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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir

Martyr Cyricus and his mother Julitta of Tarsus; Martyr Abudimus of the Isle of Tenedos

Epistles: Romans 12:6-14
Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)
Galatians 1:11-19 (St. Vladimir)

Gospels: Matthew 9:1-8
John 17:1-13 (Fathers)
John 10:1-9 (St. Vladimir)

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead *

Tues, July 17	7:00 a.m.	Daily Matins
Sat, July 21	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for Eric Silva (Annual) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by General Confession
Sun, July 22	7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6	
9:00 a.m.	Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene; Hieromartyr Phocas	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Rom 15:1-7	Gospel: Matt 9:27-35

* What's Up in Our Parish *

Parish Council will meet in the hall on **Monday, July 16**, at 7 p.m.

The inaugural meeting of the **Strategic Planning Committee** that was postponed last week has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, July 18**, at 7 p.m., at the rectory. All Council members and parishioners who volunteered to be a part of this group should attend.

The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring an **Atlantic City Bus Trip** to the *Showboat Casino and Resort* this **Thursday, July 19**. The bus will leave from the church's main parking lot on Whitehead Avenue at 9 a.m. sharp! Bring along a friend. The cost is \$30, with \$25 back in slot dollars. Make your reservations by calling Janice Meade at (732) 257-8671. Don't miss out—join your fellow parishioners for a day of fun!

Our **8th Annual School Supply Drive** for elementary children in need throughout South River will begin **next Sunday, July 22**. All donations can be dropped off through **Sunday, August 26**, in a box in the church vestibule. Backpacks and the basics (pencils, erasers, construction paper, blunt-tip scissors, glue sticks, crayons, colored markers, three-ring binders, pens, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, dividers, colored folders with inside pockets, index cards) are requested. Monetary offerings are also welcome; they can be given to Drive Chairman, **Allison Steffaro**. This outreach ministry not only helps kids physically, but emotionally in boosting their self-esteem and enthusiasm to learn; therefore, we hope all parishioners will step up and make sure these boys and girls have what they need to succeed in the upcoming school year.

Many parishioners have questioned Fr. David about what we, as Orthodox Christians, believe and why. Others have inquired about the existence and nature of God, prayer, the connections between faith and science, ethics and morality, and so on. No matter where you may be on your spiritual journey, Father welcomes your questions and concerns. If you have such a query, write it on a card that is available in the church vestibule. Once completed, drop it into the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, join him at his **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall during Coffee Hour on **Sunday, July 29**, where he will simply try to answer your question as clearly as he can. Thank you in advance for your participation.

In partnership with the *South River Police Department* and the *Municipal Alliance of South River*, our parish will again be hosting this year's **National Night Out Campaign** at 7 Acres on **Tuesday, August 7**, from 4-9 p.m. This annual campaign affords residents the chance to get out in the community, be a part of a huge "block party" and make an effort to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention and promote better police-citizen relations. A brochure with all the details is available at the Candle Desk. Save the date and plan to support America's *Night Out* against crime!

The **25 & 1 Club**, sponsored by the **Men's Club**, will soon be starting its 32nd year of activity. Regular and new members are urged to join in. Weekly drawings will start in September. See any member to sign up or contact Lou Silva at (732) 257-9250.

✧ News That Matters ✧

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **109**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Dziemian**.

METROPOLITAN JONAH TENDERS RESIGNATION In a letter addressed to the members of the *Holy Synod of Bishops* dated Friday, July 6, **His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH**, tendered his resignation as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). The letter was composed and signed at his home in Washington, DC, in the presence of OCA Chancellor, Archpriest John Jillions. The following day, the letter was presented to the Synod by conference call in which all of the hierarchs participated, except His Eminence, Archbishop ALEJO of Mexico City. After its acceptance, the Holy Synod met last Monday, again via conference call, to deliberate on courses of action. It was decided that Metropolitan JONAH will have the title of *His Eminence, Metropolitan JONAH, former Archbishop of Washington and Metropolitan of All America and Canada*. The senior hierarch of the Holy Synod, **His Eminence, the Most Reverend NATHANIEL, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate**, was appointed *Locum Tenens* (place holder) of the OCA until a new metropolitan is elected and our **Bishop MICHAEL** was named as the *OCA Administrator*. The full details of this extraordinary event have not yet been disclosed, although there are conjectures and speculations on various Internet websites and blogs. As this matter continues to unfold, further info will be posted on the OCA website (www.oca.org), which should be considered as the official source of the Church. In the meantime, please pray for the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of the OCA during this time of transition and may God have mercy on us all.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to **Victoria Antonina Mekbeb, Maria Spasenyj and Sonja Harris** who will be celebrating birthdays this week. May the Lord continue to grant them many more years of health and happiness—Mnogaya Lyeta!

