



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

October 28, 2012	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
November 3	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
November 4	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Great-martyr Parascvea of Iconium (3 c). Martyrs Terence and Neonilla of Syria, and their children Sarbelus, Photus, Theodulus, Hierax, Nitus, Bele, and Eunice (249). Venerable Stephen of Saint Sabbas monastery, Hymnographer (807). Saint Arsenius I of Srem, Archbishop of Serbia (1266). Repose of Venerable Job of Pochaev (1651). Saint Demetrius, Metropolitan of Rostov (1709). New Hieromartyr Priest John (1918). New Hieromartyr Archpriest Michael Lektorsky of Kuban (1920). Saint Arsenius of Cappadocia (1924). Venerable Nestor (not the Chronicler) of the Kiev Caves (14th c.). Saint Theophilus, Fool-for-Christ of Kiev (1852). Martyrs Africanus, Terence, Maximus, Pompeius, and 36 others, at Carthage (250). Hieromartyr Cyriacus, Patriarch of Jerusalem (363), and his mother Martyr Anna. Venerable John the Chozebite, Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine (532). Hieromartyr Neophytus, Bishop of Urnisi, Georgia (587). Saint Firmilian, Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, and Venerable Presbyter Malchion, (269). Saint Febronia, daughter of Emperor Heraclius (632). Righteous Virgin Parascvea of Pirimin on the Pinega River (Archangelsk) (16 c). New Martyrs Angelis, Manuel, George, and Nicholas of Crete (1824). Saint Athanasius I, Patriarch of Constantinople (1340). Saint Dorbheneus, Abbot of Iona. Saint Eadsin, Archbishop of Canterbury, England, Who Crowned King Edward the Confessor.

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

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Stephen Kidde, James Tamaru and Sophia Phillips were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today for their birthdays at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Vera and Nicholas Keblish were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Sonya Buttino.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Protopresbyter George Dimopoulos were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of aunt Anne Morgenthaler, Mary Robovitsky, John Wanenchak and Mikhail and Lisa Welle were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Stephen Nichols were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

House Blessings have already begun at the request of some parishioners. Why wait until there's all that snow and slush on the ground? Just phone, email or write out a message to Father and soon all will be arranged!

It's Halloween, which means there's about one month before **Thanksgiving**. We can already begin to prepare so our Thanksgiving will be a real blessing for us and others. First, as you know, we give thanks to God for all His blessings in the year which is past. And out of love for our neighbors we share our blessings with those not as fortunate as we. There are many lonely, ailing, homeless and jobless folk right here in Central New York. What can you do to make all your Thanksgiving blessings worthy of God's blessings to you?

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

TODAY DURING COFFEE HOUR: Meeting about the Fall Bazaar for anyone who is interested

November 13 Tuesday XVII All-American Council, Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio.

November 17 Saturday Fall Bazaar

December 8 and 9 Sat + Sun Visit of Sister Maria from Saint Elizabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus

December 9 Sunday Christmas Pageant

December 28-31 2012 College Conference "Trust in the Power and Love of God" at Antiochian Village.

For info and forms see www.ocf.net clicking on "Programs" and then on "College Conference."

October 14/15, 2016 Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100th Anniversary Celebration

Saint Dimitri, Bishop of Rostov was a great hierarch, preacher, author and ascetic. He was born near Kiev in the year 1651, and reposed in the year 1709. Among his many glorious works of instruction, he was known especially for his translation and publication of The Lives of the Saints. He foresaw his own death three days in advance, and died while at prayer. Dimitri was a great light of the Russian Church and of Orthodoxy in general. He had heavenly visions during his life. He served the Lord zealously and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Holy Martyr Parasceva was born in the city of Iconium of wealthy and Christ-loving parents. After the death of her parents, the maiden Parasceva began to distribute her possessions to the poor and the less fortunate, all in the name of Christ the Lord. When a persecution began under Diocletian, Parasceva was brought to trial before the governor of that land. When the governor asked her for her name, she replied that she was called a Christian. The governor rebuked her because she did not give her usual name and Parasceva said to him: "First, I had to tell you my name in eternal life, and then my name in this temporal life." After flogging her, the governor cast Parasceva into prison where an angel of God appeared to her, healed her of her wounds, and comforted her. By prayer, Parasceva destroyed all the idols in the pagan temple. After prolonged and harsh tortures, Parasceva was beheaded with the sword and took up her abode in eternal life.

