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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

This week's Bulletin is offered in memory of Vera Prawlocki by Sonia Buttino.

November 3, 2013	21st Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
November 8	Friday Saint Michael and all the Angels	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
November 9	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
November 10	22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Martyrs Bishop Acepsimas, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas, of Persia (376). Dedication of the Church of the Great-martyr George in Lydda (4 c.). New Hieromartyrs Priests Basil, Peter, Basil, Alexander, Vladimir, Sergius, Nicholas, Vicentius, John, Peter, Alexander, Paul, Cosmas and Deacon Simeon (1937). Virgin-martyr Evdokia (1938). New Hieromartyr Deacon Sergius (1942). Martyrs Atticus, Agapius, Eudoxius, Carterius, Istucarius (Styrax), Pactobius (Tobias), and Nictopolion, at Sebaste (320). Venerable Hermit Acepsimas of Cyrrhus in Syria (4 c.). Saint Snandulia of Persia (380). Venerable Anna, daughter of Prince Vsevolod I Yaroslavich (1112). Venerable Elias of Egypt. Saint Achaemonides, (or Hormisdas), Confessor, of Persia (4 c.). Translation of the relicts of Saint Edith, Nun of Wilton. Saint Theodore, Confessor, Bishop of Ancyra (8-9 c.). New Martyr Hieromonk George of Neopolis, Asia Minor (1797). Martyrs Dacius, Severus, Andronas, Theodotus, and Theodota. Saint Hubert of Maastricht (727). Venerable Nicholas, Radiant Star of the Georgians (1308). Saint Pimen of Zographou, Mount Athos (16-17 c.). The Meeting (1196) of Saint Sava (1235) and Saint Symeon the Myrrh-gusher (1200) of Serbia at Vatopedi, Mount Athos. Saint Pirmin, Bishop and monastic founder (753). Saint Winifred of Holywell, Abbess of Denbighshire, Wales (+680). Saint Vulganius of Arras, Hermit (+704). Saint Rumwald of Brackley, Infant Prince of Northumbria (+650). Saint Cristiolus of Wales (7 c.). Saint Elerius, Prior in North Wales (6 c.). Saint Englat, Abbot of Tarves, Scotland (+966). Saint Guenhael of Landevenec (+550). Saint Gwyddfarch of Moel yr Ancr, Hermit.

Please remember in your prayers: Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria and the Middle East. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Bohdan, Sergius, Jacobus, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Hieromonk Luke (Majoros), Kevin Gray, Peter Witiak, Gregory Wooderson, Dr Pavlos Rigas were offered at Liturgy and Moleben, requested by Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Nellie Hrynda.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Mary Rinko Sokolowski were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of John Rinko.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Esther Kappanadze, Betty Polk, Max Hartong and Archpriest Igor Tkachuk were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Vera Prawlocki, Mary Behuniak and Ann Kowalsky were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

Martyrs Bishop Acepsimas, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aeithalas, of Persia (376). The eighty-year-old Acepsimas, filled with every Christian virtue, was sitting one day in his home with guests. Just then a child, filled with the Spirit of God, ran up to the aged bishop, kissed him on the head and said: "Blessed is this head, for it will receive suffering for Christ." This prophecy was soon fulfilled. King Sapor raised a bitter persecution of Christians throughout Persia, and Saint Acepsimas was apprehended. He was brought before a prince who was also a pagan priest. As the bishop was arrested and bound, a member of his household asked him what should be done with his home if he were martyred. The saint replied: "It is no longer my home. I am going to a home on high and will not return." After prolonged interrogation he was thrown into prison. The following day Joseph, a seventy-year-old presbyter, and Aithalas, a deacon, were also imprisoned. After three years of imprisonment and many tortures, Acepsimas was beheaded. Joseph and Aithalas were buried up to their waists in the ground, and the soulless pagans forced Christians to stone them. That night, by God's providence, Joseph's body disappeared, and a myrtle tree grew over Aithalas's body that healed every kind of disease and pain of men. This tree stood for five years before the wicked and envious pagans cut it down. These soldiers of Christ suffered in Persia in the fourth century, during the time of the pagan King Sapor.

