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SUNDAY 7TH AFTER PENTECOST
Saturday, July 27, Sunday July 28, 2019

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**SUMMER DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES**

Fr. Saba Shofany will be absent from parish beginning July 29 - August 25, 2019.  
Fr. Richard Dellos will celebrate the Divine Liturgies in August 4 & 11 at 11:00AM.  
Fr. John Buehler will Celebrate the Holy Liturgy Sunday 18 at 11:00AM  
Fr. Mark P. Kaminski will Celebrate the Holy Liturgy Sunday 25 at 11:15AM  
In case of any emergency please call Tony Showa at 315-732-5411. Tony will contact the priests or and the Diocese to provide St. Basil with priest.

**1. THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY LITURGIES OFFERED BETWEEN AUGUST 4TH & AUGUST 25TH.**

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

Please continue to pray for our convalescing friends, including Rt. Rev. Edward Kakaty, Archdeacon George Yanni, Jordan Barahmeh, Michael Klockowski, Eugene Hutchinson, Lawrence Bleiberg, Maggy Attalah, Nancy Gazzal, Rose Pawlinga, and Jean Benoit. Please notify Fr. Shofany in case of illness.

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS: THANK YOU!**

Weekly Collection July 20/21: \$ 387.00                      Fuel Offering: \$ 00.00  
Cheese Sale: \$ 150.00                                              Memorial Offering: \$ 190.00

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† MEMORIAL MASSES †

THIS SATURDAY, JULY 27

† **Elvira Chanatry, 17th Memorial Anniversary**, By Eugene & Doris Hutchinson

THIS SUNDAY, JULY 28

† **Frederick Kopyt**, By John & Dana Ata

NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 NO DIVINE LITURGY

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 4 FR. RICHARD DELLOS CELEBRANTE

† **Frederick Kopyt**, By John & Dana Ata

† **Anthony Louis Zalatan**, By Michelle Zaltan- Roth and Family

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**\* ANNOUNCEMENT \***

The next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon September 9, 6:30 PM, Rectory Meeting Rm

**UNMERCENARY HEALERS**

The Eastern Churches have, for centuries, honored a number of Unmercenaries, several of whom were also martyrs in the early persecutions. A few of them (and their feast days) are:

*Ss. Cosmas and Damian* of Asia Minor (November 1); *Ss. Cosmas and Damian* of Rome (July 1); *Ss. Cyrus and John* in Egypt (January 31); *St Julian* in Homs, Syria (February 6), and the teenaged medical student *St Thallaios* (May 20).

Some Un-mercenaries were not trained physicians but rather native healers, usually associated with rural areas and practicing what we might call “alternative medicine” today. Among them we venerate: *St Tryphon* (February 1) who healed livestock as well as people in his village, Lampsacos. Not a few of these Un-mercenaries were women. Among them the Church honors:

*Ss. Zenaida and Philonella* (October 11), who operated a clinic at a healing spring in Thessaly, and the precursors of Mother Teresa, *Ss. Hermione and Eukhidia* (September 4), who established the first hostel for the homeless poor in Ephesus. These and others are also remembered in collective feasts of the Holy Unmercenaries in the calendars of some local Churches, generally in October or November.

**The Great Martyr St. Panteleimon:** One of the most revered Unmercenaries in both East and West is the Great Martyr St. Panteleimon the Healer. He lived in Asia Minor from 284 to 304 and was thus a contemporary of St. George and other martyrs. Like them he suffered martyrdom in the same persecution.

Our saint was born in Nicemedia, the regional capital, about the year 284 to a pagan father, Eusturgios, and a Christian mother, Eubula. At birth he was given the name Pantaleon, which means “in all things like a lion.” His mother began teaching him the Christian faith but she died when her son was still a boy. Raised by his father, Pantaleon was taught to join him in worshipping the ancestral gods of the region.

The highly intelligent lad was entrusted as a teenager to the noted physician Euphrosinos to learn the practice of medicine. As was the custom, he accompanied his master everywhere to study his methods. Since Euphrosinos was occasionally called to the imperial court Pantaleon attracted the attention of the Eastern emperor, Maximilian. He successfully completed his studies and began the practice of medicine himself.

**Pantaleon’s Conversion:** The young physician often passed a house where three priests – Hermolaos, Hermippos and Hermocrates – were living in seclusion. They had survived a notorious massacre in 303 when thousands of Christians, who had taken refuge in the principal church in Nicomedia, were slaughtered. Hermolaos noticed him and invited him in. In the course of what became frequent conversations, Hermolaos praised Pantaleon for his skills, but also challenged him: “But, my friend, of what use are all your acquisitions in this art, since you are ignorant of the science of salvation?”

Pantaleon was well disposed to Hermolaos’ teaching but was only convinced to accept baptism through the following event. The young physician once happened to see a child stricken on the street, bitten by a poisonous snake. Pantaleon began to pray to our Lord Jesus Christ that the dead child might be revived and that the poisonous reptile might die. He firmly resolved that, should his prayers be answered, he would become a follower of Christ and would accept baptism. Pantaleon saw the child come back to life and the great viper burst into pieces. Pantaleon was then baptized by Hermolaos and was given the name Panteleimon (“all-compassionate”). After Eusturgios’ death, Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, sick, needy and indigent. Everyone who came to him he treated without charge, healing them by invoking Jesus Christ. He would visit those in prison, especially Christians, whose numbers were filling the prisons, and treat their wounds, thus living up to his Christian name. This naturally attracted the attention of people and they abandoned their other physicians to be treated by Panteleimon. (*July Leaflets*2014)