

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Callinicus and Theodotia -- July 29th



July 29, 2018

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THE HOLY MARTYR CALLINICUS OF GANGRA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JULY 30 – AUGUST 5

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

5:00 PM – Great Vespers followed by blessing of land for new church.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREFEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION; THE HOLY MARTYR EUSYGNIOUS

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

WELCOME - ВІТАЄМО!

We extend our welcome to Fr. Yurii Sas, his wife Pani Vasylyna and their daughters Nadia and Anastasia. Fr. Yurii will officially begin his assignment as administrator next Saturday, August 4.

VISIT BY BISHOP BENEDICT

Next weekend we will be blessed by a visit of our Father and Bishop BENEDICT. Saturday evening, August 4, we will celebrate Great Vespers at 5:00PM. Following Vespers we will drive to the new property where Bishop BENEDICT will bless the land for the new church. On Sunday, August 5, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30AM followed by a festive luncheon.

A CHALLENGE - ВИКЛИК!

Bohdan Kniahynyckyj has generously stepped up with a pledge for the Building Fund of \$10,000! He has also issued a challenge to all of us to match his pledge. Are you up to the challenge?

Богдан Княгницький щедро пообіцяв \$10,000 на фонд будівництва! Він також виніс виклик усім нам, щоб дорівняти.

Ви до виклику?

DORMITION FAST – AUGUST 1-14

Each year the Church observes a 2 week fast from August 1st through 14th, the Dormition (or “Falling Asleep”) of the Mother of God. This great feast is called the “Summer Pascha” as it commemorates the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of the Mother of God. As with all the fasting periods, we should take stock of our lives through serious reflection and we should also avail ourselves of the Holy Mystery of Confession.

BUILDING FUND DONATIONS:

Fr. Frank and Susan Avant	\$5,000.00
Steven Hojsan	\$5,000.00
Kitt's Kitchen donations	\$2,105.10
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Anonymous	\$1,000.00
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Anonymous	\$250.00
Anonymous (online)	\$200.00
Anonymous (online)	\$50.00
Susan Lyndsay (online).....	\$20.00
Jean Ryan	\$100.00
Anonymous	\$100.00
Total Donated:	\$17,282.10

PLEDGES:

Bohdan Kniahynyckyj	\$10,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$10,000.00

YOUCARING

The YouCaring fundraising platform we have been using was acquired by GoFundMe. We were recently informed that as of July 31, YouCaring **will disappear** and we will need to move our fundraiser over to GoFundMe. However, unlike YouCaring, GoFundMe charges a 7.9% platform fee. The credit card processor that we were using with YouCaring charged a 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction fee. That means that GoFundMe charges an additional 5%. We are looking into alternative online fundraising sites that don't charge the platform fee.



Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors!
It's good to have you with us!

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Give them a call or send them an email. See how they are doing. Let them know that you not only miss them but also care enough to see if everything is okay. A kind word can go a long way.

Love sinners, but hate their deeds. Do not be angry at anyone and do not foster hatred for the sinner, for we are all guilty. Hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed for them.

– St. Isaac the Syrian

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„МИ, РІД ВІРНИЙ...”

Приближалися часи терпінь і смерті Ісуса Христа. постоли були засмучені і розгублені. Щоб додати їм відваги і віри, Ісус переображується перед ними на Горі Тавор, показавши Себе в світлі Божественної слави.

А тим часом внизу, під горою, панувало занепокоєння. Апостоли не могли оздоровити юнакаепілептика. Ісус, зійшовши з гори, оздоровив його. На запитання апостолів, чому вони не могли його оздоровити, Ісус відповів їм: *„Через вашу малу віру.”* При цьому Він хвилювався і дорікав: *„Роде невірний і розбещений, доки Я маю бути з вами?”* Ісус характеризує віру такими словами, які звучать для нас неймовірно: *„Істинно кажу вам, коли матимете віру, як зерно гірчиці, скажете цій горі перенестися звідси туди — і вона перенесеться, і нічого не буде для вас неможливого.”* Так сказав Ісус, бо бачив недовіру апостолів.

Виникає запитання: „Якою є наша віра? Що значить вірити?” ристиянський катехизм навчає нас: „Вірити, значить, приймати за правду все те, що Господь Бог об’явив і Свята Церква навчає”. Правди християнської віри є Богом об’явлені. Деяких правд людина не в змозі зрозуміти навіть після їх відкриття Богом. Тому їх просто треба приймати ЯК ДОГМУ, на віру. Пригадаймо, що Ісус Христос ніякої іншої чесноти не домагався так, як віри, ніякої іншої чесноти не хвалив так, як віру і за ніяку іншу хибу не дорікав так, як за невірство.

