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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for All Things!

September 4, 2011	Sunday	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
September 8	Thursday	Nativity of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary	Liturgy	9:30 am
September 10	Saturday		Great Vespers	4:00 pm
September 11	13 th Sunday after Pentecost		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

GRANT LORD, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS LIFE, HEALTH, SALVATION AND
FURTHERANCE IN ALL GOOD THINGS TO HIS GRACE,

OUR RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP MICHAEL

AND GRANT HIM MANY BLESSED HAPPY AND HOLY YEARS!

ΕΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΑ ΕΤΗ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΑ!

Prayers for the health of His Grace were offered at Liturgy and Moleben on Monday, August 29, at the request of Father John Udics.

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch, with Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius, and their mother Christodula (251). Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses (1531 B.C.). Uncovering of the relics (1911) of Saint Ioasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Uncovering of the relics (1989) of Saint Metrophan, Bishop of Voronezh (1703). Synaxis of All Saints of Voronezh. Hieromartyr Parthenius, Abbot of Kiziltis Monastery in Crimea (1867). New Hieromartyrs Priests Paul, John, Nicholas, Nicholas, John, Nicholas, Alexander, Peter and Michael, Hieromartyr Stephen, Martyrs Basil, Peter, Stephen and Alexander (1937). New Hieromartyrs Gregory (Lebedev) Bishop of Shliserburg and Sergius (Druzhinin) Bishop of Narva (1937). Virgin-Martyr Helen (1942). Martyr Hermione, daughter of Apostle Philip the Deacon (117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4 c). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus of Nicomedia (305-311). Saint Joachim, Patriarch of Alexandria. Venerable Petronius of Egypt (346), Disciple of Saint Pachomius the Great. Martyr Charitina of Amisus. Martyrs Thathuil and Bebaia of Edessa (2 c). Martyr Jerusalem of Berroia. Martyrs Theotimus and Theodulus the executioners. Saint Symeon, Abbot and Wonderworker of Garesja (1777). Saint Anthimus the Blind, new Ascetic of Cephalonia (1782). New Hieromartyr Peter, Metropolitan of Dabro-Bosnia (1941). Translation of the relics of Saint Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames and Enlightener of Wessex, and Saint Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne. Saint Virgin Monessa of Ireland (456). Saint Ultan Bishop of Ardraccan (7 c). Saint Virgin Rhuddlad of Anglesey, Wales.

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

God Grant Many Years! 50th Wedding Anniversary Prayers for the health of Mitch and Mary Jane Chlus were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Saint Ann's Sisterhood.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of daughter Nicole were offered August 28 at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Sonia Buttino.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Bishop MELCHISEDEK, Bishop SERAPHIM (Tsuje), Bishop NIKON, Archbishop SERAPHIM, Protodeacon Sergei Kapral, Priest Geoffrey Korz, Robert Dunn and Samuel Uzawa, 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 Archbishop DIMITRI were offered September 4 and today and Matushka Pauline Warnecke today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Anniversary Prayers for the repose of the souls of Hieromonk Roman (Serdinsky) and Archpriest John Skvir were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Stanley P. Bayzon and Mary Hubiak were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

Next Sunday is the **tenth anniversary of the attacks on our country on 9/11**. We encourage all our parishioners to fly the United States flag at your homes in honor and memory of those who lost their lives, many of whom were Orthodox Christians, and in memory of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, destroyed in the attacks. Flying our flag will show to the world that we are united in allegiance to our U. S. A.

We're collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations to give to the **Herkimer Food Pantry** until September 14. There's no envelope in the envelope box for this, but you may make out checks and we'll take them and whatever food donations down to the Pantry on September 14, Feast of the Holy Cross.

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church will hold their '**Mediterranean Festival**' on Saturday September 10, from noon to 9:00 pm, with live music and delicious food. Great Vespers will also be served at 5:00 pm.