Saint Arsenije, Archbishop of Pec (Pech) was a great hierarch of the Serbian Church and the successor of Saint Sava. Arsenije was born in Srem. While still in his youth, he was tonsured a monk and devoted himself sincerely and whole-heartedly to asceticism for the salvation of his soul. Hearing of the wonderful person and work of Saint Sava, Arsenije went to him in, where Saint Sava received him cordially and included him among the brotherhood of Zhicha. Seeing the rare virtues in Arsenije, Sava soon appointed him abbot of the Zhicha Monastery. When the Hungarians attacked the Serbian lands, Sava sent Arsenije to the south to look for a place more secluded than Zhicha for the archiepiscopal see. Arsenije chose Pech, and built a monastery there and a church dedicated to the Holy Apostles (which was later renamed the Church of the Ascension of the Lord). Before his second departure for Jerusalem, Sava designated Arsenije as his successor to the archiepiscopal throne, and when Sava reposed in Trnovo on his way back from Jerusalem, Arsenije urged King Vladislav to translate the body of Saint Sava to the Serbian land. He governed the Church prudently for thirty years and reposed in the Lord on October 28, 1266. On the wall of the altar in the church of Pech is written: "O Lord our God, hearken: visit and bless this church ...and remember also me, the sinful Arsenije." Saint Arsenije is buried in the church at Pech.

The Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children: Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus, Hierax, Nita, Vele and Eunice suffered martyrdom during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. So, the holy martyrs were beheaded, and received crowns of martyrdom..

Saint Stephen of Saint Sava's Monastery was the composer of many beautiful canons. He lived the ascetic life in the community of Saint Sava the Sanctified. He was later ordained a bishop and peacefully entered into rest in the year 807.

Saint Athanasius, Patriarch of Constantinople was an opponent of union with Rome, in contrast to his predecessor John Beccus (1275-1282). He was an ascetic and a prayerful person from his childhood. Beloved by his people, Athanasius provoked the displeasure of certain priests by his moral strictness. He withdrew to his monastery on Mount Ganos, where he labored even more austere than before. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to him and scolded him gently for leaving his flock to the wolves. When he foretold the day of the earthquake in Constantinople, Emperor Andronicus reinstated him to the patriarchal throne against his will. After that, he again secretly withdrew to the ascetic life. He entered into rest at the age of one hundred. He was clairvoyant and a miracle-worker.

'Thank you' from Saint Anna Sisterhood to all those who set up, cleaned up and helped with the food for the **Harvest Banquet**. We had a profit of about \$200.00.

HOMILY on prayer to God to save a soul from the dust by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

Deliver me out of the dust that I sink not (Psalm 69:14).

Brethren, our souls are clothed in dust, and our bodies of dust are given us for the service of our soul. May our souls not drown in dust! May our souls not be enslaved by dust! May the living spark not be extinguished in the grave of dust! Very spacious is the field of earthly dust that draws us to itself; but even more spacious is the immeasurable Kingdom of the Spirit that calls our soul its kin. Truly, we are related to the earth through physical dust; but we are related to heaven through the soul. We are dwellers in temporary huts and soldiers in temporary tents. O Lord, Deliver me out of the dust! Thus prayed the repentant king who initially had given himself over to dust, until he saw how dust pulls us into the abyss of destruction. Dust is the body of man with its fantasies; dust is also all wicked men who wage war against the righteous; dust is the demons with their terrors. May the Lord save us from all this dust, for He alone is able to do that. We should strive first of all to see the enemy within ourselves-the enemy who attracts other enemies. Hence, the greatest misfortune of the sinner is that he, unconsciously and unwillingly, is an ally of his own enemies! However, the righteous man has strengthened his soul in God and in the Kingdom of God, and is not afraid. He is not afraid of himself, and therefore is not afraid of his other enemies. He is not afraid, because he is neither an ally nor an accomplice of the enemies of his soul. Hence, neither men nor demons can do him any harm. God is his ally and the angels of God are his protectors-what can man do to him? What can demons do to him?

What can dust do to him?

O Lord our God, Three Persons and One Being, Who breathed living souls into the dust of our bodies, save us according to Thy mercy that we sink not.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.