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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 7

Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor; Ven. Constantine and Cosmas the Abbots of Kosinsk; Virgin-martyr Seraphima of Antioch; Martyr Theodota and her three sons in Bithynia; Martyr Michael; Martyr Eustace of Mtskhet in Georgia

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

* The Liturgical & Study Week Ahead *

TODAY 11:00 a.m. Faith Feedback Session with Fr. David

Wed, Aug 1 **BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST**

Sat, Aug 4 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, Aug 5 **9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 8**
9:00 a.m. **Forefeast of the Transfiguration;** Martyr Eusignius of Antioch
Divine Liturgy Epistle: 1 Cor 3:9-17 Gospel: Matt 14:22-34

6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Robert Kornafel** (1 yr) offered by **the family**
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya

Mon, Aug 6 **THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Blessing of Fruit)**
9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy Epistle: 2 Pet 1:10-19 Gospel: Matt 17:1-9

* What's Up in Our Parish *

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 all your questions and concerns. If you have such a query, join him at his **Faith Feedback Session** in the church hall during Coffee Hour **TODAY**, where he will simply try to answer your question as clearly as he can. Thank you in advance for your participation.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, August 1**, at 7 p.m., at the rectory.

In partnership with both 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 until 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 still available at the Candle Desk. Save the date and plan to support America's *Night Out* against crime! (**NOTES:**

Don't forget to sell all your 50/50 raffles tickets, as the parish will benefit from this fundraiser. Also, baked goods and help are needed for our booth at this event; please see Carol Deerson.)

Have you ever wondered how you, as a layperson, could participate in the Liturgy in a very special way? Would you like to have prayers said on behalf of your loved ones on Sundays? Do you enjoy baking? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, join our group of "holy rollers" in making **Prosphora (Holy Bread)** in the hall on **Saturday, August 18**, starting at 9 a.m. This is a great way to nurture your faith through knowledge of service to God and others—come!

Our **8th Annual School Supply Drive** for all the elementary children in need throughout South River continues through **Sunday, August 26**. Donations can be dropped off in a box in the church vestibule. Backpacks and the basics (pencils, erasers, blunt-tip scissors, glue sticks, crayons, markers, three-ring binders, construction paper, pens, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, dividers, folders with inside pockets) are requested. Monetary offerings are also welcome; they can be given directly to Drive Chairman, **Allison Steffaro**. This 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.

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.

Parish Council will meet on **Monday, September 17**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

The **Annual Parish Fall Festival** will be held on **Saturday, September 29**; additional information will be forthcoming.

* News That Matters *

STEWARDSHIP: TIME & TREASURE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **107**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Sprogis**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Edwards**.

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST There is an urgent need for volunteers for this ministry in August, **OTHER** than representatives of **Parish Council**, the **Altar Society**, the **Men's Club**, the **Saint Anne's Guild** and the **Senior R Club**. See any member of Council to find out what's required to host. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, Coffee Hour next month will be **CANCELLED**.

SINCERE THANKS to the **Altar Society** for hosting *Coffee Hour* this month and to **Team Dziemian (Gregory & Joshua Chup, Hank Dziemian, Anastasia Essl, James Kornafel, Helene Titsch)** for cleaning the church throughout July. Such great participation in these two parish ministries by everyone involved is truly worthy of all God's blessings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Juliana Nehrebecki** who will be celebrating a significant milestone on Friday. May Christ's love continue to fill her life with joy for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following parishioners, family members and friends, as well as all the victims, both living and dead, of the recent shooting in the movie theater in Aurora, Colorado:

