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Sunday, August 8 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost /Ven Parasceva of Trnovo /Трнова Петка

Epistle Rom. 15:1-7 Gospel Matt. 9:27-35 tone 6th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Monday, August 9 – Great Martyr Panteleimon / Св Пантелејмон

Thursday, August 12 – Mother Angelina of Serbia /Мајка Ангелина крушедолска

Saturday, August 14 – Holy Maccabeans / Почетак Госпојинског поста / Beginning of Dormition Fast
Vigil / Confession at 5 pm

Sunday, August 15 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Translation of relics of St Stephen the Protomartyr

Epistle I Cor. 1:10-18; Acts 6:8-15,7:1-5,7:47-60 Gospel Matt. 14:14-22; Matt. 21:33-42 tone 7th
3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Upcoming Feast days and events:

August 19 – Holy Transfiguration / Преображење
28 – Dormition of the Theotokos / Velika Gospojina
29 – Kolo sestara slava, slava rite and lunch in the social center

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Art Schumann, Richard Jovanovich, Christopher, Stevan Lunich, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Milos Acamovic, Donna Caton, Desa Henn, Mary Basarich, Rosa and Charles Estel, for all who are afflicted by coronavirus, 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 departed) +Richard Kovacevich, given by Jerry/Connie Kinney; +Richard Kovacevich, given by Dave/Neda Nissen; +Michael Kljaich, given by Sue Kljaich; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Dave/Olga Deschamp; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Cole/Jackie Schlegel; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Zachary Kocoj; +Milovan and +Gospava Kisich, given by Alexandra Kocoj; +Delores Malinovich, given by Steve Malinovich; +Paul Shimek, +John and +Bertha O'Brian and +Milan Jakovljevic, given by Gayle Shimek and Deacon Nenad/Stephanie Jakovljevic;

The presence of children in worship is a gift from our Lord and a reminder that our Church is growing. Any noise that children may make during the Divine Liturgy is pleasing to God's ears. In fact, one American Orthodox theologian, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, referred to the activity of children during Liturgy as "holy noise." Please greet our children and young families with smiles and encouragement. Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome and at home in our parish. At the same time parents have a sacred duty to teach their children about the House of God, proper prayerful behavior and the way we Orthodox should act and not just in the House of God but outside as well. The attitude of one in church should be reflected in one's attitude outside of the church, in the social hall, the school, in the work place, and in the home.

The Dormition fast was established as preceding the great feasts of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of the Dormition of the Mother of God. It lasts two weeks—from August 1/14–August 14/27 (old style/new style). The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. The Theotokos, the Virgin Mary, was "blessed among the women", and she was chosen to "bear the Savior of our souls". Orthodox Christians consider her to be the Queen of all the saints and angels.

Rejoice! O Virgin Theotokos! Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls! (**Memorize it**)

The essence of the fast is expressed in the following Church hymn: "If you fast from food, my soul, but are not purified of the passions, in vain do we comfort ourselves by not eating. For if the fast does not bring correction, then it will be hateful to God as false, and you will be like unto the evil demons, who never eat."

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.

Госпојински пост ће почети у суботу 14 августа и траје две седмице. Овај пост који је по важности одмах после Часног поста, посвећујемо Пресветој Богородици нашој Заступници и Небеској Царици. Потрудите се да постите и телесно а и духовно. Појачајте молитве, праштање и контролу свакодневног живота. Припремите се за исповест и св причест који су врхунац и право испуњење поста.

Деца која иду на факултете изван парохије треба на њиховим кампусима да траже православну организацију која окупља све православце а зове се Orthodox Christian Fellowship и да јој се активно прикључе.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!