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## Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God For All Things!

October 20, 2013	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
October 26	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
October 27	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day:** Great-martyr Artemius at Antioch (362). New Martyr Priest Nicholas (Liubomudrov) of Latskoye Village, Yaroslavl (1918). New Hieromartyrs Bishop Herman of Alatyr, Priests Zosima, John, John, John, Nicholas, Leonid, John and Alexander and Deacons Michael and Peter and Martyr Paul (1937). Saint Artemius of Verkola (1545). Martyrs Aborsam and Senoe, of Persia (341). Martyrs Eboras and Eunous of Persia. Venerable Matrona of Chios (1462). Martyr Zebinas of Caesarea in Palestine. Venerable Gerasimus the New, ascetic of Cephalonia (1579). Saint Acca, Bishop of Hexham (England) (ca. 740). Translation of the relics of New Monk-martyr Ignatius of Mount Athos (1814). Saint Bradan. Bishop of the Isle of Man and Saint Orora (Crora) of the Isle of Man. Saint Aidan, Bishop of Mayo (+768).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria and the Middle East. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Bohdan, Sergius, Jacobus, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Nina Kappanadze Dudek were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Protopresbyter George Dimopoulos and Monk Sergius (Udics) were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Anna Tymoczko, Sava Chlus, Walter Jovorosky and Helen Nanoski were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE** featuring a Russian Café, Saturday, November 23, 2013. Doors open at 11 a.m. Cookie Trays, Breads, Rolls, Pies, Pierogi, Halupki. Russian Café serving Borscht, Halushki, Halupki, Pierogi. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

**The Holy Great-martyr Artemius** was an Egyptian by birth and the chief commander under Emperor Constantine the Great. When the victorious Cross, surrounded by stars, appeared to Emperor Constantine, Artemius also saw that Cross, believed in the Lord Christ and was baptized. Later, during the reign of Emperor Constantius, this emperor sent him to Greece to remove the relics of Saint Andrew from Patras and Saint Luke from Thebes, and to take them to Constantinople. Commander Artemius carried this out with joy. After that, Artemius was appointed as *augustalis* and imperial prefect in Egypt. He remained in this position during the reign of Constantius, and for a period of time under Emperor Julian the Apostate. When the apostate emperor went to war against the Persians, he came through Antioch and commanded Artemius to come to Antioch with his army. Artemius came. Then the emperor subjected two Christian priests, Eugenius and Macarius, to torture. Seeing this, Artemius became greatly disturbed and, facing the emperor, said: "Why, O Emperor, why do you inhumanly torture these innocent and dedicated men of God, and why do you force them to renounce the Orthodox Faith?" Artemius continued, prophesying: "Your death is near." The enraged emperor sent those two honorable priests into exile to Arabia, where they died shortly thereafter. He then stripped Commander Artemius of his military rank and ordered him to be flogged and torn asunder. Thoroughly wounded and bloodied, Artemius was thrown into prison, where the Lord Jesus Christ Himself appeared to him, and healed and comforted him. Then the emperor commanded that he be spread out on a stone, and that another heavy stone be placed upon him, so that his body would be smashed flat as a board. Finally, Saint Artemius was beheaded. It was the year 362. Emperor Julian went out against the Persians and perished dishonorably, as Saint Artemius had foretold.

**Archimandrite David [Mahaffey] was elected** by the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America to fill the vacant **Episcopal See of Sitka and Alaska** on Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

The election took place during the fall session of the Holy Synod at the OCA Chancery. Delegates to the Assembly of the Diocese of Alaska on September 15, 2012 had nominated Father

David, who has been serving as the diocese's Administrator and Chancellor, to fill the vacant See.

His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, Locum Tenens of Episcopal See of Sitka and Alaska, presented his name to the Holy Synod for canonical election.

Born in Altoona, PA in 1952, Father David was received into the Orthodox Christian faith in 1975, two years after his marriage to the former Karen Meterko. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Saint Tikhon's Seminary, South Canaan, PA in 1997. In 2003, he graduated from the University of Scranton with Bachelors degrees in Theology and Philosophy. Two years later, he received his Master of Arts degree in theology from the same school.