Віра — це точка, у якій людина зустрічається з Богом, або розходиться, залежно від того, чи вона вірить, чи не вірить. Жива віра — це життя вповні узгоджене з правдами віри; як віриш — так і стараєшся жити! Святий апостол Павло пише: *„Багато разів і різними способами говорив Бог, давно через пророків до отців, а в ці останні дні говорив до нас через Сина.”* (Євр. 1, 1). І тепер промовляє до нас у святих храмах через Святе Євангеліє. Господь Бог ніколи не перестає говорити до людей, до кожного зокрема. Бо, **чим є сумління** в душі кожного із нас? **Божим голосом**, який каже, що є добре, а що зле; радить і застерігає; хвалить і докоряє. Що ще нам потрібно, щоб **вірити**???

Хто відкидає Божі правди, робить це для того, щоб звільнити себе від обов’язків, які накладає віра. В житті — це вигідно йому. Але яким буде кінцевий результат з такого „вигідного” життя, прожитого для себе і за своїми законами? Ще не було такої людини, яка закінчуючи життя, шкодувала б про те, що жила по-християнськи. А скільки було таких, які відходячи — гірко каюлися, що вони в житті не служили Богові, на суд до якого відходять. Амінь.

“WE ARE A BELIEVING PEOPLE...”

The time of suffering and death of Jesus Christ were fast approaching. The apostles were sad and confused. In order to give them courage and faith, Jesus is transfigured before them on the Mount of Tabor, showing Himself in the light of God's glory.

At the same time, at the foot of the mountain, panic reigned. The apostles could not cure a young man afflicted with epilepsy. Jesus, coming down from the mountain, cured him. Later, the apostles asked Jesus in private why they could not cure the young man. Jesus answered them: *“Because you have so little trust.”* Jesus then continued: *“What an unbelieving and perverse lot you are! How long must I remain with you?”* Jesus explained faith in words that echo to us through the ages: *“I assure you, if you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you would be able to say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible for you.”* Jesus spoke in this manner because He saw the lack of faith in the apostles.

The question arises: “What is our faith like? What does it mean to believe?” Christian catechism teaches us: “To believe means to accept as truth all which the Lord God has revealed and the Holy Church teaches.” The truths of Christian faith are revealed by God. Some truths an individual cannot understand even when God explains them. Therefore, simply, we must accept them **as dogma**, on faith. Let us remember that Jesus Christ did not stress any other truth as much as faith. He did not praise any other truth as much as faith and He condemned nothing as much as faithlessness.

Faith is a point at which the individual aligns with God or rejects Him, depending on whether he or she believes or does not believe. Living faith is a life lived in accordance with the truths of faith. The manner in which you believe determines the manner in which you strive to live your life!

The holy apostle Paul writes: *“In times past, God spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our fathers through the prophets; in this, the final age, He has spoken to us through His Son.”* (Hebrews 1, 1). And now He speaks to us in churches through the Holy Gospels. The Lord God will never stop speaking to His people, to each individually. Think, **what is conscience** in each of our souls? It is the **voice of God** telling us what is right and what is wrong; advising and warning; praising and reproaching. What more do we need **in order to believe???**

Those who reject God's truths do so to free themselves from the responsibilities which faith brings. This is convenient for them. But, what will be the final result of this “convenient” life, lived for oneself and according to one's own commandments? There has not been one person, laying on their deathbed, who regrets living a Christian life. But, there are many who regret that, in life, they did not serve God, as they face His final judgment. Amen.

THE DORMITION FAST

Adapted from OrthoChristian.com

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.

The Dormition fast comes down to us from the early days of Christianity. We find a clear reference to the Dormition fast in a conversation of Leo the Great from around the year 450 A.D. “The Church fasts are situated in the year in such a way that a special abstinence is prescribed for each time. Thus, for spring there is the spring fast—the Forty Days[Great Lent; for summer there is the summer fast... [the Apostles’ fast]; for autumn there is the autumn fast, in the seventh month [Dormition fast]; for winter there is the winter fast [Nativity fast].”

St. Symeon of Thessalonica writes that, “The fast in August [Dormition fast] was established in honor of the Mother of God the Word; Who, fore-knowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was holy and immaculate, and had no need for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being transported from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us.

Some, by the way, say that this fast was instituted on the occasion of two feasts—the Transfiguration and the Dormition. I also consider it necessary to remember these two feasts—one which gives us light, and the other which is merciful to us and intercedes for us.”

The Dormition fast is not as strict as the Great Fast, but it is stricter than the Apostle’s and Nativity fasts.

On the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Church rubrics allow fish. We also partake of the new harvest of fruits which are blessed on Transfiguration. On the feast of Dormition there is also a blessing of flowers and herbs.

