



ST. MARK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 30, 2017

APOSTLES SILAS AND SILVANUS OF THE 70 AND THOSE WITH THEM

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Saturday, August 5 – 40 day memorial for Debbie Astor at 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 5 – Festal Vigil for the Transfiguration and confessions immediately follow

Sunday, August 6 – Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M., Church school teachers meeting at coffee

OTHER EVENTS: Monday - Men's Fellowship @ Chotkowski's 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday – the Dormition fast begins and runs to August 15th

PRAYERS ADDED THIS WEEK:

newly departed Nicholas – 7 yr. old great grandson of Sam Loria, hit by car

Milan Koprivica – Fr. Dusan's father, in hospice care

Nicole – friend of Dan Ring, cancer returned

Kim – father in law of Fr. Andrew's godson, metastasized cancer

Juliana Bilowus and Nathan Alessio on their marriage today

Steven, Nora, Lindsey, Kasey and Nicholas Creek in travel

the Bokas family in their travel

BIRTHDAYS: Jennifer Pishko 7/30; Elizabeth Pishko 7/31; Bruce Gentry Sr. 8/1; Steven Creek 8/2;

Christine Hamay 8/3 Janice Drahushak 8/5

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline and Rodney Criel 7/30; Juliana and Ronald Kozlowski 8/5

- coffee next week: Krohta, Robertson, Thornton

- Greeters next week: Steve and Patricia Morrish

- Church Cleaning next week: Ring, Robertson, Thornton

- Attendance last week: 72 adults 20 children

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held August 7, 8 and 9 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. each evening.

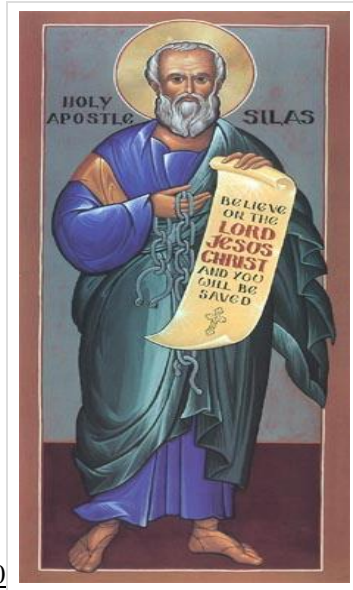
The sign up sheet for attendance is now on the candle table. **Last Day to Sign!**

SIGN – UP SHEET is out for the August 20th ODO meal at Ss. Peter and Paul

AUGUST IS S.A.M.P. (Support a Mission Priest) month. Alms collections will be earmarked for our overseas missionaries throughout the month of August. We supported three this year @ \$600 apiece.

PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE OR "OK" YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE SHEET ON THE CANDLE TABLE. A new, updated roster is being prepared.

Apostle Silas of the Seventy



Commemorated on July 30

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epenetus and Andronicus were disciples of the Savior.

Saint Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe the Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, giving the decision of the Council that Christians of Gentile origin did not have to observe the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Saints Paul and Barnabas, the Council of the Apostles sent Saints Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Saint Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but Saint Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people, and for this they were arrested, beaten with rods, and then thrown into prison. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, suddenly there was a strong earthquake, their chains fell off from them and the doors of the prison opened. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself, but was stopped by the Apostle Paul. Then, he fell down trembling at the feet of the saints, and with faith accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of the prison and took them to his own home, where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household.

From Philippi Saints Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica. In each city they made new converts to Christ and built up the Church.

At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop, and worked many miracles and signs, and there he finished his life.