

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Saint Euphemia -- July 11th

July 11, 2010
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12 – JULY 18

SATURDAY, JULY 17

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

REQ: OLGA FEDUNYAK

SUNDAY, JULY 18 – 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS



Remember in your prayers

Remember Those In The Armed Forces



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces:



and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Sr. Marie Arendes, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, Sonia Shashkewych, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

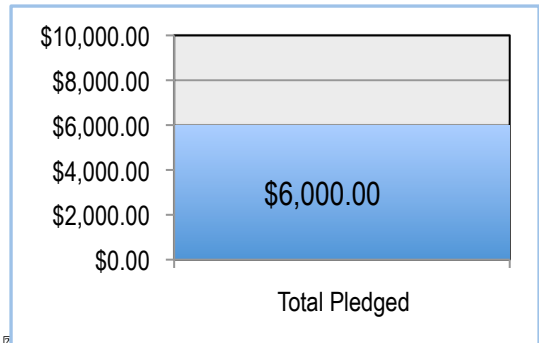
Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the *Liturgies to Fr. James.*



50th Anniversary

The 50th Anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of November 20 – 21. Bishop Richard has confirmed his attendance so planning is underway. Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

50th anniversary project



Blessing of Automobiles Sunday, July 18th

It is a venerable practice to bless automobiles on (or near) the feast of St. Elijah, the Great Prophet (July 20) who rose into heaven on a whirlwind accompanied by chariots. There will be a blessing of automobiles immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. Following the final hymn, please go and stand by your car while Fr. James makes his way around the parking lot with the Holy Water.



ON HOLY COMMUNION

The Holy Eucharist is the first, most important, and greatest miracle of Christ. All the other Gospel miracles are secondary. How could we not call the greatest miracle the fact that simple bread and wine were once transformed by the Lord into His very Body and His very Blood, and then have continued to be transformed for nearly two thousand years by the prayers of priests, who are but simple human beings? And what is more, this mystery has continued to effect a miraculous change in those people who communicate of the Divine Mysteries with faith and humility.

– *Saint Ambrose of Optina*



I HAVE NO HANDS BUT YOURS

A soldier in World War II was given the task of gathering up the pieces and fragments of a statue of Christ that was destroyed when the cathedral that housed it was destroyed by bombs and mortar. He found every piece and fragment, and they were turned over to an artist, whose labor of love it was to reconstruct the icon. Even though it took him months, he accomplished the work, and the statue was returned to its pedestal.

One part of the Christ was missing, however. The soldier could not find the hands of Christ. Both the soldier and the artisan considered their work incomplete without the hands. However, one day as the craftsman was viewing the statue with the missing hands, he got a wonderful idea. Instead of Christ's hands being raised in blessing, as they originally were, the craftsman placed an ornate, but simple, sign at the base of the handless replica. These were the words of the sign: "I have no hands, but yours." Will you give your hands – your time and abilities – to your church?

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Святкуємо 50-років!

Celebrating 50 Years!

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The Great Martyr Euphemia

Saint Euphemia was born in Chalcedon (present day Kadiköy, Turkey), the daughter of devoted parents, Philophron and Theodosiani. She was tortured during the persecutions of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian late in the third century, early fourth century. While little else is known of her life, a miracle is well recorded.

The Saint played a major role inspiring the Fourth Ecumenical Council. In 451, during the reign of Marcian and Pulcheria, the Council of Chalcedon was convoked against Eutyches and Dioscoros who claimed that Christ had only a single nature. Saint Euphemia worked a miracle that determined the final doctrinal definition. The 630 Fathers at the Council deliberated about the two natures of Christ.

To test their teaching, the Holy Fathers prepared the differing opinions in two separate decrees and asked God to confirm the truth in this matter. The texts were placed inside the reliquary casket of St. Euphemia and then sealed. After three days of twenty-four hour prayer, the Fathers opened the reliquary in the presence of the Emperor. The text of the heretics had fallen to the feet of the Saint, while that of the true doctrine rested in her hands.

The relics of St. Euphemia are now venerated in the Patriarchal Church of St. George in the Phanar, Constantinople (Istanbul).