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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2
Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30
Tone: Eight

All Saints

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: God is wonderful among his saints.
Bless God in the congregations

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

BRETHREN, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated-of whom the world was not worthy-wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members and for those departed this life of the Mandalakis and Maaya families.

The Coffee Reception this morning. Is offered by the Giffen and Johnson-Hakim families We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Due to inclement weather the Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing was postponed. It is rescheduled for June 25th. Space is still available for anyone who would like to golf, attend the dinner, or volunteer. We thank everyone for their continued support. Space is still available for anyone who would like to golf, attend the dinner, or volunteer.
2. We are pleased announce that our seminarian, Charles Youngblood, who has served here for the past year, will be ordained to the Holy Diaconate on July 7th, by His Grace BISHOP BASIL at the Cathedral of St. George in, Wichita, Kansas. Deacon Charles will serve here as his practicum for St. Vladimir's Seminary for the remainder of the summer (i.e. until September). AXIOS! Father Deacon Charles!
3. The deadline for the **September/October edition of Desert News** is **August 1**. If you have parish organization news or a major family milestone, like a new baby, wedding or a college graduation, please send your info to cbogris@aol.com by August 1.
4. The **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE (PLC)** for our Diocese is scheduled for **June 27th – 30th** at the Antiochian Village. The **Archdiocese Convention** in scheduled for **July 22nd – 28th** in Grand Rapid, Michigan.
5. The Women's Guild is planning a book discussion group for early fall. We will be discussing ***Something Beautiful Happened*** by **Yvette Manesses Corpporon**. Seventy years after her grandmother helped hide a Jewish family on a Greek island during World War II, a woman sets out to track down their descendants--and discovers a new way to understand tragedy, forgiveness, and the power of kindness"—(Provided by publisher.) Please try and read this book over the summer months so you can join us in our discussion group.
6. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please **CROSS** your arms over your chest, **SAY** your full baptized name, **TILT** your head slightly back, and **OPEN** your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice, and of course, this is **NOT** a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
7. Have you forgotten to offer the Gifts for your loved ones? Please check the Holy Oblations Book in the Narthex and offer the gifts at the Liturgy. We do this for anniversaries, Names Days, Birthdays, when we commemorate our beloved ones departed this life, etc. Please do not wait to do this: we all know those dates very well.
8. **CLEAN-UP and LOCK-UP!** It is time to remind all our parishioners that we, **TOGETHER**, have to take care of our Church physical structures. Part of this is not only cleaning-up properly (rather than expecting someone else to do it for us), but also never to leave the doors unlocked when you are the last person out.