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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

July 13, 2014	Commemoration of Fathers of first six Ecumenical Councils	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
July 19	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
July 20	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel. Venerable Stephen of Saint Sabbas' Monastery (794). Saint Julian, bishop of Cenomanis (Le Mans) in Gaul (1 c.). Martyr Serapion, under Severus (193). Martyr Marcian of Iconium (258). Translation of the relics (1620). Venerable Anthony Leokhnovsky (1611). Venerable Abbess Sarah of Seeds in Libya (370). Venerable Just, Monk in Cornwall (5 c.). Venerable Mildred, Abbess of Minster in Thanet (England) (700). Synaxis of Hilandar Saints, Mount Athos. Virgin-martyr Juthwara of Cornwall. Saint Dofgan, Martyr of Wales

This week's Bulletin was donated in memory of Helen Sobolowski by Cindy Sobolowski.

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, Eugene, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Sergius, Jacobus, Leonid, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Kevin, Richard, 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, Jamie, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent, Diane, Abigail.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of David Pellack, Susanna Kappanadze, Norman Andrews and Father John Bohush were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine VLADIMIR Reposes in the Lord. On July 5, 2014, reposed the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine, stated the press-service of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. On the eve of July 4, the result of the medical council concerning His Beatitude's health was announced—it related the serious health condition of the Metropolitan. On the next morning, at 5:50 AM, Metropolitan VLADIMIR completed his life's path. The date and place of Metropolitan of Kiev and All Ukraine VLADIMIR's burial will be made known later. According to preliminary information, the Metropolitan's body will be delivered on July 6 to one of the Kiev-Pechersk Lavra cathedrals. The duties of the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church are being carried out by Metropolitan ONUFRY of Chernovtsy and Bukovina the Locum Tenens. **Memory eternal to His Beatitude Metropolitan VLADIMIR.**

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Priest Dan Suders, Mary McCartney and cousin Don Udics were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Jacob Eskoff and Stanley Bayzon were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

Nuns thought to be under ISIS custody missing

By Chelsea Carter, Mohammed Tawfeeq and Hamdi Alkhshali CNN POSTED: 12:22 PM CDT Jul 03, 2014, BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) -

Two nuns, who were thought to be under house arrest by ISIS militants, and three orphans have gone missing from an Assyrian Orthodox church in central Mosul, the governor of Nineveh province and witnesses told CNN on Thursday. Militants believed to be from the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria initially barred the nuns from leaving Miskintah Church in the Khazraj neighborhood in early June, Gov. Atheel al-Nujaifi said.

The two nuns manage an orphanage on the church grounds, and both are very well known to Mosul residents, the residents say.

Residents in the neighborhood who were in touch with the nuns told CNN they had not been able to reach them on their cell phones since Tuesday. On Thursday, the residents forced their way into the church and said they could not find the nuns or three orphans.

The two nuns were identified by the governor and the residents as Sister Hannah and Sister Uttor.

Forty-six Indian nurses being held by ISIS in former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit are being moved north, to the city of Mosul, which is under control of the militant group, Syed Akbaruddin, the spokesman for India's Ministry of External Affairs, said Thursday at a news briefing.

The news about the nurses follows reports that Iraqi security forces have been battling ISIS militants for control of the city, north of Baghdad, raising questions about whether ISIS is losing its grip on the area. Syed said his understanding is that the nurses have been moved for their own safety. "All of them are safe and

unharméd," he said.

Asked whether the nurses were being held against their will, he said: "In zones of conflict, there's no free will."

Archbishop JOSEPH Elected Metropolitan of All North America for the Antiochian Archdiocese



His Eminence [Archbishop JOSEPH](#) has been elected Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America by the Holy Synod of Antioch, meeting in Balamand, Lebanon on Thursday, July 3, 2014. Axios!

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH was consecrated to the Holy Episcopacy on June 30, 1991 at the Saint Mary Cathedral in Damascus, after many years of serving as a deacon and a priest. His Eminence was born in Damascus, Syria, in 1950. His Eminence was consecrated with the title, Bishop of Katana in Syria, and served as Patriarchal Assistant and Secretary of the Holy Synod of Antioch. In 1995, he was sent by Patriarch IGNATIUS to America. Here, in our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was assigned to the West Coast Chancery by Metropolitan PHILIP. After self-rule status was awarded to our Archdiocese, Bishop JOSEPH was enthroned at Saint Nicholas Cathedral by Metropolitan PHILIP as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Los Angeles and the West on September 12, 2004. On December 11, 2011, at the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in the Patriarchal Monastery of Our Lady of Balamand in Lebanon, Patriarch IGNATIUS elevated Bishop JOSEPH to the rank of Archbishop, in honor of his many years of service as a bishop both in our Archdiocese and in the Patriarchate of Antioch.

Iraq: Churches bombed, nuns and children kidnapped Posted July 3, 2014

The Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul, Amel Shamon Nona, has described the desperate situation in Mosul since it was captured on 9 June by ISIS. He said: "A few days ago the Iraqi air force began bombing in Mosul, and the air raids are increasing each day in intensity. Yesterday the roads that cross the Nineveh Plain were full of convoys of cars with Muslim families fleeing from Mosul to Erbil and Iraqi Kurdistan".

The airstrikes continue to empty the city of civilians, while militants continue to control the districts and incursions by armed groups in churches are registered. Between yesterday and the day before yesterday Archbishop Nona said, "armed groups raided the Syriac Orthodox Church of Saint Ephrem and the Syrian Catholic Church dedicated to Saint Paul. The raid lasted about ten minutes, and the cross at the altar has been removed from the Syrian Orthodox Church".

In the early days after the fall of Mosul in the hands of insurgents, Muslim groups had presided over the churches to prevent looting. Two nuns and three orphans were kidnapped in Mosul on 28 June. Efforts to obtain their immediate release have so far not been successful. Meanwhile, in the cities and villages in the Nineveh Plain there is no electricity and water supplies are starting to create humanitarian emergencies among the population, partly due to the hot weather that is affecting the region.

The whole area of the Plain, up to a few tens of kilometers from Mosul, is now under Kurdish military control. But the Kurdish Peshmerga militia do not manifest plans to coordinate with the Iraqi government troops. Several analysts speculate an unwritten pact of non-aggression between Kurds and Sunni insurgents: a possible break-up of Iraq would encourage the project of independence which has always been cherished by the Kurds in northern Iraq. For this reason Kurdish leaders now have a tacit convergence of interests with the jihadists, who in turn, in their rapid advance in the Iraqi territory, could count on the support of the Sunni tribes linked to Baath, Saddam Hussein's Party, whose network was ousted after the fall of the regime.

