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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

October 9, 2011	Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America	Liturgy	9:30 am
October 15	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
October 16	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Holy Apostle James, son of Alphaeus (1st c.). Venerable Andronicus and his wife Venerable Athanasia of Egypt (500). New Hieromartyrs Priests Constantine and Peter (1918). New Hieromartyr Priest Constantine (1937). Righteous Forefather Abraham (2000 B.C.) and his nephew Righteous Lot. Martyrs Juventius and Maximus at Antioch (4 c). Saint Publia, Confessor of Antioch (360). Venerable Peter of Galatia (9 c). Saint Stephen the New of Serbia (1427). Saint Demetrius, Patriarch of Alexandria (231). Hieromartyr Dionysius (Denis, Denys) Bishop of Paris, (258). Venerable Stephen the Blind, King of Serbia (1468).

Please remember in your prayers: Mother Raphaela, Priest Sergius, Archpriest Jason, Susan, Ada, Rea, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Helen, Anna, Thomas, Archpriest Vincent, John, Ron, Dan, Albert, Michael, Gregory, Emma, Cathy, Mykola, Wayne, Nina, Dan, Isaiah, Robert, Robert, Kevin, Andrew, David, Warren, Michael, Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Alexander Drobish were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Reader John Hawranick and Family.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Matushka Valerie Werner, Father Leonty Schmidt, Ted Bazil and Bishop NIKON were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of Father John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of new-born Lydia Marie Dudek, parents Andrew and Nina and family were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben at the request of great-uncle Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Archbishop DIMITRI (40th day) and newly-departed Metropolitan CHRISTOPHER of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the USA were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya requested by Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Taissa Drobish were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Reader John Hawranick and Family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of George and Anna Bittner and George Herko were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Anna Herko.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of John Prawlocki were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Sonia Buttino.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of George M Eskoff, Sr, Walter Bereza, Michael Gerzonick, Josephine Mary Dzula and Olga Alexczuk were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya.

The Holy Apostle James, the son of Alphaeus, was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was the blood-brother of the Apostle and Evangelist Matthew. He was a witness of the true words and miracles of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and a witness of His suffering, Resurrection and Ascension. After the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the lot fell to James to preach the Gospel of Christ in Eleutheropolis and the surrounding areas, and then in Egypt, where he suffered for his Savior. With great power in word and in deed, James disseminated the saving news of the incarnate Word of God, destroying idolatry, driving demons out of men, and healing every infirmity and disease in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. His labor and zeal were crowned with great success. Many pagans came to believe in Christ, churches were built and organized, and priests and bishops were ordained. James suffered in the Egyptian town of Ostracina, being crucified by the pagans. Thus, this great and wonderful apostle of Christ took up his abode in the Heavenly Kingdom, to reign with the King of Glory.

Venerable Andronicus with his wife Athanasia, of Egypt, lived in Antioch in the fifth century. Saint Andronicus was a craftsman who divided his earnings into three portions. One part he gave to the Church, the second to the poor, and the third he used for his family. When the Lord took the son and daughter of Andronicus and Athanasia, the pious couple decided to devote themselves fully to the service of God, helping the poor and the sick. Soon the saintly spouses set out for Alexandria, where Andronicus entered a skete monastery, and Athanasia entered the women's Tabennisiota monastery. After twelve years of ascetic life Saint Andronicus went to Jerusalem to pray at the holy places. He met a co-pilgrim, Saint Athanasia, who, foreseeing the difficulties of the journey, had donned men's attire. They did not recognize each other, since long ascetic effort had altered their appearance. When they returned from Jerusalem, both monks settled into a single cell and for many years lived the ascetic life in silence. Saint Athanasia wrote a note, revealing her secret, to be read after her death. Saint Andronicus died soon after Athanasia.

Saint Demetrius, Patriarch of Alexandria was the eleventh Bishop of Alexandria after Saint Mark the Evangelist. He governed his flock long and wisely, from 189 to 231. During this time, he received a request from India and sent Saint Pantaenus, the director of the famous catechetical school in Alexandria, to India to preach the Gospel. It was in India that Pantaenus found the Gospel written by Saint Matthew in Aramaic.

