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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*Tone 5*)

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Afterfeast of the Exaltation; The Great-Martyr Euphemia the All-Praised

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Confessions

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NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Namedays – 22nd (St Anna): Anya Fitzgerald, Mat. Anna Komleski, Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

Birthdays – 25th: Andrew Kostadis.

Wedding Anniversaries – 23rd: Peter & Zydrune Ann Mladineo.

THIS WEEK

Namedays – Sept. 30th: (Martyr Sophia): Sofia Fitzgerald; 30th: (Martyr Faith): Mat. Faith Straut; 30th: (Martyr Hope): Nadezhda Sexton; Oct. 3rd (St Oleg of Briansk): Oleg Kostin.

Birthdays – 1st: Nikolai Darenkov; 4th: Ivan Darenkov.

Wedding Anniversaries – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre.

OCTOBER

Namedays – 3rd (St Oleg of Briansk): Oleg Kostin; 9th (Apostle John the Theologian): John Whitacre; 11th (St Chariton): Hariton Bibas.

Birthdays – 1st: Nikolai Darenkov; 4th: Ivan Darenkov; 21st: Patricia Brigid Barker; 23rd: Leana Brangwynne.

Wedding Anniversaries – 5th: James & Xenia Whitacre; 8th: John & Tatiana Morrow (1989); 16th: Oleg & Elena Kostin (1994); 27th: Reader Nicolas & Angelina Schidlovsky (2002).

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

14th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>3rd Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Mark §71 (16:9-20)
	2 Cor. §170 (1:21-2:4) Matt. §89 (22:1-14)
Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross	
	Gal. §203 (2:16-20) Mark §37 (8:34-9:1)
15TH WEEK after PENTECOST	
<i>M</i>	Gal. §202 (2:11-16) Luke §10 (3:19-22)
<i>Tu</i>	Gal. §204 (2:21-3:7) Luke §11 (3:23-4:1)
<i>W</i>	Gal. §207 (3:15-22) Luke §12 (4:1-15)
<i>Th</i>	Gal. §208 (3:23-4:5) Luke §13 (4:16-22a)
<i>F</i>	Gal. §210 (4:8-21) Luke §14 (4:22-30)
<i>Sa</i>	1 Cor. §132 (4:17-5:5) Luke §15 (4:31-36)
15th Sunday after Pentecost	
<i>Su</i>	<i>4th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §112 (24:1-12)
	2 Cor. §176 (4:6-15) Luke §17 (5:1-11)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	2 October (19 Sept, o.s.)	Martyr Trophimus & those with him Normal Fast Day (<i>No oil</i>)
<i>Friday</i>	4 October (21 Sept, o.s.)	Apodosis of Exaltation; St Dimitri Fish, Wine & Oil permitted

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many Thanks to Reader Gregory for undertaking the updating of our Parish Website! Things are greatly improved. Reader Gregory has added digital copies of our weekly announcement bulletin for the last three

months. He has also posted photographs of parish events for the past few years. His work is a great help to our parish!

Many Thanks to those who made the Parish Picnic such a success! Special thanks are due to the Schidlovsky family who brought their grill for us to use. Thanks to all who brought food, drink, condiments, and themselves! Thanks to those who set up the picnic, to those who manned the grills, and to those who remained to clean up! This time of fellowship and fun is very important in building up our little parish.

Many thanks to those who donated funds to adorn the Cross with flowers on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Many thanks to Anthony Carris for his donation of a large quantity of basil for the Feast.

The Exaltation of the Cross is celebrated for the usual eight days, from the Feastday itself through the *Apodosis* (Leave-taking) of the Feast on 4 October (n.s.). The troparion and kontakion of the Exaltation are chanted or read at all the services of the Church on each of the eight days. The texts for these hymns may be found in the *Jordanville Prayer Book*. To celebrate the Feast at home, the troparion of the Feast ('*Save, O Lord, Thy people...*') can be sung instead of the 'Our Father' before meals, while the kontakion of the Feast ('*O Thou Who wast lifted up willingly on the Cross...*') can be sung instead of the usual thanksgiving troparion after each meal. It would also be most appropriate to sing the troparion and kontakion of the Feast at the end of our morning and evening prayers at home.

CHICAGO: September 23, 2013

The IV Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America Concludes

On September 17-19, 2013, a session of the IV Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and South America took place in Chicago. The event included the participation of 43 of the 66 hierarchs representing jurisdictions with parishes on the North American continent. In accordance with its regulations, presiding at the event was His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Administrator of the Greek Archdiocese in the USA (Constantinople Patriarchate). His Eminence Archbishop Justinian of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA (Moscow Patriarchate), served as the Second Vice Chairman.

Before the opening of the meeting, the hierarchs prayed at Divine Liturgy at Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, led by His Grace Bishop Peter of Cleveland, Administrator of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia.

During the meeting, the members of the Assembly heard reports by 13 committees, which had over the previous year worked on coordinating efforts among the various Orthodox jurisdictions. Special attention was given to the reports of the administrative committee, work with Armed Forces, youth ministry, and the committees on monasteries and on pastoral care.

The bishops of the Assembly approved a proposal to convene a large Youth Assembly in three years in order to allow older Orthodox schoolchildren of various jurisdictions to learn about each other's cultures, religious and national characteristics, and also to bear witness to their devotion to fundamental Christian moral values. Such youth forums, it is proposed, can take place every three years with the support of the Assembly.

Drawing lively discussion was the work on the committee on regional canonical planning, in which several models of normalizing the canonical coexistence of various jurisdictions in North and Central America were proposed. The Assembly bore witness to its determination to resolve the canonical anomalies between jurisdictions within the framework of the agreements reached at the All-Orthodox Assembly of 2009 in Chambessy, while noting that considering the number of Orthodox jurisdictions in North America and the history of their interrelations and contemporary status, questions of canonical organization on the continent must be studied more intensively. It is also important to devote more attention to newly-arrived immigrants who wish to preserve their cultural, historical and lingual identity.

The decision was made to continue work towards an acceptable solution to various Orthodox jurisdictions in North and Central America, and to include all the heads of the Orthodox jurisdictions represented therein into the Assembly's committee on regional planning.

The bishops of the Assembly also approved statements on events in the Near East and a document on the US Supreme Court's decision on the legalization of same-sex marriage.