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Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs—ca. 304). Ven. Savvatii (Sabbatius), Wonderworker of Solovétsky Monastery (1435). Apostles Mark, Aristarchus, and Zenas, of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Epicharis of Rome (3rd c.). Ven. Ignatius, Abbot in Asia Minor (963-75).

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6.1-10 Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11 "We have toiled and caught nothing; yet, at your word I will let down the net."

COFFEE HOUR: We are saved by confession, by the Eucharist, and by our fellowship at Coffee Hour. If you are scheduled for Coffee Hour, please attend to the obligation. If you would like to be the host or hostess in the upcoming weeks, please see Fr James.

ANNUAL MEETING: With thoughtful and prayerful consideration, Fr James and the Parish Council are proposing a reordering of the yearly meeting. Therefore, our next parish-wide meeting will be on November 8th. We will discuss the previous year in our parish, and our plans for the upcoming year. Please make every effort to attend, as every voice is necessary in our common conversation.

SISTERHOOD OF ST ANNA: The Sisterhood of St Anna will be meeting today after the Divine Liturgy to discuss plans for the upcoming Harvest Dinner. They will also discuss what times that baking and pierogie making will happen in preparation for the bake sale on November 21st. For more information, see any of the officers: Rebecca Hawranick, Rose Gala, Nancy Richards or Elaine Kowansky,.

DONORS NEEDED: There is an opportunity to donate some of the items from the updating to the Rectory. They are the living room rug, upstairs hallway rug, and the refinishing and carpeting of the steps. Please see Fr James or anyone on the Parish Council if you feel called to donate any of these items.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH: We are rapidly approaching the beginning of the new Church School Year! Classes will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. It is sure to be exciting, educational, engaging and fun for all the youth of our parish. If you are interested in helping, please see Fr James.

LITURGY at VALLEY HEALTH: The Divine Liturgy will be held at Valley Health Nursing Home on October 3rd at 10 AM. Several of our brothers and sisters in Christ reside there, and it is a good thing to bring the Eucharist to them. It would be good if the more mobile members of our community would attend also. Please see Fr James if you will be lending your voices to the Liturgy.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Kathryn Chlus. And as is our custom, we will be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection. We especially remember Nancy Wolkoff (1995), Theodore Litwen (2001), Mike Sokerka, and all the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!

ELECTION OF NEW BISHOP: By the grace of God, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has elected Archpriest Michael Dahulich for hierarchical consecration and installation as Bishop of New York and New Jersey. May our Lord grant the abundance of His grace to our bishop-elect. Many years!

DAVIS FAMILY: We have been collecting for the Davis Family of Wasila, Alaska. Their home was devastated by fire on September 10th, and have lost everything. We will be making a special collection for them, this one final week. Please share your abundance with those in need.



Due to conversations with many of parishioners, included in this space is Orthodox Etiquette and practices which will be helpful for the proper order of the Church.

One of the ways in which we show our deep reverence for the Lord and the Priesthood is by asking Priests for their blessing. We receive a blessing from them in this manner:

- 1) Approach the Priest without making the Sign of the Cross;*
- 2) Place your right hand open, palm upward, upon the left palm to form a cross;*
- 3) Slightly bow your head and ask for the blessing in your own words;*
- 4) The priest makes the Sign of the Cross, and places his right hand in your palm;*
- 5) Having received the blessing, kiss the right hand which blessed you as a token of respect for the authority of the office held by the Sacred Minister in God's Holy Church and in thankfulness for receiving a blessing from the Lord's Ambassador.*

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers, or any time in the week.

Saturday, September 26: 4 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 27: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 3: Divine Liturgy at Valley Health Nursing Home. Time TBA.

4 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, October 4: 9:00 AM Church School

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, Pierogie Making after Liturgy

Monday, October 5: Pierogie Making. Time TBA

Saturday, October 10: Fall Pilgrimage to Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery. Vespers there.

Sunday, October 11: 9:00 AM Church School

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

This Week's Bulletin is Given In Memory of

Mike Sokerka

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