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GOD Has Gone Up With A Shout! The LORD — With The Sound Of A Trumpet!

**Today's Bulletin was donated in memory of Vera Prawlocki and Frank Prawlocki,
and for the health of Avery Buttino by Sonia Buttino**

June 1, 2014	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
June 7	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
June 8	Sunday: Holy Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Martyr Justin the Philosopher, and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife Charita, Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian and Justus (166). Venerable Dionysius, Abbot of Glushitsa (Vologda) (1437). New Hieromartyr Priest Basil, Virgin-martyr Vera (1940). Glorification (1990) of Righteous John of Kronstadt (1908). Venerable Agapitus, Unmercenary Physician of the Kiev Caves (1095). Saint Mertius the Farmer of Myra in Lycia (912). Martyr Neon. Hieromartyr Pyrrhus the Virgin. Martyr Firmus of Magus (3 c.). Martyr Thespesius of Cappadocia (230). Holy Martyrs Shio the New, David, Gabriel and Paul of Gareji (1696) (*Georgia*).

Please remember in your prayers: Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria, the Middle East and Ukraine. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Athanasy, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Alvian, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Bohdan, Sergius, Jacobus, Leonid, 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, Nettie, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Stanley, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent, Diane, Abigail

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Priest Sergius Willis for his ordination anniversary were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of father Joseph Udics, aunt Ethel Udics, aunt Anna Udics Mayhrich and aunt Rose Udics Medvick and Protopresbyter Frank Estocin were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Helen Hrynda, Frank Prawlocki, Harry Homyk, Nicholas Kuzenech, Walter Jovorsky Jr and Walter Jovorsky Sr, and Joseph and Julie Firlet were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

Small Parish Forum to be held in Byesville, Ohio, July 10-12

The Diocese of the Midwest and the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania will host a Small Parish Forum at Christ the Savior Church here July 10-12, 2014.

Titled "Help, Hope, Stability and Identity," the forum will cater to the numerous "small" parishes in the two dioceses. Workshops and presentations will examine ways to determine realistic goals toward which parishes with memberships of 50 or less souls can work, based on their respective regions' economics and demographics and their unique talents and strengths. Participants will learn how their parishes can achieve stability, build a positive self-image, and accept their calling to live a life in Christ without necessarily becoming "big." For parishes prepared and desiring to grow, fresh ideas adapted and relevant to the realities of small churches will prove invaluable.

Headed by Joe Kormos, Parish Development Ministry Leader for the Archdiocese of Western Pennsylvania, the forum's planning committee includes Archpriest Daniel Rentel, Priest Stephen Frase, Ann Marie Mecera, John Fedorko, and Cathy Vrugitz.

The forum's agenda—yet to be finalized—will include panel discussions, a music workshop focusing on the small parish choir, a keynote speaker, parallel sessions for clergy and laity, and case studies. A welcome reception is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, while the closing session will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12.

Sessions will take place at Byesville's Christ the Savior Church, 282 South Fifth Street. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western, 4929 East Pike, I-70, Exit 160, Zanesville, Ohio. The special group rate—which includes breakfast—is only \$67.00. Please call the hotel directly at 740-453-6300 and request the "Orthodox Small Parish Forum" room rate. Registration fee, which includes lunch and dinner on Friday, coffee breaks, and forum materials and resources, is only \$100.00 per person.

To register and/or to obtain additional information, including workshops themes, speakers, and a wealth of information, visit www.ocadwpa.org/smallparishforum.html

THANK YOU to Father John Eric Malcolm who has substituted for Father John Udics during his 'vacation'. God grant him many happy, healthy, joyous, pious and prosperous years!

