted by Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church here, the Congress-Sobor was preceded a day earlier by the diocese's 48th annual Conference. Both events were presided over by His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania, Locum tenens of the Bulgarian Diocese.

The Bulgarian Diocese includes 19 parishes and missions and one monastery.

THE HOLY MARTYR MARINA was born in Pisidian, Antioch of pagan parents. At the age of twelve Marina learned about the Lord Jesus Christ; how He became incarnate of the All-Pure Virgin, how He worked many miracles, how He suffered death on the Cross and gloriously resurrected. Her young heart became inflamed with love for the Lord and she vowed that she would never marry and further desired in her soul to suffer for Christ and to be baptized in the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her because of her faith and did not consider her as his daughter. The imperial deputy Olymbrius, learning from Marina that she was a Christian, first wished that she would become his wife. When Marina rejected that he ordered her to bow down before the idols and to that Saint Marina replied: "I will not bow down nor offer sacrifice to the breathless and dead idols who do not recognize themselves nor do they know that we honor or dishonor them. I will not give them that honor which belongs only to my Creator." Then Olymbrius subjected Marina to harsh torture and threw her into prison completely covered with wounds and blood. While in prison Marina prayed to God and, after prayer, the devil appeared to her under the guise of a horrible serpent which entwined itself around her head. When she made the sign of the cross the serpent burst and vanished. Then she was engulfed with a heavenly light and it seemed to her that the walls of the prison vanished together with the roof and a radiant and towering cross appeared and atop the cross a white dove, from which a voice came saying: "Rejoice Marina, rational [discerning] dove of Christ, daughter of Zion in the highest, for your day of rejoicing has arrived." Marina was healed from all her wounds and pains by the power of God. The demented judge tortured her the following day, both in fire and in water, but Marina endured all as though she were in another body. Finally he condemned her to be beheaded. Before her death the Lord Jesus appeared to her with angels. She was beheaded during the reign of Diocletian but in soul and power she remained alive in the heavens and on earth. A hand of Saint Marina reposes in the Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos. However, atop Mount Langa in Albania overlooking Lake Ohrid, there is a monastery dedicated to Saint Marina with a portion of her miraculous relics. Countless miracles have occurred and still occur in this monastery, whose witnesses are not only Christians but many Muslims as well. So much did the Turks have respect for this holy place that they never dared disturb either this holy place or the property of this monastery. At one time a Turk was the guardian of the monastery.

THE VENERABLE LEONID USTNEDUM. From his youth this Russian saint lived a spiritual life of asceticism in several monasteries in Solovetz, Mirozh as well as elsewhere. Finally, he founded his own monastery along the Luza River in the province of Vologda. He lived a strict life of mortification until his soul was filled with the light of grace and the power of the Holy Spirit. As a beacon, Leonid attracted many to the ascetical life of mortification. He is called Ustnedum, because at one time when he was bitten by a poisonous serpent, he did not want either to think or to talk about it and he remained alive. Pleasing God in all things, Leonid died peacefully on July 17, 1653 A.D. His relics repose in his monastery.

HOMILY **About the need to repeat and repeat**

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and be established in the present truth" (2 Peter 1:12).

The plow sows in the field. Does not the plow repeat the same task every second? How would he, therefore, plow the field if not plowing from morning to dusk deepening furrow after furrow?

The traveler walks the road. Does not the traveler repeat the same task every second with the same effort? How else would he have traveled the road and reached his destination?

The carpenter prepares the boards in his workshop. Does not the carpenter repeat the same task with every board, with the same labor? How else would he be able to prepare the ordered amount of prepared boards?

Brethren, is not all of our beneficial works comprised of strands and strands of repetition? Therefore, let not the preacher of the truth become slothful and let him not say: "I told them so and I will not repeat it!" Let not the hearer of the truth become proud and let him not say: "I heard it once and I do not need to hear it again!"

O preacher of the truth, do not be afraid to repeat and to repeat: that through repetition you teach and by repetition you remind. Without repetition even the field is not plowed, nor the path traveled, nor the framework [rafters] of the house prepared. And you [preacher of the truth] are to plow, to lead and to prepare.

O hearer of the truth, do not become proud and do not say that you heard the truth once. Truth is food for the soul. You have eaten bread today, yesterday and the day before yesterday and for months and years past. And again you will eat it, so that your body would be healthy. Nourish also the soul. Nourish it with the truth, the same truth, yesterday, today and tomorrow and until death so that your soul may be healthy, strong and radiant.

O Lord Jesus, nourish us every day and every hour with Your truth which is Yourself O Jesus, sweet nourishment!

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

A word from the desert. Be mindful of God, so that in every moment He may be mindful of you. If He is mindful of you, He will give you salvation. Do not forget Him, letting yourselves be seduced by vain distractions. Do you want Him to forget you in your times of temptation? Stay near Him and obey Him in the days of your prosperity. You will be able to rely on His word in difficult days, because prayer will keep you safe in His continual presence. Remain constantly before His face, think of Him, remember Him in your heart. Otherwise, if you only meet Him from time to time, you risk losing your close friendship with Him.

Saint Isaac of Nineveh, 7th century

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

On the last Sunday of every month Saint Ann Sisterhood announces we will have **BREAKFAST** at coffee hour time on Sunday. The hot meal will cost \$5.00 per person and proceeds will go toward the funding of our 100th Anniversary celebrations. These will be complete meals.