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APOSTLES SILAS AND SILVANUS OF THE SEVENTY

July 30, 2023

TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 7

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Troparion – Tone 3

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus, entreat the merciful God// to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion – Tone 7

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion – Tone 4

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones, bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation. Receiving it, we are filled with gladness, and we celebrate your most honored memory, Apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus.// Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be granted to us.

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy

The Holy Apostle of the Seventy Silas was a disciple of the Savior. Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, and Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household.

From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church. At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.

The Holy Apostle of the Seventy Silvanus was a disciple of the Savior. The Holy Apostle Silvanus preached the Word of God together with the chief Apostles Peter and Paul. In his First Epistle, the holy Apostle Peter makes mention of him: "By Silvanus, a faithful brother to you, as I suppose, I have written briefly..." (1 Peter 5:12). Saint Silvanus was made bishop at Thessalonica and died there a martyr, having undergone many sorrows and misfortunes for the Lord's sake.

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the week of July 30

Sunday July 30 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Tuesday August 1 – The Dormition Fast begins today through August 14

Saturday August 5 – **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** 5:00 PM Vespers with Litya followed by Confession

Sunday August 6 – **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

July 23 – 43 adults, 10 youth, \$1,496

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dormition Fast begins on Tuesday August 1 and lasts through August 14. Please remember to refrain from meat and dairy products during the Fast.

If anyone has jelly jars from the purchase of blackberry jam last year, please bring them to Alla. Thank you.

If you would like to travel to Arizona October 2-6 and visit St. Anthony Monastery, please speak with Father Volodymyr ASAP as he is putting together a list of travelers. The last date to reserve a spot will be August 5. There is space for 15 women and 15 men (children would stay in a room with a parent) at the Monastery Monday and Tuesday nights. An email was sent to the parish earlier this week with more details.

Spring water used to make coffee and tea is needed for Coffee Hour. Please donate a few gallons!

A Parish "Directory" with photos and identifying names of all parishioners is in the works. This will help us all with "putting a face to the name"! When you are at Daria Hall for Coffee Hour, please see Awet Tesfa to get your picture taken.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! **We are interested in your favorite recipes**, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sydney Silva – July 30

Alex Godun – July 31

Zacharias Cassar – August 5

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

COFFEE HOUR

Please remember the Coffee Hour Helpers do not bring any refreshments for Coffee Hour, but are there to assist in setting up for Coffee Hour. Hosts are responsible for: Providing the refreshments, setting up in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM with guidance from the Helper, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing and drying dishes, and taking out the trash. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky, Alla Strauss, or the Helper assigned to your Coffee Hour date.

COFFEE HOUR PARAMETERS:

1. Plan on providing refreshments for 50 people.
2. Food items are limited to: 4 doz. Bagels/breads (2 doz. per host)
4 doz. Donuts/pastries (2 doz. per host)
Fruit
2 gallons water for coffee (1 gallon per host)
Green Salad
Sugar-free dessert/pie
Tortilla chips & salsa

NOTE: For Fasting Coffee Hour:

Bagels (except egg & cheese bagels) and some breads (rye) are non-dairy.

Oreos and most apple pies are non-dairy.

Hosts may provide homemade non-dairy breads and/or desserts.

3. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese/Tofu cream cheese, butter/margarine, or milk is needed.
4. The church will provide coffee, tea, assorted coffee creamers, peanut butter, jelly, paper products, water bottles, and juice.
5. Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.
6. Hosts take home or give away ALL leftover refreshments so the freezer and refrigerator do not get clogged with unused food.

(The last name listed is the Coffee Hour Helper)

July 30 Nour Ragab, Eleni Athanatos, Francine Meyer

Aug. 6 **FAST** Herman & Francine Brady, Gabriella Plesa

Aug. 13 **FAST** Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Trudy Ellmore, Alla Strauss

Aug. 20 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Guy Radcliffe, Awet Tesfa

Aug. 27 Ladies Assumption Altar Society

Sept. 3 Tahara & Germain Ortiz, Alan & Mimi Berck, Alla Strauss

Sept. 10 Olga & James Bates, Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Darice Keyes

Sept. 17 Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Svetlana Sosedov, Nina Laushell

Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Oct. 1 Vera Pschenyczny, Paul & Patti Denko, Francine Meyer
Oct. 8 John Cassar, Christina DiDonato, Alla Strauss
Oct. 15 Ramazi Shubitidze, Ilonica & Corneliu Balasa, Nancy Mitsos
Oct. 22 Tony Vashkevich, Manny & Lourdes Montiel, Awet Tesfa
Oct. 29 Nina Laushell, Alex Godun, Darice Keyes
Nov. 5 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky, Francine Meyer
Nov. 12 Natalia Kolomatskaia, Matthew & Kris Bohush, Alla Strauss
Nov. 19 **FAST** Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun, Darice Keyes
Nov. 26 **FAST** Gebrekvistos Amleset, Awet Tesfa
Dec. 3 **FAST** Nicholas Torrisi, Nina Laushell
Dec. 10 **FAST** Victoryia Baranava, Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos
Dec. 17 **FAST** Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Melody Stavisky, Darice Keyes
Dec. 24 **FAST** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Alla Strauss
Dec. 31 Nebiat Tesfa, Luwam Tesfa, Francine Meyer