IOCC RESPONDS TO THE URGENT NEEDS OF SYRIAN FAMILIES As the conflict in Syria continues to escalate, disrupting the lives of more than one million Syrians; displacing 56,000+ people from their homes; and leaving thousands of families without access to food and urgently needed medical care, **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** is intensifying its current response efforts to meet the surging needs for emergency and basic supplies. You can assist these victims of poverty and conflict by making a financial gift to the **International Emergency Response Fund** set up by IOCC, which will provide immediate relief, as well as long-term support through emergency aid and recovery assistance. To contribute, visit www.iocc.org on the Web, phone toll free at 1-877-803-4622 or mail a check/money order payable to *IOCC, P.O. Box 17398, Baltimore, MD 21297*. The situation is urgent, so please send your donation as soon as possible and help the people of Syria today! Thank you so much for your caring and concern.

THANKS to the following individuals for their recent monetary gifts to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund* in loving memory of **Olga Smith: Mike & Carolina, Brenda Adams, Edward & Elaine Boshko, Paul & Eleanor Boshko, Michael Burak, Nicholas & Olga Dashkewicz, Walter & Carol Deerson, Robert & Sandra Hoff, James & Debra Jones, Harry & Janice Meade, Marie Mendoker, Dorothy Messeka, Ronald & Paula Mindzak, Wayne & Joyce Nice, Robert & Joan Pisuk, Sonia Plutnick, Lynn Siry, Helene Titsch, Paul & Leslie Zelanko and Judy Znaiden**. We also acknowledge an additional donation to this fund by the **Altar Society**, in memory of **Mary Fritz**, as well as an offering to the *Handicap Access Fund* by **Sonja Harris** in memory of **Olga Smith**. May our Lord reward all these contributors for their generosity and thoughtfulness.

BRING A FRIEND along with you to church. Encourage all your relatives to attend services faithfully. It is our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. The Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to God...let's follow his example!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following parishioners, family members and friends:

Departed

Ana Sigalas
Dr. Veselin Kesich
Olga Smith
Matushka Sophia Soroka
Bernard Diehl
Timothy Magee
Doris Snowden-Gant
Stefan Wilczynski

Sick

Elaine Ashton
Irene Boule
Edward Romanofsky
Walentyna Posluszny
Michael Dargento
Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale

Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Dorothy Swenticky
John Cameron
Katherine Tarzewski
Martha Drobnak
Dorothy Sopchak
Margo Stewart
Adam Huba
Thea Casale
David Hebert
Robert Smith
Thomas Roche
Theresa Rogozenski
Olga Romanofsky

Alyssa Rosatelli
Larry Kimpart
Patricia Cottrell
Elaine Schwartz
Athene Demitry
John Centrello
Nancy Filak
Charles Csenica
Barbara Parhizgar
Mikola Zakrewsky
Kim Walker
Dennis Silowka
Alexandre Kurtanidze
Darren Flynn
Beth Willisroft
Malcolm Bradford
Barbara Longo
Eva Fedash
Olga Kozlov

Myrna Woznica
Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti
Jean Catherine Brooks
Samuel Garretson
Joseph Posluszny
Gilson Costa
Pearl Blower
Presbytera Florence
Cassar
Ellie Jacobs
Julio Andres Veramende
Dee
Florence
Karen Zimmerman
Beth Van Orden
Iwan Jakimtschuk
Andriy Kinash
Marita McDonald
Michael Myslinski
Martin Behnke
John Holod
Archpriest Stephen Mack
Archpriest John
Bartholomew
Dorothy Vernak
Dr. John B. Smith
Donna Kara
Nella Mirabile
Trey Gerstmyer
Margaret Butch
Henry Dziemian
Amelia Chup
Mary Carol Burchill
Barbara Rusnak
Kenneth Crowley
Sandra Webster
Roxana
Jeannine Polinsky
Nadia Corso
John Corso
Bishop NIKON (Liolin)
Archpriest Alexander Atty
Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt
Anna Janiszewski

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Lisa Beard
Gregory Nosol
Patrick Lohr
Keith Sudder
Priest Paul Rivers
Fred Bush
Travis Hartman

Elizabeth Brent
Kyle Abbott
Priest Sean Levine
Gary Amatrudo Jr.
Steven Moore
James G. Teller

Please contact Fr. David or Starosta if you know of someone who should be on this list.

OUR THANKS to **Myra Brown** for the lovely floral arrangement that is adorning the icons of *The Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils* and *Saint Prince Vladimir* on the center tetrapod today; it was offered in memory of the **Karwatt and Tomkovick Families**. Her generous spirit truly reflects God's love.

DID YOU KNOW? Summertime is vacation time. Church expenses, however, do not take time off; they continue week in and week out. You are, therefore, respectfully requested to keep up your support of the parish, especially during this time of the year, through your participation in the envelope system. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

BULLETIN DEADLINE All announcements for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted each week by no later than **Thursday**. Get in touch with Father David at the rectory or contact our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!