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July 1, 2007

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Glory to God for All Things!

- **Archpriest John Zdinak**
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  Retired/Attached
- **Subdeacon Theodore Lentz**
  Sacristan
- **Reader Julius Kovach**
  Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.
Please join us in the fellowship of our social hour following Liturgy.

Holy Wonderworking Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian at Rome

Commemorated on July 1

The Holy Martyrs, Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian were born at Rome, brothers by birth, and physicians by profession. They suffered at Rome in the reign of the emperor Carinus (283-284). Brought up by their parents in the rules of piety, they led strict and chaste lives, and they were granted by God the gift of healing the sick. By their generosity and exceptional kindness to all, the brothers converted many to Christ. The brothers told the sick, "It is not by our own power that we treat you, but by the power of Christ, the true God. Believe in Him and be healed." Since they accepted no payment for their treatment of the infirm, the holy brothers were called "unmercenary physicians."

Their life of active service and their great spiritual influence on the people around them led many into the Church, attracting the attention of the Roman authorities. Soldiers were sent after the brothers. Hearing about this, local Christians convinced Sts Cosmas and Damian to hide for a while until they could help them escape. Unable to find the brothers, the soldiers arrested instead other Christians of the area where the saints lived. Sts Cosmas and Damian then came out of hiding and surrendered to the soldiers, asking them to release those who had been arrested because of them.

At Rome, the saints were imprisoned and put on trial. Before the Roman emperor and the judge they openly professed their faith in Christ God, Who had come into the world to save mankind and redeem the world from sin, and they resolutely refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. They said, "We have done evil to no one, we are not involved with the magic or sorcery of which you accuse us. We treat the infirm by the power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we take no payment for rendering aid to the sick, because our Lord commanded His disciples, "Freely have you received, freely give" (Mt. 10: 8).

The emperor, however, continued with his demands. Through the prayer of the holy brothers, imbued with the power of grace, God suddenly struck Carinus blind, so that he too might experience the almighty power of the Lord, Who does not forgive blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Mt. 12:31). The people, beholding the miracle, cried out, "Great is the Christian God! There is no other God but Him!" Many of those who believed besought the holy brothers to heal the emperor, and he himself implored the saints, promising to convert to the true God, Christ the Savior, so the saints healed him. After this, Sts Cosmas and Damian were honorably set free, and once again they set about treating the sick.

But what the hatred of the pagans and the ferocity of the Roman authorities could not do, was accomplished by black envy, one of the strongest passions of sinful human nature. An older physician, an instructor, under whom the holy brothers had studied the art of medicine, became envious of their fame. Driven to madness by malice, and overcome by passionate envy, he summoned the two brothers, formerly his most beloved students, proposing that they should all go together in order to gather various medicinal herbs. Going far into the mountains, he murdered them and threw their bodies into a river.

Thus these holy brothers, the Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian, ended their earthly journey as martyrs. Although they had devoted their lives to the Christian service of their neighbors, and had escaped the Roman sword and prison, they were treacherously murdered by their teacher.

The Lord glorifies those who are pleasing to God. Now, through the prayers of the holy martyrs Cosmas and Damian, God grants healing to all who with faith have recourse to their heavenly intercession.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor (November 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17). +

Prayer Requests

Departed:

Eileen Eschuk + 5/19/07
Ann Scuba + 5/26/07
Victor Jermakov + 6/16/07

Ill-afflicted:

Fr. Stephen Jula
Helen Baldner
John Clements
Henry & Julia Grabowski
John & Ann Shuleva
Jeanne Twitchell
Mary Wazevich
Roy A. Baldner
Michael & Jennifer Turczyk
Helen Kozak
Nick Jarachovic
Mary Ann Silberhorn
Margaret Rusynyk
John Conrad
George Ponomarenko
Joyce Surplus *(Tylers' Aunt)*
Jeanne Kish
Timothy Winsky
Terrence Winsky
Martha Bondor
Nick Safonovs
Dorothy Laskovich
William J. Spurlock
Mary Mishko
Helen Barski
Wasil Fedchenko (*brother of Tatiana Boryczewski)*
Eugene Erhardt

St. John's Monastery
Russell/Linderman Mission *(Albania)*

Newborns:

Nora Grace Oprisko

Parish Council News

☛ The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 6 PM on **Thursday, July 12th** at Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

Upcoming Events

- July 1 - Sophie Grimes Baptism
- July 1 - St. Vladimir's Fundraiser Deadline
- July 1-7 - St. Vladimir's Summer Camp (ages 12-15)
- July 12 - Parish Council Meeting @ Ridge Manor
- July 19-22 - St. Paul Grecian Festival
- July 21 - 22 - St. Sava Cathedral Serbian Festival
- July 22 - Parish Picnic @ Ridge Manor
- July 22 - Sacred Music Concert 5 pm @ St. Sava Cathedral
- July 22 - St. Innocent Golf Outing at Sweetbriar, Avon Lake
- August 6 - Transfiguration of our Lord
- August 15 - Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos
- August 17-19 - St. George Shish-Ka-Bob Festival
- August 17-19 - St. Mary Romanian Festival
- August 23-26 - Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Festival
- August 30-September 5 - FOCA Convention in Nashville
- September 1-2 - St. Sava Church Soccer Tournament
- September 9 - St. Theodosius Feast Day and Banquet
- September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- September 15-16 - Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Last week we honored our high school, baccalaureate and Master's degree graduates:

★Natalie Evans
★Leonora Felon
★Jessica Mytrohovich
★Jonah Pelton
★Gabriel Tabeling and
★Christopher Wojnicz

God Bless them and grant them Many Years!

Congratulations Sophie Magdalene and Grimes Family. May God bless you all and grant you Many Years!

St. Vladimir's Camp Fundraiser

25% of Pampered Chef sales will go directly to camp. Deadline for orders is July 1st. Call Barb Sheean 216-371-1173 for more infor-

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:		Greeters:
7/01	Karen Felon	Phyllis Gindlesperger & Virginia Medvec
7/08	Mary Swit & Tammy Ponomarenko	Paul Pangrace & Maca Tyler
7/15	Joyce Tabeling	Debby Pinta & Tom Broslawik
7/22	Patti Sankovic, Natalia Pricinovskis	Steven & Eileen Bondor
7/29	Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind	Phyllis Gindlesperger & Virginia Medvec
8/05	Donna Jacak	

2007 Dues

$250.00 per Adult member (18 and older)

The July Special Collection is designated for St. John's Monastery.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday July 1
5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Baptismal Liturgy: Sophie Grimes

Monday July 2

Tuesday July 3

Wednesday July 4
Independence Day - office closed

Thursday July 5

Friday July 6

Saturday July 7
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday July 8
6th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

The CHURCH PICNIC will be held
Sunday, July 22, 2007
at the Ridge Manor Picnic Area from 1 pm - 5 pm. The Church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. If you wish to bring anything additional to the table, you may do so.

Last year's spread and fellowship was enjoyed by all. If you didn't attend last year, you certainly will not want to miss this year.

So please mark your calendars NOW for
JULY 22nd!!

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