THE HOLY MARTYR JUSTIN THE PHILOSOPHER was born of Greek parents in the Samaritan town of Shechem, later called Nablus one hundred-five years after Christ. He zealously sought wisdom among philosophers, at first with the Stoics and after that with the Peripatetics, the Pythagorians and finally with the Platonists. Even though Plato's philosophy did not satisfy him, nevertheless, he adhered to it the longest time not having anything else that would attract him more. By God's Providence an honorable elder encountered Justin who confused him concerning the philosophy of Plato and persuaded him that men cannot know the truth about God unless God reveals it and God revealed the truth about Himself in the books of Holy Scripture. Justin began to read Holy Scripture and became a thoroughly convinced Christian. However, he did not want to be baptized nor to be called a Christian until he was personally convinced of the falseness of all those accusations which the pagans raised against the Christians. Coming to Rome in a philosopher's dolman [cape], he quickly achieved great respect there as well as many followers. He was present at the martyrdom of Saint Ptolemy and Saint Lucian. Witnessing the tortures of innocent Christians, Justin wrote an Apologia (Defense) of Christians and Christian teachings and presented it to the Emperor Antoninus and to the Senate. The emperor read the Apologia with care and ordered the persecution of Christians to cease. Justin took a copy of the emperor's decree and, with it, journeyed to Asia where, with the help of this decree, saved many persecuted Christians. After that he again returned to Rome. When a persecution began under Emperor Marcus Aurelius, he wrote another Apologia and sent it to the emperor. A disreputable philosopher Crescens, a Cynic, out of envy accused him of being a Christian because Justin had always overcome him in all debates and Justin found himself in prison. Desiring the death of Justin and fearing that he [Justin] would somehow justify himself before the court, Crescens seized the opportunity and somehow poisoned Justin in prison. So ended the earthly life of this great defender of the Christian Faith who took up habitation in blessed eternity in the year 166 A.D.

THE HOLY MARTYRS JUSTIN, CHARITON, CHARITA, EUELPISTUS, HIERAX, PAEON, VALERIAN [LIBERIANUS] AND JUST all suffered martyrdom in Rome during the reign of Marcus Aurelius and the Roman prefect [eparch] Rusticus. When Rusticus asked: "Do you think that if you die for Christ you will receive a reward in heaven?" Saint Justin replied: "We do not think, we know!" Following that, they were all beheaded in the year 163 A.D. and took up habitation in the eternal kingdom of Christ the God.

THE VENERABLE AGAPITUS OF THE CAVES IN KIEV was a doctor who practiced medicine by using natural remedies. He was a disciple of St. Anthony of the Caves. He cured people through prayer and by giving them vegetables from which he prepared bread for himself. In this manner he cured Prince Vladimir Monomachus for which Agapitus became known throughout. Being envious of this the prince's physician, an Armenian, began to slander Agapitus. When Agapitus became ill, the Armenian came to him and looking at him said that he [Agapitus] would die within three days and that if he [Agapitus] did not die, he [the Armenian physician] would become a monk. Agapitus said that it had been revealed to him by the Lord that he would not die within three days but within three months. And so it happened. After the death of Agapitus, the Armenian came to the Abbot of the Caves and begged him to tonsure him a monk for, he said, Agapitus appeared to him from the other world and reminded him of his promise. Thus, the once envious one became a humble monk by the Providence of God Who wishes that all men be saved. St. Agapitus died about the year 1095 A.D.

SAINT RUADAN OF CORNWALL (OF QUIMPER), BISHOP (also known as Ronan, Rumon, Ruadhan, Ruan) Died 6th century. Ordained by Saint Patrick. Saint Ruadan was patron of the abbey of Tavistock in Devonshire, as well as several places in Cornwall and Brittany. He is important in the traditions of Brittany, where he died, and the region of Laon. Ruadan is buried at Locronan. Every six years the faithful make a processional pilgrimage along the traditional 10-mile route followed by Ruadan during his mission. Today's saint should not be confused with the Irish Saint Ruadan (Benedictines, Encyclopaedia, Farmer, Gill, Montague).

"Just as England has her Cornwall, so has Brittany her Cornouille, viz. American Cornwall...." Every sixth year a 'pardon' was held in honour of the sixth century saint S.Ronan. The Grande Tromeie is held on the second Sunday of July, and is a mass procession that follows the route [10 miles - Fr. A] taken by two oxen who, on the saint's death, were allowed to wander of their own accord from his place of death to a place of burial (the hill outside the village of Locranon). After a service in the church nearly 15,000 worshippers climb the hill with their relics, past crosses and other memorials. The author complained that he could only find refreshment at the summit in drinking syrups, each stickier than the last. How different, he complains, from the Godless hordes of England's Epsom and Derby Day.

SAINT RONAN OF KILMARONEN, BISHOP (also known as Ruadan, Ruadhan) Main feastday is 7 February. Saint Ronan, a Scottish bishop of Kilmaronen, has erroneously been identified as the Irish monk mentioned by the Venerable Bede as the defender of the Roman calculation for the date of Easter at the Synod of Whitby. Saint Ronan's Well at Innerleithen, Peeblesshire, was popularized by one of Sir Walter Scott's novels. According to tradition, Ronan came into the valley and drove out the devil. This event is remembered annually at the end of "Saint Ronan's Games" in July when a schoolboy, given a pastoral staff, is chosen to represent the saint as he "cleeks the devil".