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

October 2, 2011 16th Sunday after Pentecost

October 8 Saturday

October 9 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Great Vespers 4:00 pm

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin-martyr Justina and Martyr Theoctist of Nicomedia (304). Blessed Andrew, Fool-for-Christ at Constantinople (911). Saint Theodore Ushakov) Admiral (1817). Virgin-martyr Alexandra (1938). Venerable Anna of Kashin (1338). Venerable Cassian, Monk, of Uglich (1504). Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of Argveti, Georgia (740). Blessed Cyprian of Suzdal, Fool-for-Christ (1622). New Martyr George of Philadelphia in Asia Minor (1794). Venerable Damaris of Athens (1 c). Great-martyr Theodore (Gavra) of Atran in Chaldia of Pontus (1180). Venerable Theophilus the Confessor.

Please remember in your prayers: Mother Raphaela, Priest Sergius, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Ada, 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, Athanasys, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Father Daniel Pavelchak and Matushka Barbara Pavelchak were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Bishop MICHAEL.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Alexander Drobish were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Bishop MICHAEL.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Maria Krenca were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics and Mary Ray.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Julie Shuda and Helen Riley were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of cousins Ed and Anita Hansen, nephew Jonathan Matthew Gomes, cousin Bruce Morgenthaler, Paisius Whitesides and James Hart and were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Taissa Drobish were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Bishop MICHAEL.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of aunt Anna Jovorosky and her son Walter were offered September 25 at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Sonia Buttino.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Ann-Marie Dovas were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Theodore Litwen and Margaret R Steciak were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

A word from the desert. Abba Joseph said to Abba Nisterus, "What should I do about my tongue, for I cannot control it?" The old man said to him, "When you speak, do you find peace?" He replied, "No." The old man said, "If you do not find peace, why do you speak? Be silent and when a conversation takes place, it is better to listen than to speak."

The Hieromartyr Cyprian and Justina the Virgin. Cyprian moved from Carthage to Antioch, where Justina lived with her parents, Edesius and Cleodonia. Edesius was a pagan priest, and his entire household was pagan. But when Justina visited a Christian church and learned the true Faith, she converted both her father and mother to the Christian Faith. All three received baptism by Optatus the bishop. Cyprian, however, was a magician, who consorted with impure spirits and practiced sorcery. A certain dissolute pagan youth named Aglaidas was willing to pay any price to charm Justina, for she was beautiful. The holy virgin Justina rejected him adamantly, and he sought help from Cyprian. Cyprian invoked one evil spirit after another, to inflame Justina with impure passion for Aglaidas, but did not succeed. By the sign of the Cross and prayer to God, she drove the evil spirits away. After this futile effort, Cyprian recognized the power of the Cross and was baptized. Eventually, he was made a presbyter, then a bishop. Embittered pagans denounced him and Justina; both were tried in Damascus, tortured, and then beheaded in Nicomedia. They entered into rest at the end of the third century.

The Holy Martyrs David and Constantine were Christian princes from Argveti (Georgia). They were condemned to death by Caliph Emil-el Mumenim, and were drowned in a river in Imereti in the year 730. Before their death, they prayed to God that He forgive the sins of all who would invoke them in prayer for help. After their prayers were completed, lightning struck, and a voice from heaven said that their prayers had been heard. The saints' relics repose at the Monastery of Motsameta in Georgia.

A word from the desert. Abba Sarmatas said, "I prefer a sinful man who knows he has sinned and repents, to a man who has not sinned and considers himself to be righteous."

A word from the desert. An old man said: For nine years a brother was tempted in thought to the point of despairing of his salvation, and being scrupulous, he condemned himself, saying, "I have lost my soul, and since I am lost, I shall go back to the world." But while he was on the way, a voice came to him on the road, which said, "These nine years during which you have been tempted have been crowns for you; go back to your place, and I will allay these thoughts." Understand that it is not good for someone to despair of himself because of his temptations; rather temptations procure crowns for us if we use them well.

