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SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 28.....9:00am Third Hour
9:15am General Confession
9:30am Divine Liturgy
12:00pm Marriage of Kristen
Connerat and William Hayes

Thursday, August 1.....7:00am Akathist to the Theotokos
Beginning of Dormition Fast 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 4.....9:00am Third Hour
9:15am Prayer Service to St.
Herman
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Monday, August 5.....6:00pm Vespers with Litiya
Eve of Transfiguration Blessing of Fruit

Tuesday, August 6.....9:00am Divine Liturgy
Holy Transfiguration Blessing of Fruit



Christ Frees the Gadarene Demoniacs

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5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím,

Bishop of Tambov (1698). Ven. Moses, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.). Martyr Eustathius (Eustace—ca. 321), of Apamea. Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.). The Smolensk “Hodēgéttria” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Mother of God (brought from Constantinople in 1046). Seraphim-Diveyevo Tenderness Icon of the Mother of God (1885).

Epistle: [Romans](#) [10:1-10](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 8:28-9:1](#)

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Teaching: When did the first celebration of the Eucharist take place? We have in the Gospels a description of the Last Supper; we also have an account in the epistles of St. Paul of the Eucharistic practices of the early Church. But when did the Apostles, for the first time, celebrate this Eucharist, which we celebrate today? ... Looking at the New Testament it would appear, although we are not told this, that Pentecost is the most likely moment for the first Eucharist to have taken place.

In this case it would be no coincidence that in the liturgical practice of the Russian Church, at the very heart of the Eucharistic celebration, during the epiklesis itself, the prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit on the gifts is actually interrupted, opened up, and into it is inserted the troparion of the Third Hour. That Troparion refers specifically to Pentecost: "O Lord, who didst send down Thy most Holy Spirit upon Thine Apostles at the third hour, take Him not from us, O Good One, but renew Him in us who pray unto Thee."

And so at this central moment in the Eucharist, our prayer is that Pentecost will in some sense be repeated; that it will be made new in our midst. As a result, we can say that every Liturgy is in some sense a renewal of Pentecost; every Liturgy breaks down the distance, in time and space, between this present moment and

that moment in the past when the disciples were gathered together to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Eucharistic celebration becomes one with that of the Apostles; one, because the eternal Spirit of the one God is present with the community at that moment, and can draw it together into oneness across not only spacial barriers, but even the barriers of time. The Holy Spirit draws us into a oneness, which is in the end an image, an icon of the oneness of God.

And so there is a clear relationship with the past, between each and every Eucharistic celebration and the gathering of the Church at Pentecost. However, it bears no resemblance to nostalgia; instead it is reality, it is the presence of God in our midst.

-- Bishop Basil (Osborne), "Living in the Future", Living Orthodoxy in the Modern World

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Holy Apostles of the
Seventy and Deacons:
Prochorus, Nicanor,
Timon, and Parmenas
(Commemorated July 28)

Tone 3 Troparion

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

Tone 1 Kontakion

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.

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*“The canonical hymns of the Church provide another means for us to hear the
voice of Christ, transforming the deepest places of our hearts, accessible through
music.”*

~ Archimandrite Sergius, Acquiring the Mind of Christ

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The Smolensk “Hodēgētria” Icon of the Theotokos, or “She who leads the way,” was, according to Church Tradition, painted by the holy Evangelist Luke during the earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos. The holy hierarch Demetrius of Rostov suggests that this icon was painted at the request of Theophilus, the prefect of Antioch. From Antioch the holy image was transferred to Jerusalem. From there the empress Eudokia, the spouse of Arcadius, gave it at Constantinople to Pulcheria, the sister of the emperor, who put the holy icon in the Blachernae church.



Saint Irene Chrysovalantou

(Commemorated on [July 28](#))

Troparion — Tone 5

You did not obtain an earthly kingdom, but now Christ, your most comely Bridegroom, has deemed you worthy of incorruptible crowns; for you dedicated yourself to Him with all your heart and soul, O Venerable Mother Irene, the glory of Chrysovalantou, our refuge and our help.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Leaving behind the entire world with its temporal glory, you were wedded to Christ, the immortal and holy King, bringing to Him as a precious dowry your virginity and the trophies you have won over the demons through abstinence. O Venerable Mother Irene, entreat your Bridegroom

to grant us mercy.

Read her life:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/07/28/102119-saint-irene-chrysovolantou>

THANK YOU to all those who contributed dishes to last Sunday's Pot Luck Coffee Hour. Thank you, as well, to those who cleaned up afterward.



EXCERPT from THANK YOU LETTER: "Thanks so much for your 2nd quarter 2024 donations totaling 157 pounds of food. Your thoughtful gift allows us to provide our neighbors with an ample

amount of safe, nutritious food to keep themselves and their families healthy. Without you, they would have nowhere to turn." *The full letter is posted on the bulletin board in Founders Hall.*



SUPPORT OUR SOLDIER - A care package was recently sent out to **Isaiah Allen**, who is deployed overseas, and another package is being prepared to be sent out in August. (Donation deadline **August 4th.**) There will be a collection box in Founders Hall marked with Isaiah's name. Requested items are:

- a pack of markers
- a pack of colored pencils
- a pad of drawing paper

- puzzle pad
- baby wipes
- sunflower seeds
- gummy snacks
- beef jerky
- different flavored oreo cookies
- swedish fish
- starbursts
- protein bars
- mio to add to water
- note cards written to Isaiah wishing him well
- drawings from children

BELL TOWER - Help is needed for staining the bell tower. (We have the supplies.) If you can help, please contact Peter Dardaganis at pdardaganis1@gmail.com or text to (973) 919-6699.



SAVE THE DATE for our Church's **60th Anniversary Celebration**, scheduled for Sunday, October 6th, 2024. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a luncheon. Details and the cost of tickets will be forthcoming.



A SUMMER CHORAL WORKSHOP **this Saturday** for singers and conductors

- **WHO** - with Juliana Woodill
- **WHERE** - SS. Peter and Paul, Syracuse, NY
- **WHEN** - **Saturday, July 27th, 2024**

- **REGISTER**

- [https://mcusercontent.com/c4f1d2c6e7cdc04fe0540a5ff/files/b646765f-680f-d26a-a9c7-6362bf305ee9/Summer Choral Workshop July 27th 2024.01.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/c4f1d2c6e7cdc04fe0540a5ff/files/b646765f-680f-d26a-a9c7-6362bf305ee9/Summer_Choral_Workshop_July_27th_2024.01.pdf)



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PRISON MINISTRY

Assembly of Bishops Blesses July 30th as “Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday”

More

info:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/assembly-of-bishops-blesses-july-30th-as-prison-ministry-awareness-sunday>

A PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE will be held in our deanery at St. Gregory Palamas Church in Glen Gardner, NJ on Saturday, August 10. This annual conference is intended for any and all members of our diocesan parishes, especially those who are serving on parish councils.

Flyer:

https://mcusercontent.com/c4f1d2c6e7cdc04fe0540a5ff/files/9cb96872-ae92-009d-7b8f-00213a0ecf6c/Parish_Council_Conference_Flyer_2024.pdf



FUTURE COFFEE HOURS

July 28 - Pot Luck

August 4 - open

August 11 - open

August 18 - open

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