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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!

August 24, 2014	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
August 30	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
August 31	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

This week's Bulletin was donated in memory of John Prawlocki and for the health of Nicole Buttino by Sonia Buttino

Saints of the Day: Hieromartyr Eutychius (1 c.), disciple of Saint John the Theologian. Translation of the relics of Saint Peter, Metropolitan of Kiev (1479). New Hieromartyr Seraphim (1946). Venerable Aristoclius elder of Moscow (1918). Venerable Arsenius, Abbot of Komel (Vologda) (1550). Martyr Tation at Claudiopolis (305). Virgin-martyr Cyra of Persia (558). Venerable George Limniotes the Confessor of Mount Olympus (716). Equal-to-the-Apostles Cosmas of Aitolia (1779). Saint Martyrius, Archbishop of Novgorod (1199). Saint Dionysius of Zakynthos, Archbishop of Aegina (1622). Commemoration of the appearance of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary to Venerable Sergius, Abbot, of Radonezh (1385). Saint Serapion the Wonderworker, Abbot of the Monastery of Saint John the Baptist at Garesja, Georgia (1747). Hieromartyr Maxim (Sandovich), of Poland (1914). Saint Irchard Bishop of the Picts of Scotland (7 c.). Saint Patrick the Elder, Abbot (450).

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 His Grace, the Right Reverend MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and New Jersey were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Dan and Eleanor Witiak, Priest Vasyl Pasakas, Misha Murtez, Joe Rabik and Michael Geeza were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Edward Pelko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya August 17 at the request of David Pelko.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Protodeacon Edward Reta, Archpriest Stephen Jula and Priest Sergius Willis and the souls of Archpriest Eugene Vansuch, Archpriest John Platko, and Georges Augustin Barrois were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

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

HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHES, DISCIPLE OF SAINT JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN AND THE APOSTLE PAUL. lived from the first century into the beginning of the second century, and was from the Palestinian city of Sebastea.

Although Saint Eutyches is not one of the 70 Apostles, he is called an Apostle because of his labors with the older Apostles, by whom he was made bishop. After hearing about Christ the Savior, Saint Eutyches first became a disciple of the Apostle John the Theologian. Later he met the Apostle Paul, and preached together with him on the early journeys.

Saintt Eutyches underwent many sufferings: they starved him with hunger, beat him with iron rods, they threw him into the fire, and then to be devoured by wild beasts. Once, a lion was let loose upon the saint, which astonished everyone because it praised the Creator with a human voice. The Hieromartyr Eutyches completed his labors in his native city, where he was beheaded with a sword at the beginning of the second century.

REPOSE OF THE NEW-HIEROMARTYR COSMAS OF AITOLIA, EQUAL OF THE APOSTLES, in the world Constatas, was a native of Aitolia. He studied at first under the guidance of the archdeacon Ananias Dervisanos, and afterwards continued his education on Mount Athos, at the Vatopedi school reknowned for teachers such as Nicholas Tzartzoulis (from Metsovo) and Eugenius Voulgaris (afterwards in the years 1775-1779 the archbishop of Ekaterinoslav and the Chersonessus).

Remaining on Athos at the Philotheou monastery to devote himself to spiritual labors, he was tonsured a monk with the name Cosmas, and later was ordained hieromonk. The desire to benefit his fellow Christians, to guide them upon the way of salvation and strengthen their faith, impelled Saint Cosmas to seek the blessing of his spiritual fathers and go to Constantinople. There he mastered the art of rhetoric and, having received a written permit of Patriarch Seraphim II (and later from his successor Sophronius) to preach the Holy Gospel.

So the saint began to proclaim the Gospel at first in the churches of Constantinople and the surrounding villages, then in the Danube regions, in Thessalonica, in Verroia, in Macedonia, Chimaera, Akarnania, Aitolia, on the islands of Saint Maura, Kephallonia and other places.

His preaching, filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit, was simple, calm, and gentle. It brought Christians great spiritual benefit. The Lord Himself assisted him and confirmed his words with signs and miracles, just as He had confirmed the preaching of the Apostles.

Preaching in the remote areas of Albania, where Christian piety had almost disappeared among the rough and coarse people entrenched in sin, Saint Cosmas led them to sincere repentance and improvement with the Word of God.

Under his guidance, church schools were opened in the towns and villages. The rich offered their money for the betterment of the churches, for the purchase of Holy Books (which the saint distributed to the literate), veils (which he gave women, admonishing them to come to church with covered heads), for prayer ropes and crosses (which he distributed to the common folk), and for baptismal fonts so that children could be baptized in the proper manner.

Since the churches could not accommodate everyone wanting to hear the wise preacher, Saint Cosmas with forty or fifty priests served the Vigil in the fields, and in city squares, where thousands of people prayed for the living and for the dead, and were edified by his preaching. Everywhere that Saint Cosmas halted and preached, the grateful listeners erected a large wooden cross, which remained thereafter in memory of this.

The apostolic service of Saint Cosmas was brought to a close by his martyric death in the year 1779. At 65 years of age, he was seized by the Turks and strangled. His body was thrown into a river, and after three days, was found by the priest Mark and buried near the village of Kolikontasi at the Monastery of the Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos. Afterwards, part of his relics were transferred to various places as a blessing.

He was glorified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1961.

ISIS Genocide: Iraq Terror Group Beheads Christians, Displaces Hundreds of Thousands - Inquisitr.com
ISIS persecution of Christians in Iraq amounts to genocide, religious leader are claiming as the terror group captured Iraq's largest Christian city and forced tens of thousands to flee for their lives.

Archbishop Athanasius Toma Dawod of the Syriac Orthodox church said the way ISIS is targeting Christians — telling them to either convert to Islam or be killed — is nothing less than genocide.

“Now we consider it genocide — ethnic cleansing,” he said. “They are killing our people in the name of Allah and telling people that anyone who kills a Christian will go straight to heaven: that is their message. They have burned churches; they have burned very old books. They have damaged our crosses and statues of the Virgin Mary. They are occupying our churches and converting them into mosques.”

Archbishop Dawod leads the Syriac Orthodox church in England, and is asking the UK government to take in refugees from the ISIS violence.

His report bolsters other claims that ISIS is engaging in genocide against the Christian community. There have been reports of ISIS fighters killing Christians and even beheading children.

Patriarch Louis Sako, leader of the Chaldean Catholic church in Iraq, noted that 100,000 Christians have been forced from their homes in the Nineveh plains, where the nation's largest Christian city was captured.

“They fled their villages and houses [with] nothing but... the clothes on their backs,” he said in a statement to the charity Aid to the Church in Need. “[It is] an exodus, a real via crucis; Christians are walking on foot in Iraq's searing summer heat towards the Kurdish cities of Irbil, Duhok and Sulaymiya, the sick, the elderly, infants and pregnant women among them. They are facing a human catastrophe and risk a real genocide.”

But now the United States has started to take action to stop the ISIS genocide, which targets not only Christians but other religious minorities and even Muslims who do not share the beliefs of the strict Salafi Wahabi terrorists. The U.S. launched a wave of airstrikes against ISIS targets to support Kurdish forces defending Erbil. A second wave of airstrikes reportedly hit a convoy of vehicles close to the capital of the autonomous Kurdish region.

But the ISIS genocide has still created problems in the region, with a reported 200,000 refugees now seeking a place to live and facing shortages of food and water.

Read more at <http://www.inquisitr.com/1401302/isis-genocide-iraq-terror-group-beheads-christians-displaces-hundreds-of-thousands/#yR3h3ZqISo1LgZxt.99>