
Commemorations of the Day:

Saints Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Apostles of the Seventy were among the first deacons in the Church of Christ. In the Acts of the Holy Apostles it is said that the twelve Apostles chose seven men: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appointed them to serve as deacons. They are commemorated together on July 28, although they died at various times and in various places.

At first, Saint Prochorus accompanied the holy Apostle Peter, who made him bishop in the city of Nicomedia. After the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, Prochorus was a companion and coworker of the holy Apostle John the Theologian and was banished with him to the island of Patmos. There he wrote down the Book of Revelation concerning the final fate of the world. Upon returning to Nicomedia, Saint Prochorus converted pagans to Christ in the city of Antioch, where he suffered martyrdom.

Although Saint Nicanor suffered on the same day that the holy Protomartyr Stephen (December 27) and many other Christians were killed by stoning, he is also commemorated on December 28.

Saint Timon was later appointed by the Apostles as bishop of the city of Bostra in Arabia and suffered from the Jews and pagans for preaching the Gospel. He was thrown into a furnace, but by the power of God he came out of it unharmed. The tradition of the Roman Church says that Saint Timon died by crucifixion. Saint Timon is also commemorated on December 30.

Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died after being afflicted with an illness. Some say that Saint Parmenas suffered martyrdom under Trajan (98-117) in the final year of his reign.

(Adapted from OCA.org)

Announcements

July and August Charity is dedicated to the Diocese of Alaska. The Diocese and many of its parishes are very poor, and have made a general appeal to the OCA for assistance.

St. John's Russian Orthodox in Mayfield is doing a used shoe drive for sending overseas. If you have worn but not abused shoes, boots, sandals etc that are taking up space and collecting dust please consider donating them. A collection receptacle will be set up next week in the parish hall. (Please keep pairs together by tying laces or using string to tie them together.)

Parish Council is looking into the purchase and installation of an air conditioning unit for the main room of the church hall. The cost is approximately \$5800. Anyone who wishes to may donate to help off set the cost.

His Eminence Archbishop Mark will be visiting our sister parish of All Saints on Sunday August the 18th and has asked that we join him in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Spiritual Food for Thought:

“The devil seeks to continually sift us like wheat, forcing us to spin in the whirlwind of entertainments and diversions, not allowing us to collect ourselves and contemplate our inner state, our soul.”

-Archbishop Averky
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Prayers for the Sick:

Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Vladimir
Priest John
Archpriest Michael
Archpriest Gregory
Priest Michael
Archpriest John
Matushka Gloria
Matushka Myra

Thom
Nancy
Joan
James
Thomas
Diane
Cathy
William
Oliver

5th Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas

July 28th, 2024

Upcoming Services:

August 3rd – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

August 4th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am

August 5th – 9th Hour, Vespers and Lity for Eve of Transfiguration.

August 10th – Great Vespers – 6:00pm

August 11th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30am



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