



# ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 9, 2017

### HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA IN SICILY

#### SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**Saturday, July 15** – Great Vespers and confessions at 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday, July 16** – Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M. Whitmore-Gniewek wedding, time TBD

**OTHER EVENTS:** Wednesday – parish Council meeting at 7:00 P.M.

#### PRAYERS ADDED THIS WEEK:

newly departed Stephanie – Yavornitzky friend from seminary

newly departed Andrew Cvercko – Yavornitzky friend, Ohio FOCA Camp founder

Linda – Julie Kozlowski's sister, fall, broken ribs

Archpriest Leonty (Leo) Copacia – several falls, bad arthritis and pain, in re-hab facility

newly Baptized Emmanuel Gerald Gialanella

Jessica Duronio – Jackie's sister, going to Greece for study abroad

Gerald and Irene Bokas in their travels

Raouf and Sohair Ibrahim in their travels

**BIRTHDAYS:** Laura Porzondek 7/10; Elaine Vetalice 7/13; George Buhaj Sr., Seraphim Wassell and James Voytilla 7/14;

**ANNIVERSARY:** Demmy and Stephen Lionas 7/10; Julie and Andrew Gignac 7/12; Anna and Vadim Alekseyev 7/13

- Coffee next week: G+A Bokas, A. Wassell, J. Wassell
- Greeters next week: Bob and Diane Koory
- Church Cleaning next week: DeLisle, Koory, S. Pravlochak
- Attendance last week: 59 adults 8 children

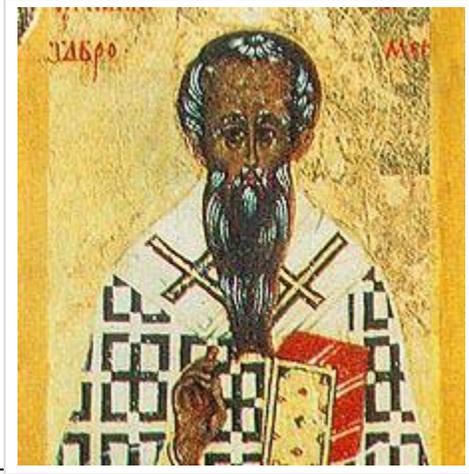
#### SOUTHWEST DETROIT MISSION COLLECTION TODAY

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** will be held August 7, 8 and 9 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. eac evening. The sign up sheet for attendance is now on the candle table.

#### PANTRY PARTNERS

Along with the items which were dropped off in the boxes, we collected over \$1,200.00 to purchase supplies for St. Innocent Orphanage in Mexico. Thank you all for your support.

# Hieromartyr Pancratius the Bishop of Taormina in Sicily



Commemorated on July 9

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth.

The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.