Glory to Jesus Christ!  Glory to God for all things!

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This Bulletin is offered in the name of Nicolle Buttino by Sonia Buttino.


God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Olga Prawlocki (in Little Falls Hospital) were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Sonia Buttino.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Robert Harsch and Leslie Altena were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of John Udics.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of cousins Ed and Anita Hansen, Father Leonid Schmidt, and Ludmilla Stehnach were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Metro and Marion Demcko were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of son Ronald Demcko.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of aunt Helen Ketzak were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Helen and Michael Sobolewski, John Prawlocki, Ann Dulak, Dimitri, Olena, Michael and Michael Alexczuk were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus. These holy and wonderful martyrs and heroes of the Christian Faith were at first noblemen at the court of Emperor Maximian. The emperor himself esteemed them greatly because of their courage, wisdom and fidelity. But when the emperor heard that his two noblemen were Christians, his love for them turned into rage. Once, when there was a great sacrificial offering to idols, the emperor demanded that Sergius and Bacchus offer sacrifices with him, but they openly refused to obey the emperor in this. Beside himself with rage, the emperor commanded that their military garments, rings and emblems be stripped from them and that they be dressed in women's clothing. He then placed iron hoops around their necks and paraded them through the streets of the city of Rome, to be mocked by everyone. Afterward, he sent them to Antiochus, his deputy in Asia, for torture. Antiochus had risen to his position with Sergius and Bacchus's help, as they had at one time recommended him to the emperor. When Antiochus implored them to deny Christ and save themselves from dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: "Both honor and dishonor, both life and death-all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom." Antiochus cast Sergius into prison and ordered that Bacchus be tortured first. His minions took turns beating the holy Bacchus until his whole body was broken. Bacchus's holy soul departed his broken and bloodied body, and in the hands of angels was borne to the Lord. Saint Bacchus suffered in the town of Barbalissos. Then Saint Sergius was led out a dishonorable suffering and death, these saints replied: “Both honor and dishonor, both life and death-all are the same to him who seeks the Heavenly Kingdom.” Antiochus cast Sergius into prison and ordered that Bacchus be tortured first. His minions took turns beating the holy Bacchus until his whole body was broken. Bacchus's holy soul departed his broken and bloodied body, and in the hands of angels was borne to the Lord. Saint Bacchus suffered in the town of Barbalissos. Then Saint Sergius was led out and shod in iron shoes with inward-protruding nails. He was driven, on foot, to the town of Rozapha, in Syria, and was beheaded there with the sword. His soul went to Paradise where, together with his friend Bacchus, he received a crown of immortal glory from Christ, his King and Lord. These two wondrous knights of the Christian Faith suffered in about the year 303.

Saint Canog (Cenneur, Cynog) of Wales, Martyr, died c. 492. Saint Canog, the eldest son of the prolific King Saint Brychan of Brecknock (f.d. April 6). He was killed at Merthyr-Cynog during a barbarian invasion. There are churches dedicated to his memory in Wales; he is also honoured in Brittany.
The Holy Martyr Polychronius was born in the district of Gamphanitus, of peasant parents. As a young man, he worked as a day-laborer in the vineyard of a certain Constantinopolitan. But even as a day-laborer Polychronius devoted himself to the ascetic life of prayer and fasting day and night. Seeing his life, angelic in its purity and abstinence, the vintner was amazed, and gave him much more money than he earned. Saint Polychronius took the money and built a church. At the time of the Nicaean Council (325), Polychronius was a church reader. He showed such zeal in the defense of Orthodoxy against the Arians that he was ordained a priest. Later, these evil heretics sought revenge, and attacked Saint Polychronius inside the church itself, and chopped him into pieces. Thus, this great defender of the truth and purity of Orthodoxy suffered and received a wreath of glory from his Most-glorious Lord.

Saint Osyth of Chich, Martyr, died at Chich, Essex, England, c. 675-700. In addition to celebrating the feasts of two soldiers, a virgin martyr, and a bishop, the Church also honours a 7th century queen. All that is known about her is that she was the wife of Sighere, King of the East Saxons, and that she founded the abbey of Chich, where she ended her days. In the 12th century currency was given to various legends. These tell us that Osyth was the daughter of a Mercian chief named Frithwald and his wife Wilburga, who was the daughter of King Penda. She was raised in a convent, perhaps at Aylesbury, and wanted to become a nun herself. Her parents, however, married her to Sighere, who may have been the apostate named by Saint Bede (f.d. May 25), who was later reconciled to the Church by Bishop Jaruman. (King Sighere's uncle was King Saint Sebbi (f.d. September 1), of whose dignified death the Venerable Bede gives account.)

The marriage was never consummated because when Sighere became distracted by his passion for hunting, Osyth ran away and sought the protection of Bishops Acca of Dunwich and Bedwin of Elmham. Sighere, not wanting to force his reluctant bride, allowed them to give her the habit and himself donated land at Chich on a creek of the Colne for a monastery. It is related that she was captured and martyred by Danish pirates, who beheaded her.

The village of Saint Osyth in Essex, originally called Chich, has its name from this woman, as do several other localities. Her relics were returned to her convent before 1000 AD from Aylesbury, where they were taken during the Danish invasions. Her shrine at Chich is mentioned in the treatise "On the resting-places of saints".

Osyth is shown as a queen with her crown at her feet or on a table before her; sometimes carrying her severed head. She is venerated at Colchester.

Saint Helanus (Helen) of Rheims (of Cornwall), Hermit died near Rheims, France, 6th century. It is said that Saint Helanus migrated from Ireland to Cornwall with his three sisters and six brothers, including Saint Germoc (f.d. June 24) and Saint Breaca (f.d. June 4). They continued on to Brittany, where they settled at Bucciolus near Rheims, where he was ordained to the priesthood and served the people of the area. He is likely to be the titular patron of Cornish churches that are dedicated to Helen.

A word from Saint John of the Ladder (+603). “Rise from love of the world and love of pleasure, lay aside cares, strip your mind, renounce your body; because prayer is nothing other than estrangement from the world, visible and invisible. For what have I in heaven? Nothing. And what have I desired upon earth beside Thee? Nothing, but to cling continually to Thee in prayer without distraction. To some, wealth is pleasant; to others, possessions; but my wish is to cling to God, and to put the hope of my dispassion in Him.”

REFLECTION by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

A vision of Saint Andrew the Fool-for-Christ: Once, Saint Andrew was sitting with his disciple Euphanius, talking about the salvation of the soul. Just then, a demon approached Euphanius and began setting traps to distract his thoughts, but did not dare to approach Andrew. Andrew cried out: “Depart from here, impure adversary!” The devil drew back and replied maliciously: “You are my adversary, such as no other in all of Constantinople!” Andrew did not drive him away immediately, but permitted him to speak. And the devil began: “I feel that the time is coming when my work will be finished. At that time, men will be worse than I, as children will be even more wicked than adults. Then I will rest and will not teach men anything anymore, since I have no wish of my dispassion in Him.”

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

October 21 Sunday Harvest Dinner
October 27 Saturday Elizabeth Shaftic Lyons Baby Shower, 11:00 - 2:00 in the Church Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend by Ginny Shaftic, but please phone to reserve a place 518-568-2880.

November 13 Tuesday XVII All-American Council, Holy Trinity Church, Parma, Ohio.
November 17 Saturday Fall Bazaar
December 9 Sunday Christmas Pageant
October 14/15, 2016 Saints Peter and Paul Parish 100th Anniversary Celebration