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## Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

August 10, 2014	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
August 15	Friday DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
August 16	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
August 17	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Holy Martyrs Archdeacon Laurence and Pope Sixtus, Deacons Felicissimus and Agapitus, and others with them (258). Blessed Laurence, Fool-for-Christ at Kaluga (1515). New Hieromartyr Priest Viacheslav (1918). New Hieromartyr Priest Athanasius (1937). Uncovering and Translation of the relics of Venerable Sabbas of Storozhev or Zvenigorod (1998). Martyr Romanus, Soldier, of Rome (258). Six Martyrs of Bizin. Synaxis of New Martyrs and Confessors of Solovki. Saint Bettelin of Ilam, Hermit (n.d.). Saint Geraint (Gerontius) of Devon, King and Martyr (508).

**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 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 Loren Bundt, Anna Mae Witiak, Angela Baran, Priest Leonid Schmidt, Norma Stehnach, Jon Schuhlein, and Bruce Morgenthaler were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Priest Sergius Willis were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Archpriest John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Metropolitan SERGIUS (Tikhomirov) of Japan. aunt Sophie Hartong, aunt Katherine Kurap, Archpriest Basil Stroyen and cousin Barbara Ann Udics were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of the souls of Joseph Spytko, Steve Byrda, Michael Kuzenech and Steve Bius were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

### HE WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM, HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN, AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME WHITE AS THE LIGHT

The Lord does not always appear in glory to all who stand before Him. To beginners He appears in the form of a servant (Phil. 2:7); to those able to follow Him as He climbs the high mountain of His transfiguration He appears in the form of God, the form in which He existed before the world came to be (\*John 17:5). It is therefore possible for the same Lord not to appear in the same way to all who stand before Him, but to appear to some in one way and to others in another way, according to the measure of each person's faith. When the Logos of God becomes manifest and radiant in us, and His face shines like the sun, then His clothes will also look white. That is to say, the words of the Gospel will then be clear and distinct, with nothing concealed. And Moses and Elijah - the more spiritual principles of the Law and the Prophets - will also be present with Him.

Saint Maximos the Confessor, Second Century on Theology, 13.

### THE HOLY MARTYRS LAWRENCE AND SIXTUS, POPE OF ROME, AND OTHERS WITH THEM

When Pope Stephen was slain (August 2), then Saint Sixtus, who was an Athenian by birth, was appointed in his place. At first, Sixtus was a philosopher and, after that, a Christian. At that time, the Bishops of Rome were slain one after the other, so that, to become Bishop of Rome meant to be taken out to death. Emperor Decius was determined to destroy Christianity and Pope Sixtus was quickly brought to trial with two of his deacons, Felicicius and Agapitus. As they were led to prison, Lawrence said to the pope: "Where are you going Father, without your son? Where O bishop, without your Archdeacon?" The pope consoled him, prophesying to Lawrence that he will undergo even greater tortures for Christ and that he [Lawrence] will shortly follow him [Sixtus]. And indeed, as soon as they had beheaded Sixtus and his two deacons, Lawrence was apprehended. Beforehand, Lawrence had placed all of his affairs and the affairs of the church in order. As treasurer and Oikonomos [steward] of the church, he removed all of the church's valuables to the home of the widower, Cyriacus. On that occasion, he healed Cyriacus of a terrible head pain by the touch of his hand and restored the

sight of a blind man, Crescention. Thrown into prison, even there Lawrence healed Lucillus, a prisoner of many years, of blindness and after that baptized him. Witnessing this Hippolytus, the jailer, was also baptized, and later suffered for Christ (August 13). Since Lawrence did not want to deny Christ but, on the contrary, advised Emperor Decius to reject his false gods, he was beaten on the face with stones and beaten on his entire body with a scorpion [a whip, curved at the end like the tail of a scorpion] i.e., by a chain with sharp teeth. Romanus, a soldier present at the torture, believed in Christ and was immediately beheaded. Finally, they placed Lawrence naked on a gridiron and lighted a fire. Roasting in the fire, Saint Lawrence thanked God and mocked the emperor for his paganism. After Lawrence gave up his pure and heroic soul to God, his body was removed at night by Hippolytus and taken, at first, to the home of Cyriacus and afterwards to a cave where Hippolytus honorably buried him. Saint Lawrence, with the others, suffered in the year 258 A.D.

