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Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.
Church School Every Sunday at 10:45 A.M.
(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
Choir Rehearsals Every Thursday at 7:30 P.M.
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great; Ven. Dius, Abbot, of Antioch;

Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov;

Rt. Blv. Roman, Prince of Riazan'; Ven. Paisii of the Kiev Caves;

Bl. Stephen, King of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa

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“That angel in the flesh and cornerstone of prophets, that other forerunner of the coming of Christ, the glorious Elijah, sent Elisha grace from on high to dispel disease and cure the scourge of leprosy. And in the same way, today, he brings healing to those who honor him.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 12:6-14
HEBREWS 13:7-16

NEXT SUNDAY: ROMANS 15:1-7
PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:1-8
JOHN 17:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY: MATTHEW 9:27-35
MARK 10:29-31,42-45

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, July 25

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 20
(Prophet Elijah)

Tuesday, July 21

Wednesday, July 22

Thursday, July 23

Friday, July 24

(Passionbearers Boris and Gleb)

Saturday, July 25

(St. Anna)

I Corinthians 5:9-6:11

James 5:10-20

I Corinthians 6:20-7:12

I Corinthians 7:12-24

I Corinthians 7:24-35

I Corinthians 7:35-8:7

Romans 8:28-39

Romans 12:1-3

Galatians 4:22-31

Matthew 13:54-58

Luke 4:22-30

Matthew 14:1-13

Matthew 14:35-15:11

Matthew 15:12-21

Matthew 15:29-31

John 15:17-16:2

Matthew 10:37-11:1

Luke 8:16-21

COMING EVENTS

JULY:

19, TODAY	Noon - LCBA Seminar and Picnic; St. Michael's, Broadview Hts.
25, Saturday	6th Annual HTOC Golf Outing
26, Sunday	11:00 a.m. HTOC Family Picnic

AUGUST:

3, Monday	9:00 a.m. HTOC Vacation Church School for children and adults 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting
13, Thursday	Noon - 4:00 p.m. Mohican Canoe Adventure
23, Sunday	10:45 a.m. Corn and Hot Dog Roast

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL:

Please see the attached flier for details about the HTOC Vacation Church School program, which will be held on Monday, August 3. There will be a program for adults and for children, kindergarten through 6th grade.

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC:

Plan to join us on Sunday, July 26, following the Divine Liturgy. Please volunteer to help with set-up. The cost is \$5 for adults; \$1 for children 12 and under. Bring lawn chairs, sports equipment and items for outdoor fun - cornhole toss, softball equipment, horseshoes, volleyball. Games are being organized by Benjamin and Sarah Hatch; contact them to offer help or suggestions.

- A-G Pretzels, chips, Chex mix, etc.
- H-J Bakery, desserts that won't melt
- K-L Condiments: pickles, olives, peppers, relish, ketchup, chopped onions, etc.
- M-Q Pop, juice boxes
- R-S See Margarita; needed are hot dog and hamburger buns; charcoal; dips
- T-Z Fruits, ready to serve

ETHNIC FOODS:

...would welcome donations of flour for their baking needs. Please see Margarita.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Mary Ann and Ed Giraro.

GOD'S BLESSINGS:

Bless and protect Nicholas Bellack, leaving us for a new life in Wyoming. May every good and precious gift be his.

MOHICAN CANOE ADVENTURE:

Plan to join us for a fun-filled afternoon Thursday, August 13! See the attached flier for details.

ARCHIVES:

In preparation for Holy Trinity's 50th Anniversary, the Archives Committee requests parishioners to donate/loan HTOC memorabilia. A collection trunk will be in the Fellowship Hall; include pertinent information regarding your items. Items selected by the Committee may become part of a permanent display, so please note if your item should be returned. For further info, call Alice Reta at 440-526-3613.

BOSE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD:

Many elders recall worship in Slavonic they didn't understand... and now to English they can't hear. Ethnic Foods has donated \$3000 from the recent food sales to the Bose Fund. Please help us meet the cost of installing this solution for the hearing impaired. A gift of any size will be greatly appreciated. The Bose system will be installed within the next few weeks.

