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Sunday, July 31 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost / The Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Epistle Rom. 15:1-7; Heb. 13:7-16 Gospel Matt. 9:27-35; John 17:1-13 tone 6th

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. **Blessing of vehicles.** Coffee hour in church basement

Monday August 1 Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, August 2 – Holy Prophet Elijah / Sveti Prorok Ilija Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Thursday, August 4 – Holy Myrhh-bearer Mary Magdalene / Sv Marija Magdalena Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, August 6 – St Christina / Sv Hristina Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, August 7 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / The Dormition of St Anna

Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 8:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 9 am. Coffee hour in church basement. Board meeting

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 14 – Beginning of Dormition fast / Početak Gospojinskog posta

19 – Holy Transfiguration / Preobraženje

We are praying especially for: Radovan and Darlene Jovanovich, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Verelote, Millie Skoryi, Donna Moses, Steven Pyevich, Rebecca Prieboy, Tatjana Voight, Steva Iacsin, Milovan Eric, Milorad Stamenkovich, Danny Kisich, Gayle Shimek, Nicholas Malinovich, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

Pomens (litany for reposed): +Arthur Schumann, given by Olga Schumann and family; +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Nicholas and +Beda Nikolich, +Paul Shimek and +Joyce Bauman, given by Pete/Kathy Petkovich; +Jack Astorino, given by Bill/Marty Seemann; +Barbara Kozak, given by Kirk Stapinski

A Huge Thank You: To everyone who worked last Sunday's picnic, thank you so much. David Laketa, who ran the show, thank you. And what impressed me about him was he went around to all the workers and fist bumped and thanked all of them. The final numbers aren't in yet but I'm sure you all will be impressed with the profit from this fundraiser. I won't steal David's or Vicki's thunder on what the amount is, I'll leave that to them. I'm sure a lot of you slept well Sunday evening as it sure was a long day for so many of you. Nice to see so many in our colony rolling up their sleeves for this common cause- the welfare of our church and social center. Thanks so much again. I'm very grateful. Dan Dorsey.

When our college students leave their homes to study outside of their parishes they should look for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship at their new campuses. OCF is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF transforms the lives of college students in the United States and Canada by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship and education. Most of the bigger Colleges and Universities have organized OCF. Students, look for the OCF when you move in the campuses and parents please encourage your children to stay connected with their Orthodox church, OCF and /or local Orthodox church. Please let Fr Aleksandar know if you need more info about OCF and/or contact of the local Orthodox church in the town that your child is going to school.

It is important to periodically remind ourselves about holy communion

When the time for communion comes, if you are prepared, please come out of the pews and loudly read the prayers before communion. Venerate the ikon and cross your arms on your chest and approach the chalice with great contrition of heart. In some Orthodox traditions, the faithful turn toward the congregation after the prayers are read, turn and bow down to the faithful on each side asking their forgiveness and prayers. I think it is a wonderful Orthodox tradition which we should accept. Please tell the priest your baptism name before you receive communion. Please don't cross yourself in front of the chalice, open your mouth and put your head back, rather kiss the bottom of it after you partake of the communion. Take a piece of blessed bread and with bowed head go back to your place. Ladies should cover their heads during communion and not wear a heavy lipstick which leaves marks on the spoon/chalice.

At the end of the Liturgy, please come to venerate ikons in the middle of church and all ikons in front of the altar. Kiss the cross from the priest's hand and receive the blessed bread or prosphora. Please consume it and all crumbs from your hand. If you partook of Holy Communion, please go back to your place and open the liturgy book at the end where the prayers after communion are located. At the end the priest will start with "Glory to Thee o Lord, glory to Thee" 3x and after everyone is loudly reading the prayers. If we have guests or visitors in our church, please be kind and welcome them and invite them to our coffee hour and/or lunch if we are having one and walk with them downstairs or into the hall. Fr Aleksandar.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!