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HOLY APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY AND DEACONS: PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, AND PARMENAS July 28, 2024

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 3

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas, entreat the merciful God,// to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 1

The glorious Nícanor, Próchorus, Parménas, and Tímon, the honored deacons and eyewitnesses of the Word, have been revealed as chosen vessels of the Faith. Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory today,// blessing you with gladness of heart.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas

Saints Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Apostles of the Seventy were among the first deacons in the Church of Christ. In the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-6) it is said that the twelve Apostles chose seven men: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appointed them to serve as deacons.

They are commemorated together on July 28, although they died at various times and in various places. At first, Saint Prochorus accompanied the holy Apostle Peter, who made him bishop in the city of Nicomedia. After the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, Prochorus was a companion and coworker of the holy Apostle John the Theologian and was banished with him to the island of Patmos. There he wrote down the Book of Revelation concerning the final fate of the world. Upon returning to Nicomedia, Saint Prochorus converted pagans to Christ in the city of Antioch, where he suffered martyrdom.

Although Saint Nicanor suffered on the same day that the holy Protomartyr Stephen (December 27) and many other Christians were killed by stoning, he is also commemorated on December 28. Saint Timon was later appointed by the

Apostles as bishop of the city of Bostra in Arabia and suffered from the Jews and pagans for preaching the Gospel. He was thrown into a furnace, but by the power of God he came out of it unharmed. The tradition of the Roman Church says that Saint Timon died by crucifixion. Saint Timon is also commemorated on December 30. Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died after being afflicted with an illness. Some say that Saint Parmenas suffered martyrdom under Trajan (98-117) in the final year of his reign.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:3

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

To add a name, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

For the Sick / Caregiver

Serge (7/7)

Melody (7/7)

Michael (7/7)

Charlotte (7/7)

Athena (7/7)

Lynne (7/14)

Matushka Mary (7/14)

Father Paul (7/14)

Alexandra (7/14)

Bill (7/14)

Fr. Paul Kucynda (7/14)

Dale (7/14)

Kelly (7/21)

Liam (7/21)

Athanasia-Trudy (7/28)

Carmine (7/28)

Marianne (7/28)

Anthony (7/28)

For the Deceased

Pauline (7/14)

Olga (7/14)

Katherine (7/14)

Edmund (7/14)

Arthur (7/14)

Herta (7/28)

Pelageja (7/28)

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the Week of July 28

Sunday July 28 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Thursday August 1 – Beginning of Dormition Fast (through August 14)

Saturday August 3 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday August 4 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

July 21 – 49 adults, 15 youth, \$2,484

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Bill Hazelton and Galina Shubina in their recent Chrismation into the Orthodox faith!

Many thanks to Herman's cousin, Andrew, who constructed and installed the beautiful new candle desk and credenza. Andrew, as you can see, is a very skilled woodworker, and we very much appreciate how his talents have helped beautify our church even more. God bless you, Andrew!

Our thanks to Nicholas Reeves for last weekend's choir/music workshop. And we thank the many people who participated in the workshops and sing in our choir! At the same time, we welcome our new Choir Director, Benjamin Stell and his wife Julie to our parish. Please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself to Benjamin and Julie.

The Dormition Fast begins this Thursday, August 1 and lasts through August 14, the eve of the holy day of Dormition.

If you are in need of a box of Offering Envelopes, please see Alex Brasowski or someone at the candle desk.

Many of you may not be aware that the church has two cemeteries located in Hamilton, NJ, not far from the church. If you are interested in purchasing a plot (cost is \$1,000 including perpetual care) please speak with Father Volodymyr, Michael Toth, or a member of the Parish Council.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Brody Villabon – July 29

Sydney Silva – July 30

Alex Godun – July 31

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, wiping down the tables, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. **PLEASE NOTE: Your assigned Coffee Hour Support Person will provide guidance, however, the Support Person will leave Daria Hall at 9:55 AM to attend church services. If you have arrived late or are not finished, you will be provided the key to lock the Hall when you are leaving for church services.** If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) **with advance notice to reserve the specific date to host the event.** The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

July 28 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky

Aug. 4 **FAST** Luwam Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa

Aug. 11 **FAST** Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes
Aug. 18 Ladies Assumption Altar Society
Aug. 25 Alex Godun, Blake & Jessica Kilgore
Sept. 1 Tyler Burger, Awet Tesfa
Sept. 8 Olga & James Bates, Tanya & Walter Tribbey
Sept. 15 James & Monia Pitra, Anne Cheslock
Sept. 22 **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – NO COFFEE HOUR**
Sept. 29 Sami Bachir, Nour Ragab
Oct. 6 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa, Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav
Oct. 13 **ANNUAL TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR**
Oct. 20 Eleni Athanatos & Tom Sowanick, Alan & Mimi Berck
Oct. 27 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun
Nov. 3 Matthew Anderson, Ludwin Lopez
Nov. 10 Galina Shubina, Amber Touch
Nov. 17 Fiyori Habtesillasse, Lemlem Woldearegay
Nov. 24 **FAST** Peter Abdallah, Jim Galcik
Dec. 1 **FAST** Natalia Kolomatskaia, Trudy Ellmore
Dec. 8 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Hannah Dougherty
Dec. 15 **FAST** Vera Pschenyczny, Amleset Gebrekvistas
Dec. 29 Valeria & Timothy Srock, Guy Radcliffe
Jan. 5 Darice Keyes, Bill & Margie DiCicco
Jan. 12 Aftan Chowansky, Alex & Brittani Brasowski

Have a healthy, blessed week!