



Sunday July 30, 2017 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery (1484). Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon, and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 8/05 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8/06 Holy Transfiguration

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Blessing of the first fruits

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
July 30	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Aug 06	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS
Aug 13	WALES	WALES	WALES
Aug 15	DORMITION		
Aug 20	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 3 Troparion *(from the Menaion)*

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

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind 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!”

Tone 4 Kontakion *(from the Menaion)*

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.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His
people with peace. *(Ps 28/29:11)*

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps 28/29:1)

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.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

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.*

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

VCS Aug. 7th-Aug. 9th 2017 Vacation Church School will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7, 8 & 9 from 5:30-8:00 PM. All of our Orthodox youth are invited to participate. We will begin each evening with a Family Potluck Dinner 5:30-6:00 PM followed by Activities, Crafts, Skits and more from 6:00-7:40 PM. Each day we will conclude with Evening Prayers at 7:40 p.m. All parents are encouraged to help with meal & snack coordination, skits, songs, crafts, etc. Please sign up in the narthex with child's name (first & last), age, and shirt size.

Dormition Fast and August Feast Days The liturgical calendar comes to its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1st and peaks on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. On Aug 6th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This feast commemorates our Lord's transfiguration before his disciples on Mt. Tabor. In His Transfiguration He reveals His glory to the disciples. In Him they (and we) now see for themselves the glory of God present in the person of Christ.

Parish Pot Luck/ Fellowship August 6th We invite all to stick around for our next parish potluck and extended fellowship outside (weather permitting), Sunday August 6, 2017 (Transfiguration).

This day we will also be blessing of the "First Fruits". We hope that during the Summer months we can extend our pot lucks to include some extended fellowship outdoors.

Book Review Attention Parents/Grandparents/Godparents: I wanted to recommend a book in our bookstore called "Parenting Toward the Kingdom" by Dr. Phillip Mamalakis. I put off reading it, (probably because parenting books make me feel guilty, since two of my kids are practically grown...) but I have to admit it really has excellent advice in how to nurture the virtues in your children, and in ourselves. The best part about the book is that it frames children's daily struggles as spiritual struggles, and suggests how parents should respond now, to give their kids the tools to fight spiritual battles long term, in life. Even if your kids are grown, you might want to read it for the grandkids and godchildren .
--Juliana Bunitsky

Different Centuries and Continents but the Same Goal

This past week the church celebrated two saints with different life circumstances but a shared determination to serve God's people in a particular way. Saint Jacob, Enlightener of the Alaskan Peoples and Saint Clement of Ochrid.

St. Clement, a thousand years earlier, helped people in Eastern Europe understand their faith by doing some of the same things Saint Jacob would do in North America in the nineteenth century.

Saint Clement was born in 840. He was a disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and took part in their mission to Moravia. Like his great teachers, he wanted the Slavic people to hear the Liturgy and read Scripture in their own language. But serious opposition came in the form of the German missionaries in Moravia, who with the Pope's support insisted that services be in Latin. Clement was imprisoned, ill-treated, and expelled from the country. He reached Bulgaria, and was welcomed as a teacher and a man able to enlighten the people. He opened schools, translated needed texts, and trained many priests. After being consecrated a bishop, his health failing, he finally retired to a monastery in Ochrid which he had founded. Clement was the first hierarch of Bulgaria to preach, write and serve in the people's own language. Saint Jacob (Netsvetov) was born in the Aleutian Islands in 1802. He attended seminary in Russia. After graduating, marrying, and being ordained a priest, he urgently wanted to return to Alaska, and did so in 1828.

Once there, Father Jacob faced a huge task, being responsible for an area that spread out over several islands in the Bering Sea. But despite exhaustion and the harsh climate, within six months of his arrival he had recorded over 400 chrismations, plus baptisms, weddings, and funerals. In 1836, tragedy struck the priest hard. His wife and father died, and the family house was destroyed by fire. But with the support of his bishop, Saint Innocent, he carried on. Like Saint Clement, his chief concern was that people should hear and understand the Liturgy and Scripture in their own languages. He invented two alphabets, translated, and personally taught his people. Later in life he traveled hundreds of miles to minister to families living along the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Saint Jacob also shared with Saint Clement the experience of being badly treated by those who feared his influence. In 1863 he was the victim of false but ugly accusations, and though he was completely cleared, his already-failing health was further undermined, and he died a year later.

Many of us take for granted having the Bible and worship services in our own language. But two saints we remember this week contended with huge difficulties to achieve that goal. Fortunately for us, they didn't let hardships or fierce opposition deter them. No doubt they rejoice when we honor their work by being faithful in church attendance and the reading of Scripture.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

When Christ asked us to love, He also gave us the strength to do it.

Elder Arsenie

Pray not pharisaically but publicanly, for you to also be justified by the Lord.

Praise of prayer is not the quantity but the quality. This becomes obvious from the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee and from the word of

Christ: "When you pray, don't babble like the idolaters, who think that with their much talking they will be heard" (Math. 6:7).

St Nilus of Sinai

'Do not wish what concerns you to be as seems (best) to you, but as God wishes; and you will be free from cares and thankful in your prayer.'

St. Nilus of Sinai

St. Paisios the Hagiorite says, "If Laymen do not murmur they will receive the same reward from God as ascetic monks." (murmur - a half-suppressed or muttered complaint: grumbling murmurs of disapproval)

*The Truly Blessed are not the ones who can work miracles or see angels;
The Truly Blessed are the ones who can see their own sins.*

St. Anthony the Great

A Christian must be courteous to all. His words and deeds should breathe with the grace of the Holy Spirit, which abides in his soul, so that in this way he might glorify the name of God. He who regulates all of his speech also regulates all of his actions. He who keeps watch over the words he is about say also keeps watch over the deeds he intends to do, and he never goes out of the bounds good and benevolent conduct. The graceful speech of a Christian is characterized by delicateness and politeness. This fact, born of love, produces peace and joy. On the other hand, boorishness gives birth to hatred, enmity, affliction, competitiveness, disorder and wars.

St. Nektarius of Aegina, The Path to Happiness, 7

Prayers for the Departed: Protodeacon Gregory Hatrack, Anwor Kawaja, Joseph Fetchina, Sister Theophano

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, William & Beverly (Elizabeth) Hulik

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-WatersPeck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Clerk</u>	<u>Library</u>
06-Aug	Pot Luck	Sheeler/Baldychev	Suplizi	Skomorucha
13-Aug	Kraiter /Cretu /Vladirova	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Maloney
20-Aug	Pacienza /Georg	Elia/Morjana	Hines	Lewis
27-Aug	Souder /Riley	Riley	Bunitsky	Gundersen

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jul-30 Nicholas
 Aug-06 TRANSFIGURATION SHARED
 Aug-13 Rafael
 Aug-20 Roel