



# St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost. Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord.  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; 1:18-24  
Gospel: St. Matthew 17:14-23; St. John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28  
Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs  
Dormition Fast

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## Sunday, August 1, 2010

### Today's Announcements

- The flowers decorating the Cross were donated by Donna Katrych in memory of her mother, Mary Katrych. May her memory be eternal!

### Tuesday – July 27

- Women's Association Meeting – 7 pm in the church hall. All parish women are welcome.

### Thursday – August 5

- Transfiguration Vigil – 6 pm at Transfiguration Monastery

### Friday – August 6

- Transfiguration Services and Pilgrimage – 9:30 am at Transfiguration Monastery

### Saturday – August 7

- Vespers – 7 pm

### Next Sunday – August 8

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am
- Parish Council

### Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Diocesan Family Day Cleanup – August 13 – 10 am at the Diocesan Center
- Diocesan Family Day – August 15 – 3 pm at the Diocesan Center
- Pierogi Workshop – August 26-27. We will be making extra pierogies for McCandless Day.
- FOCA Convention – September 2-6 at the Pittsburgh Westin
- McCandless Community Day – September 11

**Coffee Social Volunteers Needed:** There's only one thing missing at Sunday's coffee hour, and 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!

**Fundability Tip of the Week:** We're right in the middle of Summer, and that means picnics and vacations. And, it also means Fundability. You can get supplies for that picnic at a participating grocer, like Giant Eagle or Shopper's Choice. Maybe you need a new grill, which you could get from Lowe's, Home Depot, or Sears. And if you're traveling, you can pick a few extra cards for your favorite gas station! Thanks for your support of this important fundraiser.

### **Parish Priest Selection Process Update**

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. Our selection process is 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 visited us 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, other priests are being 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.

**The Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs** all suffered for the purity of the faith of Israel under King Antiochus, called by some "Epiphanos," the "enlightened one" and by others "Epimanis" the "insane one." Because of the great sins in Jerusalem and especially the vying over priestly authority and crimes committed during the occasion of this struggle, God permitted a great calamity on the Holy City. After that, Antiochus wanted by any means to impose upon the Jews the idolatry of the Hellenes in place of their faith in the one living God and he did everything toward this goal. Assisting Antiochus in his intention were some treacherous high priests and other elders of Jerusalem. On one occasion, King Antiochus himself came to Jerusalem and ordered that all Jews eat the meat of swine, contrary to the Law of Moses, for eating pork was an apparent sign that one has disowned the faith of Israel. The elder Eleazar, a priest and one of the seventy translators of the Old Testament into the Greek language [the Septuagint] would not partake of pork. Because of that, Eleazar was tortured and burned. Returning to Antioch, the king took with him the seven sons called the Maccabees and their mother Solomonia. The seven Maccabean brothers were called: Avim, Antonius, Eleazar, Gurius, Eusebon, Achim and Marcellus. Before the eyes of their mother, the wicked king tortured the sons, one by one, ripping the skin from their faces and, afterward, casting them into the fire. They all bravely endured torture and death but they did not disown their faith. Finally, when the mother saw her last son, the three-year old in the fire, she leaped into the flames and was consumed in the fire rendering her soul to God. They all suffered honorably for the faith in the one living God about one hundred eighty years before Christ.