The Holy Hieromartyr Babylas. This "great and wonderful man, if he could be called a man" – as Saint John Chrysostom spoke of him – was Bishop of Antioch during the reign of the wicked Emperor Numerian. This Numerian concluded a peace treaty with a barbarian king, who was more noble and peace-loving than he. As a sign of his sincere desire for a lasting peace, the barbarian king gave his young son to be brought up and educated in Numerian's court. One day Numerian stabbed this innocent boy to death with his own hands, and offered him as a sacrifice to the idols. Still hot from the crime and the innocent blood, this criminal with an emperor's crown went to a Christian church to see what was going on there. Saint Babylas was at prayer with the people, and heard that the emperor had come with his retinue and desired to enter the church. Babylas interrupted the service, went out in front of the church, and told the emperor that as he was an idolater he could not enter the holy temple where the one, true God was glorified. In a homily about Babylas, Saint John Chrysostom said: "Who else in the world would he fear – he who, with such authority, repulsed the emperor? By this, he taught emperors not to overreach their authority beyond the measure given to them by God, and he also showed the clergy how to use their own authority." The shamed emperor turned back, but planned revenge. The following day, he summoned Babylas and berated him, urging him to offer sacrifice to the idols, which, of course, the saint steadfastly refused to do. The emperor then bound Babylas and cast him into prison. The emperor also tortured three children: Urban, age twelve, Prilidian, age nine, and Hippolinus, age seven. Babylas was their spiritual father and teacher, and they, out of love for him, had not run away. They were the sons of Christodula, an honorable Christian woman who had herself suffered for Christ. The emperor first ordered that each child be beaten with a number of blows corresponding to his years, and then had them cast into prison. He finally had all three beheaded with the sword. The chained Babylas was present at the beheading of the children and encouraged them. After that, he laid his own honorable head under the sword. He was buried in his chains by the Christians, in the same grave as those three wondrous children, as he had willed before his martyrdom. Their holy souls flew off to their heavenly habitation, while their miracle-working relics remained for the benefit of the faithful, as a constant witness to their heroism in the Faith. They suffered in about the year 250.

The Holy Prophet Moses the God-seer was a great leader and the lawgiver of Israel. He was born in Egypt in about 1550 b.c. For forty years, he lived at the court of the pharaoh; for forty years, he lived as a shepherd in contemplation of God and the world; and for his remaining forty years, he led the people through the wilderness to the Promised Land. He beheld the Promised Land, but was not allowed to enter it, for he had once sinned against God (Numbers 20:12). Moses reposed at the age of 120. As a miracle-worker, he was a prefiguring of Christ, according to Saint Basil the Great. He appeared from the other world on Mount Tabor during the Lord's Transfiguration. According to the witness of Saint John Climacus, he appeared also to the monks in the Monastery of Mount Sinai.

The Holy Martyrs Marcellus and Cassian. Emperor Maximian Hercules once issued a command that all of his soldiers had to offer sacrifices to the idols. Marcellus was a soldier at that time, and Cassian was a notary (secretary). Marcellus, a Christian, declared: "If the military calling is bound up with sacrifice to idols, then I cannot be a soldier!" He removed his military belt and arms and cast them aside. He was immediately sentenced to death. Cassian's duty was to write Marcellus's death sentence, but he refused to write it. They were beheaded together, and their souls took up habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

A word from the desert. The Lord does not always appear in glory to all who stand before Him. To beginners He appears in the form of a servant (Phil 2:7); to those able to follow Him as He climbs the high mountain of His Transfiguration He appears in the form of God, the form in which He existed before the world came to be (John 17:5). It is therefore possible for the same Lord not to appear in the same way to all who stand before Him, but to appear to some in one way and to others in another way, according to the measure of each person's faith. When the Word of God becomes manifest and radiant in us, and His face shines like the sun, then His clothes will also look white. That is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed. And Moses and Elijah – the more spiritual principles of the Law and the Prophets – will also be present with Him. Saint Maximus the Confessor, Second Chapter on Knowledge, 14

Galatians 6:2 – Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Major flooding has once again occurred at the Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ following the powerful destructive path of Hurricane Irene during the last few days of August, 2011. Damage estimates are not yet available; however, considering substantial flooding of the historic Fisher House, the Sisterhood Hall and the Center's Maintenance building; the Memorial Church's pastoral residence building, two residential properties across the street from the Memorial Church, the collapsed trees and flooding of the Seminary building's basement – these are only a few examples of what we must face now in repairs and additional non-budgeted projects for this coming Fall season. Our neighbors around the property and the Church's spiritual Center suffer and in desperate need of assistance. We are hereby asking for contributions to a special 2011 Hurricane Irene Flood Fund. The monies collected will be utilized towards the necessary and immediate repairs to the properties of the Church as well as to prepare Saint Sophia Orthodox Theological Seminary for the opening of the 2011-2012 Academic year.

2011 Hurricane Irene Flood Fund, P. O. Box 495, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880. Please note Hurricane Irene in the "in memory/to honor" field. <http://www.uocofusa.org/public/sv/gallery.php?ssid=77>