Saint Andrew the Fool-for-Christ was a Slav by birth. As a young man, he was enslaved; and was bought by Theognostus, a wealthy man in Constantinople, during the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (son of Emperor Basil the Macedonian). Andrew was handsome in body and soul. Theognostus took a liking to Andrew, and allowed him to become literate. Andrew fervently prayed to God, and with love attended church services. Obeying a heavenly revelation, he adopted the asceticism of foolishness for Christ. Once, when he went to the well for water, he tore off his clothes, and slashed them with a knife, feigning insanity. Saddened by this, his master Theognostus bound him in chains and brought him to the Church of Saint Anastasia the Deliverer from Bonds, so that prayers would be read for him. But Andrew did not improve, and his master freed him as mentally ill. Andrew pretended insanity by day, but prayed to God all night long. He lived without shelter of any kind. He even spent the nights outside, walked around half-naked in a single tattered garment, and ate only a little bread when good men would give it to him. He shared all that he received with the beggars, and would mock them-to avoid being thanked by them-for holy Andrew wanted all his reward to come from God. Therefore, the great grace of God entered into him and he was able to discern the secrets of men, perceive angels and demons, exorcise demons from men, and correct men from their sins. Andrew had a most beautiful vision of Paradise and the exalted powers of heaven. He also saw the Lord Christ on His throne of glory; and he, with his disciple Epiphanius, saw the Most-holy Mother of God in the Church of Blachernae as she covered the Christian people with her omophorion. This occurrence is celebrated as the Feast of the Protection of the Most-holy Theotokos (October 1). In a vision he also heard ineffable, heavenly words that he dared not repeat to men. After a life of almost unparalleled harshness of asceticism, Andrew entered into rest in the eternal glory of his Lord in 911.

REFLECTION by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha. A vision of Saint Andrew the Fool-for-Christ: A monk in Constantinople was distinguished as an ascetic and spiritual father, and many people came to him for prayers. But this monk had the secret vice of avarice. He collected money and gave it to no one. Saint Andrew met him on the street one day, and saw a terrible snake coiled around his neck. Saint Andrew took pity on him, approached him, and began to counsel him: "Brother, why have you lost your soul? Why have you bound yourself with the demon of avarice? Why have you given him a resting place within yourself? Why are you amassing gold as though it will go to the grave with you, and not into the hands of others? Why are you strangling yourself by stinginess? While others hunger and thirst and perish from cold, you rejoice looking at your heap of gold! Is this the path of repentance? Is this the monastic rank? Do you see your demon?" At that, the spiritual eyes of the monk were opened, and he saw the dark demon and was greatly horrified. The demon dropped away from the monk and fled, driven by Andrew's power. Then a most radiant angel of God appeared to the monk, for his heart was changed for the good. Immediately, he went about distributing his hoarded gold to the poor and needy. From then on, he pleased God in everything and was more greatly glorified than before.

Gold Plating. Eventually, church goods made of gold or gold plate blacken and need re-plating. There is a hand cross, another cross and stand, three communion cups and a small plate which need to be re-plated. Anyone interested in donating for all or part of the cost of this work, please contact Father John.

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FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

Today! Beginning of Church School – 9 am

October 3: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

October 13: **Cookie making** starting at 9:00

October 15: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

October 16: Parish Council Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

October 17: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

October 22, Saturday: **Harvest Dinner:** set up tables and food prep starting at 9:00

October 23, Sunday: **Harvest Dinner** menu: pork roast, veggies, mashed potatoes, kielbasa and sauerkraut, salad along with dessert.

October 29: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

October 30: Sunday Breakfast at Coffee Hour

October 31: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 12: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

November 14: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 17, Thursday: Please bring the cookies you baked to Church.

November 18, Friday: Trays will be put together

November 19, Saturday: **Bazaar** starting at 11

November 20: Parish Council Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

November 27: Sunday Breakfast at Coffee Hour