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

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| November 13, 2011 | 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 am |
| November 15 Tuesday | Beginning of the Nativity Fast (Saint Philip's Fast) | | |
| November 19 Saturday | | Great Vespers | 4:00 pm |
| November 20 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost | | Divine Liturgy | 9:30 am |

Saints of the Day: Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, and Germanus of Caesarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Manetha of Caesarea in Palestine (308). New Martyr Damascene of Mount Athos (1681). Saint Brice, Bishop of Tours (444) and Saint Quintianus, Bishop of Clermont (525). Saint Euphrasius, Bishop of Clermont (515). Saint Leonien of Vienne (518). Saint Caillin of Ferns, Bishop (7 c). Saint Columba of Cornwall, Virgin Martyr. Saint Denick of Caithness (6 c). Saint Gredifael of Wales, Abbot of Whitland in Pembrokeshire. Saint Kilian of Aubigny (7 c).

Please remember in your prayers: Metropolitan CONSTANTINE, Hilda, James, JoAnne, Mother Raphaela, John, Ada, Priest Sergius, Louellen, Rea, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Jim, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Michael, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Hilda Berezniak were offered November 6 and today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Christine Kurap and James Williams were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Harry Klisch, Sera Klisch and Andy Klisch were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Mabel Klisch Deal.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Archimandrite Alexander (Doumouras) were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Katherine Chanas, Alexandria and Egneta Jovorosky, Walter Jovorosky Jr, Max Spytko and Kathryn Chlus were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

A word from the desert: Some of the brothers who had some laymen with them, went to see Abba Felix and they begged him to say a word to them. But the old man kept silence. After they had asked for a long time he said to them, "You wish to hear a word?" They said, "Yes, Abba." Then the old man said to them, "There are no more words nowadays. When the brothers used to consult the old men and when they did what was said to them, God showed the old men how to speak. But now, since they ask without doing that which they hear, God has withdrawn the grace of the word from the old men and they do not find anything to say, because there are no longer any who carry out their words." Hearing this, the brothers groaned, saying, "Pray for us, Abba."

Saint John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople was born in Antioch in the year 354. His father, Secundus, was an imperial commander and his mother's name was Anthusa. Studying Greek philosophy, John became disgusted with Hellenic paganism and adopted the Christian Faith as the one and all-embracing truth. Meletius, Patriarch of Antioch, baptized John, and his parents also subsequently received baptism. Following his parents' repose, John was tonsured a monk and lived a strict life of asceticism. He then wrote a book, *On the Priesthood*, after which the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him, and prophesied that he would have a life of great service, great grace and great suffering. When he was to be ordained a priest, an angel of God appeared simultaneously to John and to Patriarch Flavian (Meletius's successor). While the patriarch was ordaining John, a shining white dove was seen hovering over John's head. Glorified for his wisdom, asceticism and power of words, John was chosen as Patriarch of Constantinople at the behest of Emperor Arcadius. As patriarch, he governed the Church for six years with unequalled zeal and wisdom. He sent missionaries to the pagan Celts and Scythians and eradicated simony in the Church, deposing many bishops guilty of this vice. He extended the charitable works of the Church and wrote a special order of the Divine Liturgy. He shamed the heretics, denounced Empress Eudoxia, interpreted Holy Scripture with his golden mind and tongue, and bequeathed the Church many precious books of his homilies. The people glorified him, the envious loathed him, and the Empress, on two occasions, sent him into exile. John spent three years in exile, and reposed as an exile on the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross, September 14, 407, in the town of Comana in Georgia. Before his repose, the Holy Apostles John and Peter appeared to him again, as did the Holy Martyr Basiliscus (May 22) in whose church he received Communion for the last time. His last words were, "Glory be to God for all things," and with that, the soul of the golden-mouthed patriarch was taken into Paradise. Chrysostom's head reposes in the Church of the Dormition in Moscow, and his body reposes in the Vatican in Rome.

The Holy Martyrs Antoninus, Nicephorus, Germanus and Manetha. The first three were watching the pagans worshipping idols with shouts and dancing at one of their feasts. Fearlessly, they went before the crowd

and preached the One God in Trinity. Firmilian, the eparch of Palestinian Caesarea, where this occurred, was so enraged at the action of these three Christians that he commanded their immediate beheading. Manetha was a Christian maiden who followed the martyrs as they were being led to the place of execution. She too was arrested, and after cruel tortures, was burned to death. They all suffered in the year 308 and entered into the eternal joy of the Eternal God.

