

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health and prosperity of:**

**Adam, Andrew, and Alex Jankowski**, offered by parents Linda and Paul Jankowski

**Andrew and Maribeth Romanofsky** on their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Luba Bodulow**, Happy Birthday from her children and their spouses, grandchildren, and friends.

**For the eternal memory of:**

**Ann**, mother of Linda Dantine

**Readings:**

- Romans 10:1-10
- Matthew 8:28-9:1

**BRETHREN**, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

**At that time**, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours – 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Private Confession –** Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

**General Confession –** 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

**Pannikhidas –** after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

**Coffee hour –** after Liturgy

**(Church School has ended for the school year.)**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Vesperal Liturgies**

- The **Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ** is next month on August 6<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Vesperal Liturgy for the **Transfiguration on Monday evening, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**
- The **Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary** is next month on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Vesperal Liturgy for the Dormition on **Wednesday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.**

**Announcements:**

- There will be a meeting of the Parish Council today after coffee hour.
- Volunteers are needed to clean the church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- **St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary.** The 75th Anniversary Commemorative Double Edition of the Tikhonaire is now available for viewing on-line at [stots.edu/tikhonaire.html](http://stots.edu/tikhonaire.html). The special edition, includes a photographic account of the seminary's entire history, includes photos of each graduate, faculty member, and administrator who has lived and worked at Saint Tikhon's since it's opening in 1938. In addition, the seminary has digitized its Tikhonaire Historical Archive, so that each year's edition may now be viewed online in its entirety.

**Special Announcements:**

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**Saints Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Apostles of the Seventy:**

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 (6:1-6) 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, St 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, St Prochorus converted pagans to Christ in the city of Antioch, where he suffered martyrdom.

**At an unprecedented gathering in the Moscow Kremlin on July 24, 2013, the Primate and Representatives of the Local Orthodox Churches met with Russian President Vladimir Putin, after which a statement was issued on the occasion of the 1025th Anniversary of Rus’**

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, was among those who signed the statement, the text included:

“The world mass media, as well as many politicians, are silent about the tragedy of Christians in the Middle East.

“We are grieving together with all the suffering people of Syria. We demand that the outstanding Christian hierarchs of Syria – **Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo** and Iskenderun and Syrian Jacobite **Metropolitan Mar Gregory John Ibrahim** of Aleppo be immediately freed.

For the complete text see the OCA web site at <http://oca.org/news>.  
(Click on “Primates, Representatives of Local Churches issue statement defending persecuted Christians”)



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**Deacons: Prochorus,  
Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas  
(and Irene)**

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*You were holy deacons and eye-witnesses of the Word,  
And chosen vessel of the faith,  
O glorious Nicanor, Prochorus, Parmenas and Timon.  
Therefore today we celebrate your sacred memory,  
Blessing you in gladness of heart.*

**Kontakion**

**Today the Church remembers:**

Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.) • St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698) • Ven. Moses, Wonderworker, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.) • Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.) • Martyr Eustathius (Eustace—ca. 321), of Apamea • Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.) • The Smolensk “HODIGITRIA” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (brought from Constantinople in 1046) • Icon of the Mother of God “of Tenderness” (1885)

**July 28, 2013**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Tone 4** of the Octoechos