CORN AND HOT DOG ROAST:

Reserve Sunday, Aug. 23, immediately after Liturgy to enjoy food and a sing-along. The corn is from the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Bakan's son.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 12	\$ 2851.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	23.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	285.00
BUILDING FUND	225.00
MORTGAGE FUND	747.00
CANDLES	154.00

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AMERICAN IDOLS

“You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them” (Exodus 20:3-4)

Moses could not have imagined how that divine admonition might apply to our contemporary American culture. Ph.D. candidates and future scholars ought to analyze the American way of promoting certain celebrities into the category once shared by certain Roman emperors – those like Caligula and Diocletian, foolish and egocentric enough to take seriously accolades from the fawning parasites who lauded them with empty titles. We have no official royalty in America, and for good reason. Yet is there some emotional or psychological vacuum that needs to be satisfied? Who in our nation achieves such a lofty status and why?

Some politicians qualify, but only those with presidential status. Governors and senators are still fair game for journalists keen to flush them out in some moral or financial scandal. A president surfboarding on the waves of popularity will be winked at and deemed a playful rascal, but not impeached or brought down while in office.

A public yearning to worship idols creates them from the ranks of athletes and entertainers. Once called stars, that term overworked, they are now “icons.” We Orthodox take exception to an abuse of that precious term because we consider it as identifying those in whom we perceive the authentic deity manifested. For athletes, it’s possible that to “get away with murder” is not a trite cliché. It’s standard for a professional athlete to earn more in a year than any normal person could possibly spend in a lifetime, and yet they continue to clamor for more; loyalty is not to a team or a city but to whatever will pay them ever more millions. They rule. Wherever they go, they hold court. After a game or contest, the hero will discard some article of the uniform which becomes a priceless treasure especially prized if it holds the most perspiration of the “icon.” Lesser objects with marks of the great athlete can be purchased commercially.

But politicians and athletes retreat into the group photograph of America’s apotheosis. They share the edge of the spotlight focused on our entertainers. This is where there are no limits to the manifestation of our nation’s adulation. Begun a half century ago with Frank Sinatra, it is now peaking at a time when the basic need to worship some transcendent being is evidently not being fulfilled from the conventional religions. The apex was Michael Jackson’s funeral. Not even the idolatry surrounding Elvis Presley could match what we have now witnessed. Both were self-inflicted victims of drug overdose, but Elvis was only a lounge warm-up act for Michael. Icons, by the way, need no surname for identification. For both, as for all American’s idols, the normal standards of morality and life style do not apply. Their devotees ignore, overlook, explain and justify the ethics that Christians, Jews and Muslims decry as sinful. America’s idols all carry an invisible pass that exonerates them of all rules that normal folks are made to abide by. Our culture gives new meaning to the ancient Greek deities who adorned Mt. Olympus. Ordinary persons can only look askance with pity, envy or unconcern. For the celebrities, sexual promiscuity or deviation is considered natural or arrested development. Drug abuse is their way of dealing with the price they pay for entertaining the *hoi polloi*, the cursed gifts they were endowed with to appease and satisfy lesser mortals.

Father Vladimir Berzonsky

LITANY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the hour of my distress, When temptations me
oppress, And when I my sins confess,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie within my bed, Sick in heart and sick in head,
And with doubts discomforted,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the artless doctor sees No one hope, but of his fees,
And his skill runs on the lees,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When his potion and his pill, Has, or none, or
little skill, Meet for nothing but to kill,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the passing-bell doth toll, And the furies in a shoal
Come to fright a parting soul,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the tapers now burn blue, And the comforters are few,
And that number more than true,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the priest his last hath pray'd, And I nod to what is
said, 'Cause my speech is now decay'd,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When, God knows, I tossed about Either with
despair or doubt; Yet, before the glass be out,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the tempter me pursu'th With the sins of all my
youth, And half damns me with untruth,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the flames and hellish cries Fright mine ears, and
fright mine eyes, And all terrors me surprise,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the Judgment is reveal'd, And that open'd which was
seal'd; When to Thee I have appeal'd,
Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

By Robert Herrick