The Venerable Martyr Damascene was born in Galata in Constantinople and at first was called Diamantis. In his youth he lived immorally, and even became a Moslem. Then bitter repentance ensued, and he went to the Holy Mountain, where he lived a life of strict asceticism for twelve years, as a monk in the Lavra of Saint Athanasius. But, desiring martyrdom to expiate his sins, Damascene went to Constantinople and visited the mosques, making the sign of the Cross and shouting that the Turks' faith was false and that Jesus Christ is God and Lord. He was beheaded before the gate of the Phanar on November 13, 1681. His relics repose on Halki, in the Monastery of the Holy Trinity.

Saint Kilian of Aubigny was born in 7th century Ireland. Saint Kilian, kinsman of Saint Fiacre (f.d. Aug 30), became a missionary in France almost by accident. On his return from a pilgrimage to Rome, Kilian stopped to visit Fiacre in his solitude in Brie. There he joined his near relative in his contemplation and evangelizing efforts. Then Bishop Saint Faro of Meaux (f.d. Oct 28) sent him out to preach the Gospel on his own in the Artois, where he met with success. His body was enshrined at Aubigny, near Arras, in the monastery church he established, where he is the object of great veneration. ...Kilian is said to have been the only Irishman to have been offered the Roman papacy – which he declined.

A word from the Fathers. Saint Isidore (560-636) said: `Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us. All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities. None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.

Blessed Augustine (354-430): Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.

Saint Jerome (347-420) said: Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul. Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.

Metropolitan Constantine, Primate of [the] Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA underwent a medical procedure on Monday October 31, 2011, which required heart surgery. The procedure was successful and the Metropolitan will remain in hospital for a few days of recovery. We ask [your prayers] for a continued speedy recovery and that [you include a special prayer] for Metropolitan Constantine's good health

The College Student Mission Trip to aid orphanages in Ukraine, is a ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. We hope to bring aid and comfort to special needs orphans and orphanages in a country that currently does not have the means to do so. By our actions, we hope to show the face of Christ to these children, their caregivers, their administrators, our host families and all we come in contact with and by doing so reaffirm the Holy Orthodox Faith amongst the people of Ukraine. We pray that by offering daily prayer services, as well as our love and works, that we will bring not only ourselves but all involved closer to Christ our God. This mission is also devised to provide young adults with the opportunity to deepen and learn about their faith through true Christian witness, pilgrimage, fellowship and love.

Eight college aged young adults are chosen from a pool of applicants to compose the Mission Team. The Team Members are led by a Spiritual Team Leader and a Lay Community Team Leader. They meet with the CCRF Staff in Ukraine who also accompany the Team to the orphanages.

While on site, the Team spends time with the children playing educational games, conducting a "Special Olympics" program, helping during meals and physical therapy, singing, performing short plays and special projects such as teaching the children basic gardening skills. The activities are tailored to fit with children who have multiple disabilities such as leukemia, physical deformity, Downs' Syndrome and mental disability. The team also helps with physical improvements to the facilities: spackling walls, painting, repairs to furniture and wooden structures, and whatever may be needed at the time of the trip. While in Ukraine, the Team may visit historic sites ... and tour the cities of Lvov and Kiev.

The trip lasts 16 days, including a day for orientation and a day for debriefing in South Bound Brook, NJ.

Team Members are responsible for raising the funds for their trip. Any funds that they raise above what is needed for the cost of the trip becomes the Team's donation to the orphanage.

For more information and to apply online go to: <http://www.uocyouth.org/uoccollegemission.html>

FOR YOUR CALENDARS: Our Sisterhood President writes: "Please remember to bake your cookies for the Sisterhood Holiday Bazaar. If you are able to bake a double batch that would be very helpful as our big batch bakers have moved away. Cookies can be delivered early and be put in the freezer or they can be brought to church on Thursday, November 17 or Friday morning. We will begin putting the cookie trays together at 10 am. If you are available to help put the cookie trays together, please come. All help is welcome."

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

November 20: NEXT SUNDAY: **Sunday Breakfast** and **Parish Council Meeting** (3rd Sunday of the Month)