Saint Denis of Paris, the patron of Paris and of the Seine, Saint Denis, was the first bishop of the capital of France. He died as a martyr around 250 or 270 and is buried where the basilica of Saint Denis was erected. This is all that we know of him before the 9th century. The history speaks also of his two companions the Priest Eleuthère (Eleutherius) and the Deacon Rustique (Rusticus), and of the Saint carrying his head from Montmartre to Saint Denis, after he was decapitated.

The facts are the following: The name of Saint Denis appeared about 520 in the “Life of Saint Geneviève” which witnesses the Saint’s devotion to the martyred bishop, her spiritual father. She obtained from the clergy of Paris the erection of a church on her tomb on the “vicus Catulliacus” situated eight kilometers north of the Seine, the actual basilica of Saint Denys on rue Catullienne. She often and regularly attended a church of the city for which he was named. A half-century later, the Martyrology of Jerome mentions the deposition of Saint Denis and his companions on the 9th of October and Saint Venance Furtunat attests to the spreading of his cultus as far as Bordeaux. In the same years, the historian Gregory of Tours recounts that about 250, the Pope of Rome had sent Denis to Gaul with six other bishops to bring the Gospel there. He came to stay at Lutèce, where he was soon put to death. It is probable that he was martyred during the persecution of Decius (250) or Diocletian (258). Near the basilica where the first bishop reposed, a monastery was founded in the 7th century and it became prestigious thanks to the generous donations of King Dagobert. It continued the spreading of its patron Saint in giving him a miraculous legend. ... The obscure and courageous founder of the Church of Paris became, now and for centuries, a giant of holiness.

Saint Stefan, Despot of Serbia was the son of the Despot George and Queen Irene. He and his sister Mara lived at the court of Sultan Murat II for a time. He was blinded at Jedrene together with his brother Grgur. He received authority as Despot over Serbia in 1458. Soon after that, he had to flee his country to Albania where he married Angelina, the daughter of Skenderbeg. Blind and unfortunate but always devoted to God, Stefan entered into rest in Italy in the year 1468. His relics repose in the Monastery of Kru edol, founded by his son Saint Maxim.

REFLECTION by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha. How God both punishes and shows mercy is clearly shown to us from the lives of the last of the Serbian Despots during the Turkish conquest of the Serbian lands. The Turks did not come to the Balkans by their own power to enslave Christian peoples (Greeks, Bulgarians and Serbs) but by God's permission, in the same way that Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem and took the Hebrews into slavery, not by his own power but rather by God's permission. Because of the sins of their princes and nobles, the Serbian people suffered bitterly; and the princes and nobles themselves suffered even more bitterly. Despot George died as an exile; two of his sons, Grgur and Stefan, were blinded by the Turks; his daughter was forced to become the wife of a sultan; his middle son rose up against his own mother, Irene, and brother Grgur, and seized the shaky throne of Smederevo by force, only to die soon thereafter. As soon as he became despot, the blind Stefan had to flee to Albania, then to Italy where, as an exile and an unfortunate, he reposed. All of this is God's punishment. Yet where is His mercy? God glorified both Stefan and his wife Angelina and their children Maxim and John. After eight years of lying in the grave, Stefan's body was exhumed and found to be intact, and exuded a sweet, heavenly fragrance. Many miracles were manifested from his holy relics. God graced his wife and his children in the same manner, glorifying and sanctifying them.

A word from the desert: from the *Izmaragd*: Fortune is not born with you, but is entrusted to you by God for a few days: therefore, distribute, as a steward, what is entrusted to you anywhere the entruster orders.

FOR YOUR CALENDARS!

CHURCH SCHOOL – every Sunday at 9 am.

October 13: **Cookie making** starting at 9:00

October 15: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

October 16: Parish Council Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

October 17: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

October 22, Saturday: **Harvest Dinner:** set up tables and food prep starting at 9:00

October 23, Sunday: **Harvest Dinner:** pork roast, veggies, mashed potatoes, kielbasa/kraut, salad, dessert.

October 29: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

October 30: Sunday Breakfast at Coffee Hour

October 31: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 12: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: potatoes

November 14: **Bazaar** (November 19): **Perogie making** starting at 9:00: pinching

November 17, Thursday: Please bring the cookies you baked to Church.

November 18, Friday: Trays will be put together

November 19, Saturday: **Bazaar** starting at 11

November 20: Parish Council Meeting (Third Sunday of the Month)

November 27: Sunday Breakfast at Coffee Hour

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