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| Sunday | July 18 | <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 7 / Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils</i> |
| | | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour |
| Saturday | July 24 | <i>Martyr Christina</i> |
| | | 6:30 pm Vigil Confession |
| Sunday | July 25 | <i>9th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Dormition of Anna, mother of the Theotokos</i> |
| | | Readings: 1 Cor 3:9-17 Matt 14:22-34 |
| | | 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Lamb Roast |

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / July 11

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| Attendance: (Adults 103, Children 25) | 128 |
| Operating | \$2,384.00 |
| Uganda Children | 200.00 |
| Alushff Memorial | 25.00 |
| Charities | 85.00 |

SPECIAL WELCOME

We welcome Fr John Steffaro, who presided at Liturgy today, and his wife Matushka Carol. Thanks Fr John.

IN FR ANDREW'S ABSENCE

If an Orthodox Priest is needed in an emergency please contact Fr Stephen Callos at 216-702-4226 or 216-291-0185. Also, please let Mark Joslin know ASAP as he will be in touch with Fr Andrew.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our next St Jame's Soup Kitchen Project will be on Saturday, July 24. The day begins around 9:30 am and any and all are welcome to help. A Sign-Up Sheet is in the foyer.

LAMB & PIG ROAST

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the Pig & Lamb Roast next Sunday following Liturgy. Ticket price: Lamb - \$15.00, Pig - \$10.00, Both - \$12.00 1/2 portion. Ages: 13 & Up: Full Price, 6-12: \$5.00, under 5: free. Dinner includes meat, choice of rice or Cheesey Potatoes, choice of juice or coffee. At ticket purchase, please consider signing up for a side dish or dessert.

PROJECT MEXICO

Shawn Cunningham has agreed to head up our team for next summer. If you will participate in the Archbishop Job Memorial Building Program, please turn in your \$50 registration fee to Shawn ASAP as the July

31st deadline is quickly approaching.

HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

We are looking for anyone interested in serving on a committee to begin making plans for our Social Hall renovation. Please see Mark Joslin if you can help.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

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Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), **Peter** Vitantonio (Mark J's csn), **Steve** Peterson (Christani frnd), **Corey** (Luann D's sn-n-lw), **Fr Theodore** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Fr Alexander** (Fr Andrew's frnd), **Kerya** (Fr Andrew's frnd,), **Shane** (Wick frnd), **Randy** Moore (Sue C's uncl), **Margarette** Fross, **Leonard** Heim, **Helen** Cicansky (Andy's mom), **Frank** Kitko (Schroeder frnd), **Vera** Campbell, **Pan** Theophylactus, **Tamara**, **Judy** Kormos (Sheranko cousin), **William** (Sheranko frnd), **Sue** Hoffacker, **Dimitri** (Greg's Dad), **Zorka**, **Margaret** Gorta (Elaine T's mom), **Charles** (Schroeder uncle).

Traveling: Steven Hoffacker (Korea)

Birthdays: George Hasenohrl IV (7/20), Maxim Klinar (7/21)

Anniversary: Ted and Elaine Kisha (7/17)

Newborn: Ava (Joe and Kristy)

Expectant Parents: Nichole & Evan

Grieving: Capitan, Tintor & McBean families

————— **Memory Eternal** —————

Martha Tintor (7/2), **Chrysoula** (Jim C's mom), **Clarence** Stockdale (Christani frnd 6/17), **Cecilia** Kisha (Tina M's mom, 7/2), **Margaret** Saula (7/1).

The Archangel Gabriel

July 13 marks the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel, the leader of the heavenly hosts of angels. The Prologue from Ochrid reminds us that we can find him in many “appearances and marvels through the whole history of the salvation of mankind.”

In the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to Daniel, proclaiming to the “greatly beloved” prophet, “I have now come to give you wisdom and understanding” (Daniel 9:22-23). He imparts to Daniel a vision of both future tribulations and the coming of an “anointed one.” It is clear from this encounter that angels sometimes appear in human form, for Daniel refers to his visitor as “the man Gabriel.” They also sometimes fly; Daniel says that Gabriel “came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice.”

The first chapter of the Gospel of Luke tells of two other appearances of Gabriel, both directly related to Our Lord. First the angel visits the aged priest Zechariah to tell him that he and his wife Elizabeth will not only no longer be childless, but shall have a son who “will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God.” To this wonderful news, the old man gives what is definitely the wrong response:

“How shall I know this?”

We can imagine the archangel turning his powerful gaze on Zechariah as he says, “I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news.” Zechariah is temporarily rendered unable to speak because of his disbelief. In the next verses, when Gabriel tells Mary she will bear the Son of the Most High, she is surprised, and questions him, but unlike Zechariah she believes and accepts his great news.

Both Mormons and Muslims teach things about Gabriel that Christianity absolutely rejects. Mormons claim that it was Noah “in his role as the archangel Gabriel” who visited Zechariah. For Muslims, it was Gabriel who revealed the Qur’an to Mohammed. Therefore, according to Islam, the archangel considered Jesus to be a prophet of Mohammed rather than the divine and only-begotten Son of God. But in that second chapter of Luke, Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus is “the Son of the Most High” of whose “kingdom there shall be no end.” Jesus, Gabriel is clearly saying, is the Savior all the prophets were readying us for, not merely a prophet himself of a messiah yet to come.

Troparion Tone 4

Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you,
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you:
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!”

As Christians we aren’t encouraged to speculate about things that are “too great and too marvelous” for us, but the prophet Daniel gives us a wonderful vision of the angels, including Gabriel, worshipping around God’s throne: “A stream of fire issued and came forth from be-

fore Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him” (Daniel 7:9).

The Troparion for this day urges us to call on Gabriel: “Deliver us from harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!”