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July 25th – 9th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 8

(Remembering the Saints, the Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra, and Michael of Maleinus)

Today's Epistle

Readings: 1Cor. 3: 9-17

Today's Gospel

Readings Mt. 14: 22-34

Troparion: "Thou didst descend from on high O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: 'Glory to Thee!'"

Kontakion: "By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!"

Meditation:

Let Me Desire Nothing Save Only You

Lord Jesus, let me know myself and know You, and desire nothing save only You. Let me deny myself and love You. Let me do everything for Your sake. Let me humble myself and exalt You. Let me think of nothing except You. Let me die to myself and live in You. Let me accept whatever happens as from You. Let me banish self and follow You, and ever desire to follow You. Let me fly from myself and take refuge in You, that I may deserve to be defended by You, and let me be among those who are chosen by You. Let me be willing to obey for your sake. Let me cling to nothing save only You, and let me be poor because of You. Look upon me that I may love You, and forever enjoy You. Amen. — St. Augustine

For Pondering

A famous minister, during his last days, wrote a friendly letter to a fellow minister who was also suffering. In that letter, he said, "We have preached a great gospel, but remember Jesus Christ is greater than anything we have ever said about Him."

Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

- (1) **TODAY:** we congratulate **JoAnn and Mateo Villa** on their wonderful "Union in Christ" yesterday – May God Grant them both Many Years!
(1-A) We will serve the 40-day parastos for **+Arlene Crnkovich**, given by her loving family!
(1-B) **ALSO TODAY:** We will take our monthly collection for our needy in the community – **Give of your BEST, not your LEAST** – the needy are "the least" of our brethren, as our Lord reminds us!
- (2) **Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:**
Ruban Trbovich Dawn Mrvos Gladys Mrvos Mika Rocknage
Darinka Grba Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevich-NH
Smilja Blagovich-NH Bertha Cervo-NH Mimi Pavlovich-NH
- (3) **As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+ Arlene Crnkovich +Ljubica Trbovich +Milena Dokmanovich +Amy Pacura
+Bertha Lalich +George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich
+ Sophie Strager +Sophie Vranesevic
- (4) **IMPORTANT MESSAGES:**
(a) **REMEMBER:** we will all say the Prayer before Holy Communion when Father says it BEFORE he receives – he will lead us! (So, this means when he invites us up, "In the fear of God..." we will just come forward having already said the prayer before this!)
(b) **PLEASE:** come to Church regularly AND get your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in – AS WELL AS try bringing a family-member or friend back to Church – We Need Them All!
(c) **Reminder #1: this is God's House – ACT accordingly** – no talking, chewing gum, sleeping or talking on the cell phones! Show Him that you understand His House is a place of Holiness and Honor!!!
- (5) **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
(a) Fr. Stevo away THIS WEEK Shadeland July 25th-30th – Fr. Rajko Kusic to be contacted (412-882-3900) if needed.
(b) **DIOCESAN DAY: Bus Trip To Shadeland For Church Consecration – August 8th**
(Sign Up NOW at Tutors' Desk – Leaves at 7 AM; Back Home at 4 PM!)
(c) **August 11th-15th** – Fr. Stevo away for Youth Conference in Milwaukee!
(d) **International Village** – August 17th-19th – DO YOUR PART!
(e) **August 22nd – Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Christopher Rocknage!**
(Reception to follow with visiting clergy and dignitaries!)
- (f) **CHOIR REHEARSALS:** Tuesday, August 3rd and Thursday, August 12th – practicing for the Ordination Weekend and Picnic-Day, September 12th!