The Venerable Elias the Egyptian labored in asceticism near Antioch, the principle city of the Thebaid. For seventy years, he lived among the arid and inaccessible rocks of the desert. He ate only bread and dates and, in his youth, fasted for weeks at a time. He healed all manner of pains and ailments of the people. He eventually became very shaky in his old age, and entered into the joy of his Lord at the age of 110. Elias said: "Guard your mind from evil thoughts concerning your neighbors, knowing that the demons put them there, aiming to blind you to your own sins and prevent you from directing yourself toward God."

Abducted Syrian Metropolitans are alive - Supreme Mufti of Syria

Moscow, October 29, Interfax - Sheikh Ahmed Badreddin Hassoun, Supreme Mufti of Syria, said he has information that the two Christian leaders of the Syrian city of Aleppo are alive.

"According to the mufti's information, they are in Turkey. He says Chechen militants and the Turkish special services associated with them are behind this abduction," Yelena Agapova, deputy chairman of the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society, told Interfax-Religion after meeting between representatives of the Imperial Orthodox Palestinian Society and Hassoun in Moscow.

Agapova said the Syrian mufti believes the metropolitans' abduction could be linked to Turkey's requests for the transfer of the seat of the Antioch patriarchate from Syria to Turkey.

In April 2013, militants from the armed Syrian opposition kidnapped Metropolitan of Aleppo Paul, the brother of Patriarch of Antioch John X, and Metropolitan of Aleppo John Ibrahim. Their driver, a deacon, was killed. The metropolitans worked on resolving humanitarian problems in the village of Kafr Dael, which is located near the Syrian-Turkish border. <http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=10858>

ANCIENT IVERON ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD WASHES ASHORE IN SOCHI BY STORM

Sochi, October 25, 2013. In the Golovinky district, a micro-district in the Lazarevsky city district of Sochi, an icon of the Mother of God was washed up on shore by the sea. The lady tourist who found it, brought it to the nearest Church—which turned out to be the Church of Saint Nino, Enlightener of Georgia.

Here it was determined that the discovered icon was the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God, whose first home was Georgia—ancient Iberia.

The icon with carved insertions of silver, gilding, and stones dates to 1896. The name of either its owner or its painter Archpriest Alexander Smirnov is indicated.

The icon is slightly tarnished from the sea water, but the image of the Theotokos is seen clearly, reports the Sochi administration's press service. The icon will be restored, and for a while it will remain in the chancel of the Church.

Special attention is devoted to the fact that the icon was discovered on the eve of the commemoration of the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God which is celebrated on Saturday, October 26 (according to the new calendar).

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/65238.htm>

Nyet on Halloween: Russian Church warns of 'dangers'; Siberia bans holiday

By Marc Bennetts - Special to The Washington Times, Wednesday, October 30, 2013

MOSCOW — Russia's Orthodox Church this week warned of the spiritual dangers of Halloween, as authorities in Siberia banned the holiday for encouraging "extremist" tendencies in young people.

"Halloween is a serious danger. When you play with dark forces, they always win," said Russian Orthodox Church spokesman Vsevolod Chaplin, adding that the consequences of marking the ancient holiday could be "illnesses, suffering and a feeling of emptiness."

His comments came as the Ministry of Education in Siberia's Omsk region placed a blanket ban on Halloween celebrations in schools, saying the holiday promotes an "extremist mood" among teenagers. The ministry also said Halloween is "propaganda of the cult of death."

Russians began — unofficially — celebrating Halloween after the collapse of the Soviet Union, as once taboo Western culture flooded into the country. But the authorities here remain suspicious of Western ideas and traditions. Regional authorities previously banned celebrations of Valentine's Day.

Both holidays are, however, increasingly popular with ordinary Russians, and Halloween-themed parties are common in big cities like Moscow.

The Halloween warnings come as President Vladimir Putin increasingly has turned toward Russia's conservative masses for support in response to last year's protests that challenged his long rule.

"Many countries of the Euro-Atlantic alliance have denied their roots, including Christian values," Mr. Putin said earlier this month in a keynote speech.

"Families with many children are placed on the same level as same-sex partnerships, and belief in God on the same level as a belief in Satan," he said.

Halloween celebrations also have proven controversial in other former Soviet states.

Police in Tajikistan detained two dozen participants in a Halloween celebration earlier this week, in part of a crackdown on the holiday, the BBC's Russian language service reported.

Detainees were questioned by police and lectured on spiritual and traditional values before being released, the BBC reported.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/oct/30/authorities-warn-russians-dangers-halloween/>