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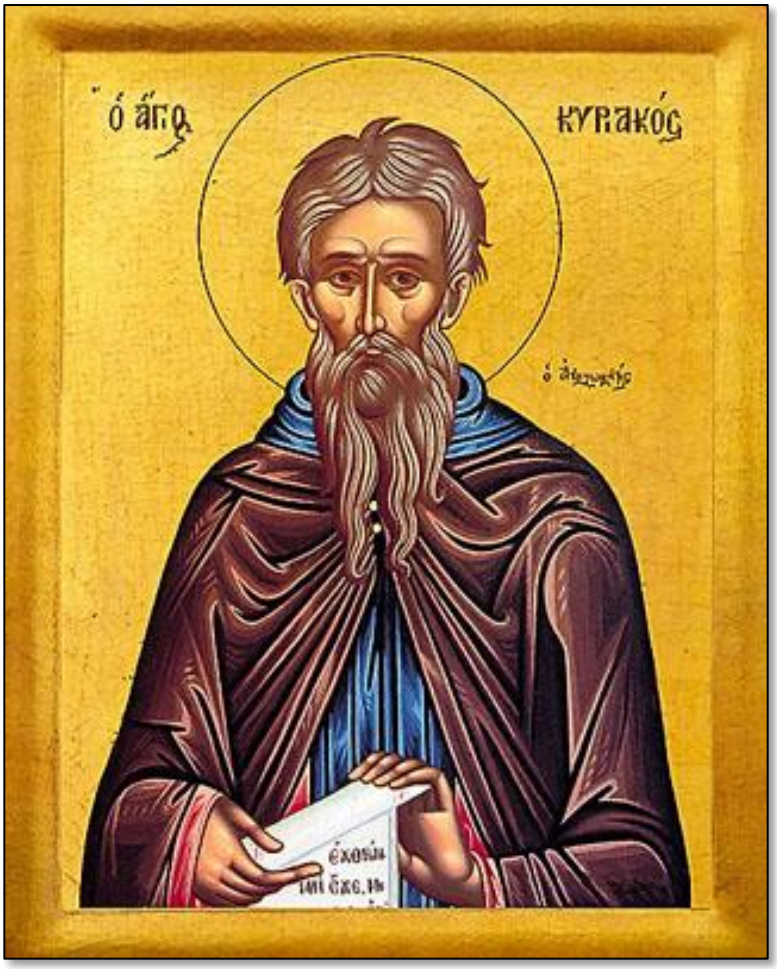

Sunday, September 29, 2019

15th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Tone 6

Saint Cyriacus the Hermit, of Palestine (556 A.D.)

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE-HOUR CLEANUP and SUPPLIES!

Summertime is behind us, and regular Coffee Hour is back … we need your help with Coffee Hour clean-up! We are thankful to the small "summertime crew" who cleaned up every Sunday … but now we need everyone to step up. Put your names on the poster in the Fellowship Hall.

This week's Coffee Hour Needs are: Cold cups, small plates, sugar packets.

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*, followed by Church School and Coffee Hour

Monday, September 30
7:00 PM *Akathist* for the Feast of *Pokrov* – The Protection of the Most-Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, October 2
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – in the Fellowship Hall, Downstairs

Saturday, October 5
5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal – in the Fellowship Hall Downstairs
5:30 PM Private Confession Available
6:00 PM *Great Vespers* with *Memorial Service* for Neysa Macagnone Rascone, requested by Nicholas, Gail, and Donna Macagnone

Sunday, October 6
9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy* followed by Church School, Coffee Hour with Video Presentation from the Orthodox Youth Mission Team, and Teens Meet with Fr. David, Episode 2 of "The Relationship Project"

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Brethren, this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. **TODAY'S GOSPEL Luke 6:31-36** The Lord said, "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE:

- Sunday, October 6: OYMT (Orthodox Mission Youth Team) Video and Talk at Coffee Hour. Come learn what the Mission Team experienced this summer helping families in Tennessee, and hear about plans for 2020!
- Thursday, October 10, 7:30 PM: Parish Council Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 PM: Building Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- Friday, October 18, 7:00 PM: St. Tikhon Choir performs Benedict Sheehan's Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in English, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 E. 66th Street, NYC. Ticket sales and more information at www.stspress.com (St. Tikhon's Press & Bookstore).
- July 15–21, 2020: Pilgrimage to Alaska with Archbishop Michael: Celebrating 50 Years of the Glorification of St. Herman of Alaska, and the Autocephaly of the OCA! Pick up a poster on the Welcome Table with details.

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL THING HAPPENING IN OUR ED BUILDING: *BASKETBALL IS BACK!*

It has been many, many years since the "*thump*" of bouncing basketballs was heard in the Ed Building! You might not know it yet, but our Ed Building gym floor has been completely redone, thanks to God by insurance coverage and the courtesy of our tenants, and is a working basketball court again! And guess what? Together with our tenants, the Westchester School for Special Children, and having the required insurance in place for everyone's safety, we now host the Westchester Athletics Youth Basketball program on most evenings! You can learn more about the WA programs at https://www.facebook.com/WestchesterAthletics2017/ … including a video clip showing off our new gym, and exclaiming, "HOME SWEET HOME!!! THANK YOU!!!"

Westchester Athletics Players and Coaches, Enjoying Their New "HOME SWEET HOME"… *Here!*

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CHURCH MUSICIAN APPRECIATION DAY: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey will mark Church Musician Appreciation Day on Sunday, September 29, 2019, the Sunday before the feast day of St. Romanos the Melodist. Truly, we need to nurture and encourage our church musicians – and thank them on this day for their pious work.

