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27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 2. MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES, AND EUGRAPHUS, OF ALEXANDRIA.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Dec. 10: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)
Tuesday, Dec. 12: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Dec. 13: 7 AM Matins
Thursday, Dec. 14: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Dec. 16: 5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Lucille Lezinsky, Danny Pregmon, Sandra Pritchuk, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Mary Krenitsky.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Lillian Keslosky by Sonia and Tom Maciorowski; Michael Keslosky, Jr. by Sonia and Tom Maciorowski.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Saturday, December 16 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Kris Mitchell, Elan Hair and Nail Studio, Greek Catholic Union, Tom & Arlette Zupko in memory of Anna Zupko, Sandy Pregmon, anonymous, anonymous, Prince of Peace (St. Mary's) & St. George's Orthodox Church. We are in need of plastic bags for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the tub in the crying room.**

Confession: It is highly recommended that all parishioners go to confession before Christmas.

Pierogie Sale: Will be on Wednesday, December 13th. Volunteers are needed to help in making balls on Sunday afternoon starting at 2 PM. Please contact Sandra if you can help.

Trip to Sight & Sound: Wednesday, December 20th at 3 PM to see the "Miracle of Christmas" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We will be renting a 15 passenger van and Protodeacon Sergei Kapral from Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes Barre will be our driver. Thirteen people have signed up for this trip. The itinerary for December 20th would be as follows:

8:45 AM	Arrive at Church
9 AM	Depart from our Church
12 – 2 PM	Lunch at a Restaurant in Lancaster
3 PM – 5:30 PM	The Miracle of Christmas production
5:45 – 7 PM	Dinner in Lancaster
10 PM	Arrive back at our Church

Each person already paid for their ticket (\$56) to the show. The remaining cost of \$41 for each person would include transportation, honorarium and expenses for Protodeacon Sergei. Each person would have to pay for their two meals. Please make a check payable to Fr. Peter Henry for \$41. Thank you.

81st Novogodny Ball: Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.
13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.
15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God,
16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.
17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?
18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?
19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Martyr Menas of Alexandria



The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugephus, the secretary of Saint Menas, and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.