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### **DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION EXTENDED - 2014 "YOUTH DAY"**

The **registration deadline** for "YOUTH DAY" has been extended to **18 AUGUST**. A revised event flyer with registration documents is <attached> and available on the diocesan website.

**"YOUTH DAY"** will take place in Jackson NJ (Six Flags Great Adventure) on **THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST**

**2014**. If you have comments, concerns, or questions, contact Father Jason Vansuch: [jvansuch@hotmail.com](mailto:jvansuch@hotmail.com)

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**SAINT BETTELIN (BERTRAM) OF ILAM.** Date unknown. There is a chapel, font, well, and substantial portions of Bettelin's shrine at Ilam in Stafford, but little remains of his memory. He may have been an Anglo-Saxon hermit, who lived, died, and was venerated in that area. Legend adds some rather improbable details borrowed from the legend of Saint Bertelme of Fecamp: he was a Mercian prince who fell in love with an Irish princess, brought her back to England, and left her in the forest in labour. When he returned with a midwife, a pack of wolves was devouring her. As a result, he became a hermit for the rest of his life.

**SAINT GERONTIUS (GERAINT), KING AND MARTYR.** Died 508(?). Saint Gerontius of Damnonia (Devon) and his wife Enid were the subjects of romantic legends. He died in battle against the Saxons. There is another King Saint Gerontius of Cornwall, who died in 596. One of these saints is the patron of Saint Gerrans in Cornwall and Saint Geran in Brittany.

"As in the earthly life there are poor and rich, so also in the spiritual life, in the spiritual order, there are poor and rich. As the poor ask charity of the rich, and cannot live without help from them, so also in the spiritual order the poor must have recourse to the rich. We are the spiritually poor, whilst the saints, and those who shine even in this present life by their faith and piety, are the spiritually rich. It is to them that we needy ones must have recourse. We must beg for their prayers that they may help us to become simple as children, that they may teach us spiritual wisdom, how to conquer sins, how to love God and our neighbor. May the saints of God pray for us, that we may become like unto them."  
**From Saint John of Kronstadt's My Life in Christ**

### **In the Good Ol' Summertime! – Gazpacho soup – easy to make, flexible and tasty!**

6 ripe tomatoes, peeled (1 large can of peeled plum tomatoes) • 1 red onion • 1 cucumber, peeled, seeded (or 1 zucchini) • 1 sweet red bell pepper (or green) seeded • 2 stalks celery • 1-2 Tbsp chopped fresh parsley • 2 Tbsp fresh chives • 1 clove garlic • 2 slices of bread, soaked in soup stock • 1/4 cup red wine vinegar • 1/4 cup olive oil • 2 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice • 2 tsp sugar • Salt and fresh ground pepper to taste • 6 or more drops of Tabasco sauce to taste • 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce • 4 cups tomato juice.

Combine all ingredients in a food processor or blender. Blend slightly, to desired consistency. Place in non-metal, non-reactive storage container, cover tightly and refrigerate overnight, allowing flavors to blend. At the time of presentation, on non-fasting days, add a dollop of sour cream. Serves 8.

The recipe is easily modifiable – blend until smooth or leave it chunky, use less onion, use shallots instead of red onion, replace chives with basil, use cream instead of bread soaked in stock, omit vinegar but increase lemon juice, use adobo instead of salt, use cayenne pepper instead of Tabasco or hot sauce, soy sauce instead of Worcestershire, lime instead of lemon...