He was ordained to the diaconate in 1981 and served throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1993, he served as rector of Saint Michael Church, Old Forge, PA until 2006, when he assumed the pastorate of Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown, PA. In 2009, he was assigned rector of Saint Nicholas Church, Bethlehem. He and his wife, who fell asleep in the Lord in 2007, raised four children.

Father David served as a graduate assistant in the Theology Department of the University of Scranton, adjunct lecturer at Saint Tikhon's Seminary, and adjunct lecturer in theology and philosophy at Alvernia University, Melrose Park Campus, Philadelphia, PA. He has served in a wide variety of capacities in the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, including dean of the Philadelphia Deanery.

The dates of Father David's consecration to the episcopacy and installation have yet to be determined.

**Psalm 3** A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

1: O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

2: many are saying of me, there is no help for him in God. [Selah]

3: But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

4: I cry aloud to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy hill. [Selah]

5: I lie down and sleep; I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

6: I am not afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about.

7: Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! For thou dost smite all my enemies on the cheek, thou dost break the teeth of the wicked.

8: Deliverance belongs to the LORD; thy blessing be upon thy people!

**The Venerable Gerasimus the New** was from Trikala in the Peloponnese of the prominent Notaras family. He was born in 1509. He lived a life of asceticism on Mount Athos, and then in Palestine, where he fasted for forty days. After that, he settled on the island of Cephalonia, where he founded a convent. By his prayer he brought down rain, healed the sick, and foretold the future. He rested in the Lord on August 15, 1579. Gerasimus was a miracle-worker both during his life and after his repose.

**The Venerable New Martyr Ignatius** was from the Bulgarian region of Eski-Zagora. This is that glorious region of Zagora that has given the Church of God many holy ascetics and martyrs. He lived a life of asceticism in the Skete of Saint John the Forerunner on Mount Athos. He willingly gave himself to the Turks to be tortured for Christ, and was hanged in Constantinople on October 8, 1814. His relics are miracle-working, and his head is honorably preserved in the Monastery of Saint Panteleimon on Mount Athos.

**HOMILY on old and new tales of God's wonders** by Saint Nikolai of Zhicha

*We have heard with our ears, O God; Our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old (Psalm 44:1).*

Thus King David speaks in the name of his people, and enumerates several great works that God performed for Israel. We, brethren, have also heard of all these works, from Holy Scripture, and of many more works and kinds of works than those of which David had heard, for they took place after him! Have we not heard of incomparably more miraculous and greater works of God's providence and God's love for mankind than all that David heard? The Son of God became incarnate of the Most-pure Virgin and lived as a man among men, poured out wisdom, worked miracles, destroyed death, put the devil to shame, and gave power to His followers. David did not hear of these things, but we have heard, for they have been revealed to us by our spiritual Fathers: the apostles and evangelists, martyrs and righteous ones, and all the ranks of saints from ancient times to the present day. Not only did they reveal it to us, but the Holy Spirit reveals it to us every day through the Holy Church, through the grace-filled Mysteries and through countless miracles. Behold, here is a reason for great joy, but also for great fear, for much is given to us and much will be required of us. We have been given more spiritual riches than all those who lived before Christ—more wisdom and understanding, more of God's glory and power, and more, many more examples of God's love for man and man's love for God. Ask yourselves, you richest of the rich, what have you given and what are you giving to God for all of this? You should strive to not be put to shame at God's Judgment. As a dream soon slips away, so will all your days on earth soon slip away, and the sound of the angel's trumpet will soon summon all nations and people to the Dread Judgment of God. Strive that you not then be ashamed, for you will not be able to excuse yourself with "We did not know," or "We did not have!" You know, and you have had more revealed to you, than even David and Solomon had; and more will be required of you than of them.

O Son of God, our great and wonderful Lord, God and Savior, remind us every day and every hour of Thy Precious Blood, shed for us, that we do not forget, O Lord, and that we not be eternally condemned.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.