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Martyrs Callistratus & Aquilina, St. Sabbatius

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September-October

- 9/26- Catechism (3 pm), Memorial (3:30 pm), Great Vespers (4 pm) & Confession
9/27- Hours (9:30) & Divine Liturgy (10 am)
10/3- Catechism (3 pm), Memorial (3:30 pm), Great Vespers (4 pm) & Confession
10/4- Hours (9:30) & Divine Liturgy (10 am)
10/5-8-Midwest Diocesan Assembly

HYMNS TODAY

Troparion — Tone 3

In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Martyr Callistratus, and were glorious in casting down the Enemy. You offered a noble army of athletes as sweet-smelling incense to Christ. With them pray for us who praise you with hymns.

Kontakion — Tone 4

(*Podoben*: "Today You have shown forth...") like stars you have shone upon the world shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you: ðRejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs.ö

Troparion — Tone 3

You abandoned the world and fought the good fight by hardship, vigil and prayer. Pray to Christ our God to save our souls, O holy Father Sabbatius!

Kontakion — Tone 2

Fleeing the turmoil of life you dwelt on an island in the sea. You took up your cross and followed Christ toiling in vigils, fasting and hardships. You became the adornment of the righteous And we lovingly celebrate your memory. Pray to Christ our God to save our souls, O righteous Sabbatius!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PROKEIMENON Psalm 28:11 & 1

+The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

+Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, *as* workers together *with Him* also plead with *you* not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “*In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.*” Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much ^lpatience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by ^lsincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; as unknown, and *yet* well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and *yet* not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things.

GOSPEL READING: St. Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

The Miraculous Catch of Fish and the Calling of Peter

St. Cyril, Sermon XII Patristic Bible Commentary,

Syriac resources online, Ms. 14,727

Let us admire the skillfulness of the method employed in making them a prey who were to make prey of the whole earth; even the holy Apostles, who, though themselves well skilled in fishing, yet fell into Christ's meshes, that they also, letting down the drag-net of the Apostolic preaching might gather unto Him the inhabitants of the whole world. For verily He somewhere said by one of the holy prophets, *Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.* (Jeremiah 16:16) By the fishers He means the holy Apostles; and by the hunters, those who successively became the rulers and teachers of the holy churches. And observe, I pray, that He not only preaches, but also displays signs, giving thereby pledges of His power, and confirming His words by the display of miracles: for after He had sufficiently conversed with the multitudes, He returns to His usual mighty works, and by means of their pursuits as fishers catches the disciples as fish: that men may know that His will is almighty, and that the creation ministers to His most godlike commands.

As He had now taught them sufficiently, and it was fitting also to add some divine work to His words for the benefit of the spectators, He bade Simon and his companions push off a little from the land, and let down the net for a draught. But they replied, that they had been laboring the whole night, and had caught nothing: in the name, however, of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish; in order that by a visible fact, and by a type and representation, miraculously enacted, they might be fully convinced that their labor would not be unrewarded, nor the zeal fruitless which they displayed in spreading out the net of the Gospel teaching; for that most certainly they should catch within it the shoals of the heathen. But observe this, that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land; and therefore, being speechless from fright and astonishment:---for their wonder had made them mute:---they beckoned, it says, to their partners, those, that is, who shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey. For many have taken part with the holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially such as search into the meaning of what is written in the Holy Gospels; and others besides them, even the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For still is the net drawn, while Christ fills it, and summons unto conversion those in the depths of the sea, according to the Scripture phrase; those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things. For this reason also Peter, carried back to the memory of his former sins, trembles and is afraid, and as being impure ventures not to receive Him Who is pure: and his fear was laudable: for he had been taught by the law to distinguish between the holy and the profane.

PARISH NEWS

Prayer Corner

(Please submit your prayer request, provide the person(s) first and last names, by Wednesday evening)

Catechumens: Don Garber & Dajana Buzo

Birthday Amina Reach 9/29

**Anniversary Jan & Debbie Pravlochak (9/27),
Brandon & Katherine Van Tiem (10/3)**

**TRAVELERS Steve & Patricia Morrish, Scott &
Amy Wassell & Family**

Health

Fr. Paul Albert, Joanne Maxim, Anna Prochko, Gary Aldinger, Dell Livo, Karen Baumman, Glen Cherup, Carol, Jaxson (new born), Laura, Richard, Michael, Linda & Sally McCool (COVID 19), Jim Addy (Leukemia/COVID 19), Ann Eide (Shingles), Avery Shaw McDevitt (new born)

Memory

+Linda Jarkey (9/19), +Douglas John (9/17), +Jarrod Champine, +Mat. Janet Mihalick (8/26), +Bonita Treff (8/25), +Nick Dureiko (8/7), Mary Krohta (8/6), Ed Koch (1 yr.)

Clip out and add to your daily prayers

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR TAILGATE

TODAY: Details in attached Flyer

CONGRATULATIONS! To **Kyle and Rachel McDevitt** on the birth of their daughter **Avery Shaw (9/7/20)** and to the grandparents **Dwain and Mary (Krohta) McDevitt**. Good health and Many Years!

FRIENDS OF ST MARK Michael, Linda and Sally McCool, supporters and workers of the Christmas Baskets Program, are recovering from COVID 19. Mike is in serious condition. You are in our prayers.

MEMORY ETERNAL! **Linda Jarkey**, sister of **Juliana Kozlowski** fell asleep in the Lord last week (9/19). May God rest her soul in the bosom of Abraham.

DIVINE LITURGY BOOKS are on the table in the Narthex. Pick it up it and keep it during this COVID 19 period. **CHURCH BULLETINS** will be available. Dispose of them at home.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS (9-12) will meet in the parking lot on the following Saturdays Oct 10, 24 and 31 at 3 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Water and snacks will be provided.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday 9/26

Linda Jarkey (9/19), Nick Dureiko (40 days),
Michael Templeton (20 yrs.)

MIDWEST DIOCESIAN ASSEMBLY

October 5-8, 2020

REMINDERS

CONFESSION is heard **right after** Great Vespers.

LIVE STREAMING LINKS: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarkOCA> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw9YrWd1r4WxlyKS-aOttaGg/live> Click on either of these links or cut and paste into your browser.

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ADJUSTMENTS FOR SERVICE ATTENDANCE We are waiting for the Archbishop to bless 70 to attend Divine Liturgy. Please email if you cannot attend on your scheduled Sunday. If you would like to attend Divine Liturgy on another Sunday contact Steve Lionos to check space availability.

COVID PRECAUTIONS are being observed. Bring your mask. If you have had a fever in the past 48 hours or not feeling well or if you have been with someone who has tested positive for COVID please refrain from attending church for 14 days. If you have signs and symptoms of COVID, or if you have been tested for COVID and are awaiting results, kindly refrain from attending. Let's stay healthy and pray together!

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The Real Danger for Christians

Fr. John Meyendorff, Witness to the World pp. 99-100

The real danger for Christians lies not in political activity as such, but in a loss of their Christian identity. In fighting the horrors of racism, discrimination and oppression, the liberals of the sixties were (and still are) often unaware of the danger of jumping on the bandwagon of secular revolutionary ideologies whose ultimate goal is not to protect human dignity, but to destroy it.

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN RESOURCES

Diocese of the Midwest <https://domoca.org>

Orthodox Church in America (OCA) <https://www.oca.org>

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America <https://www.goarch.org>

Antiochian Archdiocese of North America <https://www.antiochian.org>

Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops USA <http://www.assemblyofbishops.org>