



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: St. Matthew 9:27-35

Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised. Blessed
Olga, Princess of Russia.

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This week's bulletin is sponsored by Sandy Pysh
In honor of her Dad, Pete, who is celebrating his 87th birthday today.
May God grant him many more happy and healthy years!

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Today's Announcements

- Welcome to Fr. Michael Senyo, who served today's Liturgy. Fr. Senyo is a candidate to become our next parish priest, and he will be available after today's Liturgy to answer questions.
- Sophia Hanna/Robert Mooney wedding – 3 pm

Tuesday – July 13

- Women's Association Meeting – 7 pm in the church hall

Thursday-Friday – July 15-16

- Pierogi Workshop – Potato balls will be made Thursday at 5 pm and the pierogi pinching will begin at 10 am Friday.

Saturday – July 17

- Vespers – 7 pm

Next Sunday – July 18

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am. Fr. John Mikita, candidate for our new parish priest, will be serving.

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Archdiocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – July 20
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25. Reservations are due by July 11.
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30

Coffee Social Volunteers Needed: There's only one thing missing at Sunday's coffee hour, ant that's your smiling face helping out! The duties are simple, and, if you've never done it, we can supply an experienced partner. Thanks for your help in this important part of our parish life!

Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. The first step in the selection process was the survey administered last Sunday. The remaining steps in the process are hoped to develop a parish consensus of the best candidate over the course of the Summer.

1. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. Fr. George Johnson (July 4), Fr. Michael Senyo (July 11), and Fr. John Mikita (July 18) have been scheduled thus far:

We will provide you with the dates of other visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.

2. In addition to the names above, the name of Fr. John Soucek has been submitted for consideration. Other priests may be considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

Saint Euphemia is commemorated on September 16, the day on which she was martyred. On this day, however, is commemorated the miracle surrounding her honorable relics, which was manifested at the time of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon. This Council was convened during the reign of Emperor Marcian and the Empress Pulcheria in the year 451 A.D., after the death of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. The reason for summoning this Council was the heresy of Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria and Eutyches, an Archimandrite from Constantinople, who spread the false teaching that in Christ the Lord there were not two natures, divine and human, but only one, a divine nature. At this Council Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople, and Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, played the most prominent roles. Because a conclusion could not be reached through debates and testimonies from either side, Patriarch Anatolius motioned that the Orthodox and the heretics write down their confessions of faith and then place them in the sarcophagus where the relics of St. Euphemia reposed. They all agreed to this. Therefore, the two confessions of faith were written and placed on the bosom of the great female martyr. The sarcophagus was closed, sealed with the emperor's seal and military guards were appointed. All of them spent three days in prayer and fasting. When they opened the sarcophagus on the fourth day, they saw the Orthodox confession of faith in the right hand of the saint and the heretical confession of faith under her feet. Thus the dispute, through the power of God, was decided in favor of Orthodoxy. During the reign of Emperor Heraclius, the relics of St. Euphemia were translated from Chalcedon to Constantinople to the church dedicated to her near the Hippodrome. The iconoclastic Emperor Leo the Isaurian ordered that these relics be tossed into the sea but, in a miraculous manner, the sarcophagus was translated to the island of Lemnos and placed in the church of the great female martyr Glyceria. Then, during the reign of the Empress Irene, the sarcophagus with the relics of St. Euphemia was again returned to Constantinople to its former place. Blood flowed from these relics from time to time which helped those who were ill or in misery