The spiritual fast is closely united with the bodily, just as our soul is united with the body, penetrates it, enlivens it, and makes one united whole with it, as the soul and body make one

living human being. Therefore, in fasting bodily we must at the same time fast spiritually: “Brothers, in fasting bodily let us also fast spiritually, severing all union with unrighteousness,” the Holy Church enjoins us.

The main thing In fasting bodily is restraint from abundant, tasty and sweet foods; the main thing in fasting spiritually is restraint from passionate, sinful movements that indulge our sensual inclinations and vices.

The former is renunciation of the more nourishing foods for fasting food, which is less nourishing; the latter is the renunciation of our favorite sins for exercise in the virtues which oppose them.

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.”



A Prayer for the Construction of our New Church

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Cornerstone of Your holy Church, Giver of every good gift, the One who first loved us, look down upon us Your people who desire to build a new church unto Your glory and grant us the wisdom, strength, and resources to accomplish this task in accordance with Your will. Remember the friends and benefactors of this parish who support the construction of this holy church and bless them with Your good things. And as You did proclaim that even if Your disciples were silent, the very stones would cry out, so also grant that this holy church may proclaim You and draw all who dwell in the surrounding area to worship You in spirit and in truth. In flame our hearts with love for You that we may offer to You ourselves and all You have given us to the glory of Your holy Name. For You are the true Philanthropist—the Lover of Mankind—and to You do we send up glory, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

BUILDING FUND

Donations		
sub-total	\$15,777.00	
Kitt's Kitchen		
sub-total	\$2,105.10	(corrected)
Total Donations	\$17,282.10	
Interest dividends	\$1.31	
Amazon Smile	\$10.77	
Expenses		
AEI	\$3,900.00	<i>Environmental Study</i>
Bell Tower	\$2,500.00	<i>Due Diligence</i>
Wire Fee	\$25.00	
CC Fee	\$8.73	
Total Expenses	\$6,433.73	
Current Balance	\$11,460.45	

Молитва на Будову нашої нової Церкви

Господи Боже, Ісусе Христе наш, наріжний камінь Твоєї Церкви, Ти перший огорнув нас своєю любов'ю, Ти податель всіх земних благ, споглянь на нас, твоїх дітей, які прагнуть збудувати новий храм на Твою славу. Даруй нам мудрість, силу та ресурси для здійснення цього будівництва, якщо на це Твоя Свята воля. Благослови та підтримуй всіх жертводавців цієї парафії, які долучатимуться до будівництва цієї святині. Ти сповістив, що, навіть тоді, коли твої учні будуть мовчати, то каміння буде кричати. То ж подай, щоб ця церква, наповнена Духом Святим та Твоею правдою, наvertsала до Бога всіх тих, хто живуть в її околицях, щоб Тебе величати. Наповни наші серця любов'ю до Тебе, щоб ми віддали себе і все Тобі, на славу Твого святого імені. Бо ти справжній наш Податель – Чоловіколюбець – і Тобі возсилаємо з безначальним Твоїм Отцем, і пресвятим, і благим, і животворящим твоїм Духом, нині і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь

Sunday offering for July 22

Amount	Number
\$5.00	1
\$10.00	1
\$20.00	7
\$25.00	1 (loose)
\$40.00	1
\$50.00	2
\$90.00	1
\$100.00	2
\$105.00	1
\$120.00	1
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\$840.00	
Parishioner Total:	\$800.00
Visitor Total:	\$40.00
Average / parish household (43): \$15.69	
Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2200.00	
Deficit: <\$1400.00>	



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Baptism is Iconic Imitation

How different and paradoxical is what happened to us who received holy Baptism! We did not really die, nor were we really buried, nor even were we really crucified and raised again. Everything that took place was iconic imitation. Yet they constituted for us our true salvation. Christ was actually crucified and buried, and truly rose again. He freely bestowed on us all these things, so that we might truly gain salvation by imitatively participating in the sufferings of Christ. What a surpassing love for humanity! Christ allowed nails to be attached to His immaculate hands, and suffered anguish. To me, however, He freely bestows salvation without pain or toil but by making me a communicant of His suffering.

Let no one suppose that Baptism is merely for the forgiveness of sins and adoption, as John's baptism was only for the forgiveness of sins. We should fully know that that Baptism effects in us the cleansing of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, and additionally, it is equivalent to the sufferings of Christ. For this reason Paul shouts and says, "Are you not aware that all of us who were baptized in Christ Jesus, were baptized into His death? So, we were buried with Him by baptism into death" (Rom. 6:3-4). ... I beseech you, then, to constantly maintain in your memory these things which you have sufficiently learned...

St. Cyril of Jerusalem