<u><i>Departed</i></u>		<u><i>Sick</i></u>	<u><i>Servicemen</i></u>
Ana Sigalas	Elaine Ashton	Bishop NIKON (Liolin)	Ivan Shidlovsky
Dr. Veselin Kesich	Irene Boulle	Archpriest Alexander Atty	Lisa Beard
Olga Smith	Edward Romanofsky	Ivert (Fred) Kirkirt	Gregory Nosol
Matushka Sophia Soroka	Walentyna Posluszny	Myrna Woznica	Patrick Lohr
Bernard Diehl	Michael Dargento	Joseph (Jay) Pelleriti	Keith Sudder
Timothy Magee	Julia Glazer	Jean Catherine Brooks	Priest Paul Rivers
Doris Snowden-Gant	Joseph Casale	Samuel Garretson	Fred Bush
Stefan Wilczynski	Donna Casale	Joseph Posluszny	Travis Hartman
Marilyn Ferraro	Lasha Giorgi Pozidiz	Gilson Costa	Elizabeth Brent
Nicholas Bilas	Dorothy Swenticky	Pearl Blower	Kyle Abbott
Anna Janiszewski	John Cameron	Ellie Jacobs	Priest Sean Levine
	Katherine Tarzewski	Julio Andres Veramende	Gary Amatrudo Jr.
	Martha Drobnak	Dee	Steven Moore
	Dorothy Sopchak	Florence	James G. Teller
	Margo Stewart	Karen Zimmerman	
	Adam Huba	Beth Van Orden	
	Thea Casale	Iwan Jakimtschuk	
	David Hebert	Andriy Kinash	
	Robert Smith	Michael Myslinski	

Thomas Roche	John Holod
Olga Romanofsky	Dorothy Vernak
Alyssa Rosatelli	Dr. John B. Smith
Larry Kimpert	Donna Kara
Patricia Cottrell	Nella Mirabile
Elaine Schwartz	Trey Gerstmyer
Athene Demitry	Margaret Butch
John Centrello	Mary Carol Burchill
Nancy Filak	Barbara Rusnak
Charles Csenica	Kenneth Crowley
Barbara Parhizgar	Sandra Webster
Mikola Zakrewsky	Roxana
Kim Walker	Jeannine Polinsky
Dennis Silowka	Nadia Corso
Alexandre Kurtanidze	John Corso
Darren Flynn	Linda Mignone
Beth Williscroft	Carmela Pagano
Malcolm Bradford	Pauline Dziemian
Barbara Longo	Luba Kachur
Eva Fedash	Dorothy Posluszny
Olga Kozlov	

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

A JOYOUS ANNIVERSARY to **Edward & Jane Zelasko** who were united in Holy Matrimony 44 years ago this week. May the love they share for each other and the Lord continue to grow with each passing year—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MEMORY ETERNAL The handmaid of God, **Anna Janiszewski**, fell asleep in Lord on Thursday, July 26, the Feast of Saint Jacob Netsvetov; she was the dear aunt of **Anastasia Essl** and **Paula Mindzak**. We offer our prayers and deepest sympathy to them and their families. May her soul enjoy eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven—Vechnaya Pamyat!

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).



*We are again poised on the threshold of a time of increased prayer and abstinence—the **Dormition Fast**—which begins **this Wednesday** and continues until the great feast of the Falling-Asleep of the Holy Theotokos on August 15. Unfortunately, many people ignore this two-week period; they find it bothersome to follow the established fasting disciplines of the Faith, especially during the summer. This is a sad reality and one that goes totally against what the Church teaches.*

*Just as the Virgin Mary passed through the experience of death by praying and fasting, we do the same out of love and devotion for her, realizing that we, **through death**, must also pass from this earthly life to eternal life. Even though she was the holiest among the holy, Mary chose to identify with the rest of us and face the challenges of human life that culminated in her falling asleep in the arms of her Life-giving Son. Why? Because she loved and trusted Him and it is these qualities, along with her courage, that we need to reflect upon in the days to come.*

*Please observe this period to the best of your abilities. As with all the fasting seasons throughout the year, there is the **material fast** (food, drink and earthly pleasures) and the **spiritual fast** (prayer and charitable deeds). Together, they discipline and enable the body **and** soul to become closer to the Lord. Formulate a personal pattern that incorporates both and stick to it.*

*Unlike Great Lent, there are no special liturgical services prescribed for the Dormition Fast. To help us, however, in our spiritual preparation for this holiday, the **Akathist to the Most-holy Theotokos** will be served on **Friday, August 10**, starting at 7 p.m. Come and participate as we express our love and devotion to the Mother of Life.*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!