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6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete (712). Ven. Martha, mother of Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger—554). Burial of St. Andrei Bogoliubsky (1174). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Archimandrite, of Suzdal' (1507). Martyrs Theodotus and Theodotia at Caesarea in Cappadocia (108). Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Cyrene in Libya and with him
EPISTLE: Romans 12.6-14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9.1-8 It is easier to heal sins than to heal a body.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL: From July 12th through 18th we will be hosting a Vacation Church School – invite all of your friends! The day will run from 9 AM to 12 Noon, with Scriptural lessons, craft activities, games and snacks. We are asking for anyone who is able to sign up to help with the supplies we will need – snacks, craft supplies. We need helpers as well! For more info, see Liane.

PRAYER GARDEN: You may have noticed some work being done at the northeast corner of the Church. With the landscaping that happened this week, we had a few bushes left over, and thought that a Prayer Garden would be a good idea. What do YOU think?

BISHOPS VISIT: The visit with Bp Michael went extraordinarily well. I am most grateful to all who helped to organize the different facets of the festivities. I had hoped for 35 to come to Liturgy, and we had 85! It is a great blessing to be able to gather around our bishop and celebrate the Divine Liturgy, where we receive the Body and Blood of

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Jesus Christ Himself.

SUMMER EVENTS: Mark your calendars for several events over the next few months. Our Church is alive! And, God willing, will be for many years!

July 12-18 – Vacation Church School – invite all of your friends!

August 21st – Greek Dinner (with authentic Greek cuisine)

September 26th – Pierogie Fest featuring Polka Bands at the Herkimer VFW

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: Birthdays: Sonia Buttino, Mary Jane Chlus.

Anniversaries: Wayne & Madeline Nuzum. Namesdays: None.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed, especially among them the newly-departed Andrew Klisch and Metropolitan John of Nicaea. We will be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Paraskeva Spytko (1973), Josephine Sokol (2008), Anna Malinchak (1980), Helen Sobolowski (2007) and Anna Byrda (1971). May their memory be eternal!

MESSAGE FROM THE NEWLY-ORDAINED: It was a joy to have so many parishioners and guests present at Church last Tuesday as we celebrated the Feast Day of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patron saints of our parish, with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy led by our Bishop MICHAEL. It was an unforgettable and humbling experience for me to be ordained to the order of subdeacon as part of the services. My thanks go out to all of you who have inspired me to stay the course as I converted to the Orthodox Faith, encouraged me as I sought greater understanding, and are now supporting me in faith and service to our Lord. You are always in my prayers and I ask you to keep me in yours as I continue down the path of my new vocation.

Faithfully, Subdeacon Demetrios (Dale) Richards

OUR PRESIDENTS: President Andrew Jackson declared that the Bible `is the rock on which our Republic rests.'

President Abraham Lincoln declared that the Bible `is the best gift God has given to men . . . But for it, we could not know right from wrong.'

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers

- Sunday, July 4: 9:30 Divine Liturgy
- Monday, July 5: Parish Office is Closed
- Tuesday, July 6: 6 PM Vespers at Valley Health Nursing Home
- Wednesday, July 7: 5 PM Akathist to Ss Peter & Paul
5:45 PM Organizational Meeting for Vacation Church School
- Thursday, July 8: 7 PM Orthodoxy 101: Orthodox Traditions of Prayer
- Saturday, July 10: 4 PM Great Vespers – the beginning of the Liturgical celebration
- Sunday, July 11: 9:30 Divine Liturgy