I strongly encourage Rectors, Parish Councils, and Choir leaders to offer special thanks to their singers, composers, arrangers, and teachers of church music. Let us ever be attentive to – and never take for granted – the vital relationship between the Rector and the Choir Director; the prayerful connection between the liturgical celebrants and the choir; and the soul-enriching ministry of our church musicians, which uplifts and inspires all those gathered in the Divine Services.

With this in mind, I direct the following petitions to be offered during the Augmented Litany on September 29:

O Heavenly Father, on this day of recognition for the women, men and young people in our parish who give their time and musical talent in service to Thee, our Lord, and to Thy Church, we ask Thy continued blessings for all of them, and we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Bless all of our choir members, O Lord, as they sing praises to Thee and glorify Thy Name. That their work may be a witness to Thy majesty and love, reminding us all of Thy presence in our lives; we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

O God, Whom Saints and Angels delight to worship in Heaven: be ever present with Thy servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by Thy people on earth; and entreating Thee to grant unto them even now glimpses of Thy beauty and to make them worthy to behold it unveiled for evermore, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

I thank you for joining me in expressing gratitude to our church musicians, singers, and composers, and I appreciate your cooperation in the manner of this request.

With my archpastoral blessings, my humble prayers, and my sincere love to all of you,
especially to the church musicians of our beloved Diocese,

+ Michael

Archbishop of New York and the
Diocese of New York and New Jersey

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF OUR CHOIR DIRECTORS, SINGERS, COMPOSERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES – PAST AND PRESENT!

PRAYER LIST

Luke Kusick, recovering from an injury; Edward Kiss; Fr. Dennis Nagi; Mat. Deborah Belonick and her family; George & Madeline Miroshnikov and the child to be born to them; Eunice Bullock (Nigel's mother); Lawrence DeNoia; Tina Seckerson; Catechumen Judy & Rocco Mastronardi; Frank, Mat. Anastasia Harris; Fr. Nicholas Harris, Sara Haughton, Aaron Hoskins; Vera Bullock; John Krawchuk; Sharon Turpening; Danielle, Sofia and Stella Miller; Marilyn; Martha Scigliano; Charlie Andonis; children Daniel Markewich, Victoria Saraceno & Charlie; Vera Bouteneff; Ted Chaiko; Nancy Prusak; Honorina Rodriguez; Mary Braig; Marian Harris; Vincent Knarr; Luka & Elena Herman; Nicholas Macagnone; Tanya Balasenowich; the child Alena; Andrew Czuchta; Boris Lyzak; Douglas & Susan Hansen; Bill Bodack; Courtney Lyzak; Suzanne Gee; Kathleen & Maryanne Nolan; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; the priests Frs. Vitaly Bahanovich, John Chupeck; Stephen Hoskins, Samuel Kedala, Leonid Kishkovsky, John Malcom, Josef Petranin, John Reeves, Daniel Skvir, Ken James Stavrevsky; Basil Summer, Dennis Swencki; John Tkachuk, John Zabinko; Matushki Ellen Chupeck, Myra Kovalak, Rebekah Markewich, Alexandra Safchuk, Priscilla Shipley; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness, including Eugen Balasenowich, Sr.; Maria Chouplat; Helen Delandri; Olga Donski; Walter Donski; Irene Homa; Anatole Honczarenko; Olga Juck; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Ryzyk; Edward Wirchansky; for all soldiers, especially Mykola; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence and natural disasters, and refugees; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians & families; all Orthodox monks and nuns, and all those considering monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families. Birthday: Alexandra Kostik (Ludmilla Branzow's granddaughter, 9/30). All of our choir members and directors. Asking God's blessing on our labors renovating the Church building.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Frank Pugliese (+9/20); Bartholome (+9/18); Gertrude Mach (Samantha Fricke's grandmother, +9/12); Paraskiewa Salej (Bill Prusak & Lidia Ryzyk's mother, +9/7); Archbishop Nikon of Boston and the Albanian Archdiocese (+9/1); Nicholas Proios (+9/1); Andrew Hornick, Jr. (8/28); Christina Sceppaquercia (+8/26); ever-memorable Victor Makarov (+11/28/18); all our departed choir members and directors; and all those departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server.
Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!

Tatiana Balasenowich
Elizabeth Bouteneff
Joe Ciamarra
Brandon Ferguson
Samantha Fricke
Kaydee Kowalczyk
Sofia Miller
Stella Miller
Andrew Nolan
Frances Nolan
Peter Nolan
Joshua Ryzyk
Stephanie Ryzyk
Lukas Skalski
Matthew Skalski
Justyna Skalski
Thomas Skalski
Adriana Szpynda
Emily Szpynda
Katherine Wislocki
Olivia Wislocki

"Sending our kids to college without a connection to the Church is like sending children to play in traffic." -- Abp. Michael

Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia. Living: Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families. **Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros,** Newly Departed Regina Cataldo and Christina Sceppaquercia.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS …

"Every person that does any evil, that gratifies any passion, is sufficiently punished by the evil he has committed, by the passions he serves, but chiefly by the fact that he withdraws himself from God, and God withdraws Himself from him: it would therefore be insane and most inhuman to nourish anger against such a man; it would be the same as to drown a sinking man, or push into the fire a person who is already being devoured by the flame. To such a man … in danger of perishing, we must show double love, and pray fervently to God for him; not judging him, not rejoicing at his misfortune." – Saint John of Kronstadt, in his book, *My Life In Christ*