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BEFORE THY CROSS, WE BOW DOWN IN WORSHIP, MASTER AND THY HOLY RESURRECTION, WE GLORIFY!

September 16, 2012	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
September 22	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
September 23	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

This Bulletin is offered in the name of Aaron Buttino at the request of Sonia Buttino

Saints of the Day: Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, of Chalcedon (304). New Hieromartyr Priest Gregory Raevsky (1937). New Hieromartyr Priest Sergius (1942). Translation of the relics of Saint Alexis of Moscow (2001). Saint Cyprian, Metropolitan of Kiev (1406). Saint Kushka of Odessa, Confessor (1964). Martyr Sebastiana, Disciple of Saint Paul the Apostle, at Heraclea (86). Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon (304). Venerable Dorotheus, Hermit of Egypt (4 c.). Martyr Ludmilla (927), grandmother of Saint Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs. New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph, at Karnu, Georgia (808). Venerable Procopius, Abbot, of Sazava in Bohemia (1053). Saint Ninian, Bishop of Whithorn (Candida Casa) (432). Venerable Nun Edith of Wilton, England (984). Venerable Cyprian of Serbia.

Please remember in your prayers: Paul, Priest Sergius, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Norma, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, Mother Raphaela, Rea, Sister Veronica, John, Hilda, James, Ada, Louellen, Nancy, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Archpriest Vincent, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Ludmilla Stehnach were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today on her nameday, at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Andrew Fash, Paul Kappanadze, and Emily Williams were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Vera Keblish were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Michael and Elizabeth Spytko, Walter Jovorosky Jr, Kathryn Chlus, David Sterzin and Steve Bius were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

HOLY MARTYR LUDMILLA was grandmother of the Czech King Vatslav [Wenceslaus]. She was married to Czech Prince Borivoy. By her zeal for the Christian Faith, she brought many out of paganism to the Church. Her daughter-in-law hated her, and had men strangle Ludmilla in her old age. She suffered in Techino in the year 927. Vatslav buried Ludmilla's body in the Church of Saint George in Prague. Many miracles occurred over her relics. Saint Vatslav, himself a great zealot for the Orthodox Faith, was slain by his brother Boleslav.

SAINT EDITH OF WILTON, VIRGIN was born at Kensington, England, in 961; died 984. Saint Edith was the illegitimate daughter of King Edgar and Saint Wulfrida (Wilfrith, f.d. September 9), a noblewoman whom he had raped. (The king underwent a seven-year penance for this crime according to the "vita" of Saint Dunstan (f.d. May 19).) After the death of his wife, Edgar entreated Wulfrida to marry him. She rejected his solicitations and took the religious veil at Wilton instead. Thus, Saint Edith entered the convent as a baby and never left it, so that, in the words of the "Roman Martyrology", "she rather knew not this world than forsook it."

Although Edith was always sheltered from the allurements of the world, Wulfrida also raised her carefully and taught her the lessons of Christian perfection. Edith chose to be professed at the age of fifteen in the presence of her father, who gave his permission only after a struggle. Thereafter Edith combined a life of prayer with one of active charity. She fed the poor, tended the sick, and dressed their most loathsome sores.

Edith expressed her great devotion to the crucified Christ through the constant repetition of the Sign of the Cross. She also undertook austerities, e.g., abstinence and the wearing of a hair shirt.

Three times she refused the abbacy of three different convents, preferring to remain a simple nun at Wilton under the direction of her mother, who was abbess. When her father and then her half-brother Saint Edgar the Peaceful (f.d. July 8) died, she was pressed by her brother's adherents to accept the throne, but refused it.

Before her death at the age of 22, Edith built the church of Saint Denis at Wilton. During its dedication, Dunstan cried profusely because he had a premonition of her death. Less than two months later Saint Dunstan assisted at her deathbed. She was buried in Saint Denis. William of Malmesbury, writing at the beginning of the 12th century, relates that her feast was kept with great devotion.

In art, Saint Edith is depicted as a royal nun (not an abbess) giving alms to the poor. She may also be shown with a purse or washing the feet of the poor.

SAINT NINIAN (+c. 432), Apostle to the Picts, Abbot of Candida Casa ("White House") Monastery, Bishop of Whithorn and Confessor; date of birth unknown; died about 432; the first Apostle of Christianity in Scotland.

