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**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

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**Sun. 26 July (July 13th) SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 6. COMMEMORATION of the HOLY FATHERS of the FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS. Synaxis of ARCHANGEL GABRIEL. St. STEPHEN of St. Sabbas Monastery (794). JULIAN, Bishop of Constantinople (1st C.) Martyrs SERAPION (193) and MARCINIAN (258)**

**Romans 15:1-7 Matthew 9:27-35**

**Hebrews 13:7-16 John 17:1-13**

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**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Eight Week After Pentecost**

**Mon. 27 July** Apostle Aquila of the Seventy, and St. Priscilla (1st c.). Martyr Justus at Rome (1st c.). Ven. Ellius (Hellius) of Egypt (4th c.).

**1 Cor. 9:13-18 Mt. 16:1-6**

**Tue. 28 July Celebration of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine (988). Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr, enlightener of the Kyiv Rus (1015).**

**Acts. 19:1-8 Mt. 28:16-20**

**Gal. 1:11-19 Jn. 10:1-9**

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (restriction of 30 people; also available Online)***

**Wed. 29 July (Fast Day)** Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia and Alevtina, (308).

**1 Cor. 10:12-22 Mt. 16:20-24**

**Thu. 30 July** Great-martyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.). Translation of the relics of Venerable Lazarus, (1054).

**1 Cor. 10:28–11:7 Mt. 16:24-28**

**Fri. 31 July (Fast Day)** Ven. Pambo, hermit of Egypt (386). Ven. John the Long-suffering of the Kyiv Caves (1160). Ven. Pambo, recluse of the Kyiv Caves (1241).

**1 Cor. 11:8-22 Mt. 17:10-18**

**Sat. 01 August** Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great (380). Ven. Dius, abbot, of Antioch (430). Ven. Paisius of the Kyiv Caves (14th c.).

**Rom. 13:1-10 Mt. 12:30-37**

***5:00 PM Great Vespers***

**Sun. 02 August Holy Glorious Prophet Elias (Elijah) (9th c. B.C.). Uncovering of the relics of St. Athanasius, abbot, of Brest-Lytovsk (1649).**

**1 Cor. 1:10-18 Mt. 14:14-22**

**Jas. 5:10-20 Lk. 4:22-30**

***8:30 AM Third & Sixth Hours***

***9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (restriction of 30 people; also available Online)***

**Fathers of the First Six Councils**. In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constnatinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene. (www.oca.org)

**PROPERS FOR LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

***Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 6***

The angelic powers were at Your tomb. The guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure Body. You captured Hell not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin granting Life. Lord, Who arose from the dead; Glory to You.

***Tropar of the Dormition, Tone 1***

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity. In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, Birth-Giver of God. You were translated to life, Mother of Life, and through your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

***Tropar to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8***

You are most glorious, O Christ our God. You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the True Faith. O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You.

***Kondak of the Resurrection, Tone 6***

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, with His Life-giving Hand raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery, He bestowed Resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior, the Resurrection, the Life and the God of all.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.***

***Kondak to the Holy Fathers, Tone 8***

The Apostle’s preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy.

***Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.***

***Kondak of the Dormition, Tone 2***

Neither the tomb nor death had power over the Birth-Giver of God; she is ever watchful in her prayers and in her intercession lies un-failing hoe. For as the Mother of Life, she has been translated to life by the One Who dwelt within her ever-virgin womb.

***Prokimen of the Resurrection, Tone 6.***

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

***Verse:*** O Lord, to You will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

***Prokimen to the Holy Fathers, Tone 4***

Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fat hers, praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

***Epistle Readings: Romans 15:1-7 & Hebrews 13:7-16***

***Alleluia Verses in Tone 6***

He who dwells in the aid of the Most High will abide in the shelter of the God of heaven.

He will say to the Lord; You are my helper and my refuge. He is my God and I will hope in Him.

***Gospel Readings: Matthew 9:27-35 & John 17:1-13***

***Communion Hymn:***

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Rejoice in the Lord you Righteous; praise befits the upright. Alleluia (3X)

**Sign up for each liturgy by 7 p.m. Saturday as the guidelines restrict us to 30 people.**

**Please make the appointments for the Sacrament of Confession, Saturdays between 9:30 AM-4:00 PM.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

30 July…Michael & Martha Misko

**BIRTHDAYS:**

26 July…Sean Nemeh

27 July…Caroline Hallman

30 July…Rosemarie Pypiuk

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**We are sad to announce our parishioner Julia Plotsko passed. She was buried July 21. Memory Eternal to the newly departed servant of God Julia!**

27 July…Andrew Krayowsky ‘64

28 July…Volodymyr Zherebecky ’27, Stephen Yaremchuk ‘96

29 July…John Zadubera ’48, Volodymyr Karpenko ‘01

30 July…Ilia Kubalo ’31, Agrippina Radchuk ‘68

31 July…Alex Kereb’87, Kathryn Sawka ’04,

 Andriy Haschenko ‘96

01 Aug…Metro Bodnyk ‘98

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Allan Bach, James Osmun, Matthew, Lubov Slonova, Chet Bohanek, William Savitz, Catherine Kochenash, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Mariana Goshow, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous.

**Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel:** The Archangel Gabriel was chosen by the Lord to announce to the Virgin Mary about the Incarnation of the Son of God from Her, to the great rejoicing of all mankind. Therefore, on the day after the Feast of the Annunciation, the day on which the All-Pure Virgin is glorified, we give thanks to the Lord and we venerate His messenger Gabriel, who contributed to the mystery of our salvation.

Gabriel, the holy Archistrategos (Leader of the Heavenly Hosts), is a faithful servant of the Almighty God. He announced the future Incarnation of the Son of God to those of the Old Testament; he inspired the Prophet Moses to write the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), he announced the coming tribulations of the Chosen People to the Prophet Daniel (Dan. 8:16, 9:21-24); he appeared to Saint Anna (July 25) with the news that she would give birth to the Virgin Mary.

The holy Archangel Gabriel remained with the Holy Virgin Mary when She was a child in the Temple of Jerusalem, and watched over Her throughout Her earthly life. He appeared to the Priest Zachariah, foretelling the birth of the Forerunner of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist.

The Lord sent him to Saint Joseph the Betrothed in a dream, to reveal to him the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God from the All-Pure Virgin Mary, and warned him of the wicked intentions of Herod, ordering him to flee into Egypt with the divine Infant and His Mother. When the Lord prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before His Passion, the Archangel Gabriel, whose very name signifies “Man of God” (Luke. 22:43), was sent from Heaven to strengthen Him. The Myrrh-Bearing Women heard from the Archangel the joyous news of Christ’s Resurrection (Mt.28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8). Mindful of the manifold appearances of the holy Archangel Gabriel and of his zealous fulfilling of God’s will, and confessing his intercession for Christians before the Lord, the Orthodox Church calls upon its children to pray to the great Archangel with faith and love. (www.goarch.org)

**St. Olha, Mother of Ukrainian Christianity.** In 945 after the death of Prince Ihor, his widow, Olha, became regent for their young son. Olha was baptized in Constantinople in 955, taking the Christian name Helena. The Byzantine Emperor Constantine VII Porphyrogenitus was her godfather. Princess Olha is considered the "Mother of Ukrainian Christianity" and later was canonized by the Church with the title, "Equal to the Apostles." Despite her requests, her son Sviatoslav did not become a Christian. But her grandson, Volodymyr, after searching for a modern faith for his ascendant nation, eventually became a Christian and brought his country into the family of Christian states.

**St. Volodymyr, Baptizer of Kyivan Rus**. Volodymyr, a great pagan warrior, witnessed the growth of his Kyivan State with ever- increasing ties to Constantinople. According to the Povist' vremennykh lit (The Tale of Bygone Years), one of the first Ukrainian histories, edited by St. Nestor the Chronicler (c. 1100) to record the events in Kyivan Rus' through the 11th century, Volodymyr sought to find a true faith for his people. So he sent delegations of learned men to the several capitals of the known world to investigate how their nations' peoples worshipped God. Delegations to the Western Latin Church in Germany, to the Jewish Khazars in the south, and to the Volga Bulgar Muslims all reported disappointing accounts about the beliefs and practices of those faiths. But the emissaries returning from Constantinople, having witnessed the Divine Liturgy in Hagia Sophia (the Great Church of Constantinople, built by the Emperor Justinian in the 6th century) reported that "while we were in church, we did not know whether we were in heaven or on earth." Volodymyr launched a campaign against the Byzantine city of Kherson in the Crimea, accepted Christian baptism with the name Basil and returned the city to the Emperor in return for his marriage to the emperor's sister, Anna. On August 1, 988, Great Prince Volodymyr ordered the mass baptism of the Ukrainian people of Kyiv and established Orthodox Christianity as the state religion in his realm. Volodymyr ruled Kyiv from 979-1015 and gradually Christianity spread to the villages and towns and rural areas, even though elements of paganism continued for several centuries. The first stone church in Ukraine was built by Volodymyr in 996 and became known as the Church of the Tithes, or Dormition of the Virgin. The first Bishop of Kyiv, Mykhail (988-991), was sent by the Patriarch of Constantinople, and thus began a 700 year relationship of the Kyivan Church with the Patriarchate of Constantinople. (By Father Protodeacon Mikhail Sawarynski)