The earliest account of him is in Bede (Hist. Eccles., III, 4): "the southern Picts received the true faith by the preaching of Bishop Ninias, a most reverend and holy man of the British nation, who had been regularly instructed at Rome in the faith and mysteries of the truth; whose episcopal see, named after Saint Martin the Bishop, and famous for a church dedicated to him (where Ninias himself and many other saints rest in the body), is now in the possession of the English nation. The place...is commonly called the White House [Candida Casa], because he there built a church of stone, which was not usual amongst the Britons". The facts given in this passage form practically all we know of Saint Ninian's life and work.

Saint Ninian founded at Whithorn a monastery which became famous as a school of monasticism within a century of his death; his work among the southern Picts seems to have had but a short lived success. Saint Patrick, in his epistle to Coroticus, terms the Picts "apostates", and references to Ninian's converts having abandoned Christianity are found in Saints Columba and Kentigern.

The body of Saint Ninian was buried in the church at Whithorn (Wigtownshire), but no relics are now known to exist. The "Clogrinny", or bell of Saint Ringan (Ninian), of very rough workmanship, is in the Antiquarian Museum at Edinburgh.

COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY September 16, 2012

The light of your countenance has been impressed on us, O Lord. Alleluia!

(The Communion Hymn of the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross)

Beloved Clergy, Godly Monastics and Blessed Faithful:

On behalf of the members of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, we greet you during this great and solemn Feast of the Elevation of the Holy, Precious and Life-giving Cross. In these days we reflect on the salvation wrought by our Lord, Jesus Christ, when He was lifted up thereon, calling all people to Himself (John 12:32). The Communion Hymn quoted above tells us that while enduring the horrific experience of His Crucifixion, our Lord shown forth Light and Life from His Divine Face. We rejoice in that light, and we also pause to give our attention to the more than 40,000 Orthodox students who have recently returned to their college campuses for another year of study. On this annual **College Student Sunday**, we are thankful for the opportunities they are given to further their education. Far too many of them, however, will be unaware of the Light of Christ as they face a challenging spiritual environment which far too often values freedom over responsibility, excess over moderation and pure reason over humility.

For over a half century, our united campus ministry, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, has been bringing the illumination of the True Faith to our students living away from home, some for the first time. We are particularly grateful that OCF has instituted a new initiative, "The First 40 Days," in which every effort will be made by our Orthodox chaplains and student leaders to contact every incoming freshman in their first 40 days on campus. We strongly encourage your support of this effort by ensuring that the contact information for your parish's students be sent each year to the North American office of OCF for dissemination to the local OCF.

We also encourage your financial support of this ministry which functions completely on the contributions of caring Orthodox faithful like yourselves. We ask that a special collection be taken on this day in support of the good work of OCF, and encourage you — the priests, parents, grandparents, Godparents, aunts and uncles and friends of our college students — to be generous in your offering of support to this ministry to them.

May the Immortal King who offered Himself for us and our salvation, guide and strengthen you, and all of our Orthodox students across this vast continent.

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August 24, 2012 Hieromartyr Eutychius

Dear Reverend Father and Parish,

The Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio, is the site of the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America, a one-day gathering on Tuesday, November 13, 2012—the Feast of Saint John Chrysostom—at which a new Primate of the Orthodox Church in America will be elected. ...

The Holy Synod expresses their desire to convene a focused and solemn Council, keeping costs at a minimum for parishes, dioceses, and the OCA inasmuch as it constitutes an unbudgeted expense.

Registration for the Council will be on Monday, November 12, 2012. The Council will open on Tuesday with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, followed by brunch. An electoral plenary session will follow, after which the newly elected Primate will be installed prior to the closing session.

Several hotels near the church will be utilized and arrangements for transportation to and from the church will be provided. Reservation information will be available. Parishes are asked to determine as soon as possible the delegate(s), who will represent the parish; documentation is forthcoming as to the forwarding of such information. Additional information will be provided on the OCA website and from the Diocese.

In Christ, Archpriest Joseph Lickwar, Chancellor

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY	Sunday	Perohi and Polka Fest, Herkimer VFW Hall, 4 – 8 pm
October 21	Sunday	Harvest Dinner
November 13	Tuesday	XVII All-American Council, Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio.
October 14/15, 2016		Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100 th Anniversary Celebration