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Confession Schedule: Saturday 16:00–16:30,

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26 June 2016 / 7524: 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father David of Thessalonica. The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Nicholas Konrad and the Blessed Cantor Vladimir Pryjma (1941).
The Passing of the Blessed Martyr the Priest Andrew Ishchak (1941).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat.	June 25	17:00 Vigil of the 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Suffrages for John Krynicky – Nindle Family
Sun.	June 26	10:00 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Suffrages <i>pro populo</i>
Tues.	June 28	19:00 Vigil of Saints Peter and Paul	Suffrages for Conrad Semensky – James & Donna Fullman
Wed.	June 29	09:30 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul	Suffrages for Paul & Margaret Kern - Daughter Margaret
Sat.	July 02	17:00 Vigil of the 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Suffrages for Richard Spirko – Constance Bankovich
Sun.	July 03	10:00 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Suffrages <i>pro populo</i>

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	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
Sat. June 25	-----	J. Krynicky	J. Snitzer, J. Knouse
Sun. June 26	E. R. A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Tue. June 28	T. & M. Syphans	J. Kontir, G. Krynicky	Any two present
Wed. June 29	T. & M. Syphans	J. Krynicky	Any two present
Sat. July 02	-----	M. Harhai	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer
Sun. July 03	T. & M. Syphans	A. Prizzi	R. Garber, R. Knouse
6/19/2016	Sunday: \$743	Student: \$12	Candles: \$50
Collection	Peter’s Pence: \$25	Total: \$830	
Attendance:	Saturday: 15 + 1	Sunday: 34 + 9	Holy Day: 13 / 12+1

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OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S EPISTLE FROM ROMANS: Love is the fulfilling of the law and the ultimate goal of all our labors. Deep love for one another is the hallmark of the Christian fellowship at all times. Love must be accompanied by zeal and service if it is to be effective. Christians are called to rejoice because of their hope of eternal salvation, to be patient in times of suffering and persecution, and to pray without

ceasing. In all these things the eschatological dimension of hope governs everything the Fathers say on the subject. The early Christians understood that persecution elicits spiritual growth, and therefore they ought to bless their persecutors. Christian pastoral care must be marked by sympathy and understanding for others but also by wisdom to know which reaction is the appropriate one at any given moment. Humility and peaceableness are the universal marks of a Christian. Christians repay evil with good and never seek revenge, which belongs to God alone. The Fathers believed that if Christians did good to their enemy they would be shaming the enemy into repentance. The coals of fire were understood as a kind of punishment that would burn away all rebellion and malice and prepare the enemy to receive Christ. The Christian demonstrates the superiority of good over evil by refusing to succumb to bitterness, even when provoked.

OVERCOME ANGER WITH PRAISE. AMBROSIASTER: God makes Christians new people in every respect, so that here too he wants to take away from us the habits of anger which are common to everyone, so that instead of cursing others in anger, which we once did so easily, we might rather overcome our anger and bless them, so that the Lord’s teaching might be praised. COMMENTARY ON PAUL’S EPISTLES

BLESS, DO NOT CURSE THEM. CHRYSOSTOM: Those who persecute us are conveyors of a reward to us. If you are levelheaded, there will be another reward after that one which you will earn yourself. For your enemy will let you get a reward for persecution, but you will earn a further reward by blessing him, because by doing so you will be demonstrating a very great sign of love for Christ. Just as the man who curses his persecutor shows that he is not pleased to be suffering this for Christ’s sake, he who blesses his persecutor shows the greatness of his love. HOMILIES ON ROMANS 22

Next Sunday’s Readings: 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 15: 1-7 Christian Unity for God’s Glory
Matthew 9: 27-35 Two Blind Men Healed



~ Announcements ~

- FESTIVAL NEWS
 - IN THE NARTHEX: there is a sign-up sheet for parishioners are willing to make a basket for the Chinese Auction.
 - If you can’t make a basket, PLEASE contribute at least one item to the “Grocery and Laundry Baskets.”
 - If at your place of work, or if you know a business that you think would contribute a basket to the Auction, sponsor letters explaining the nature of your request are available and located on the tables in the Narthex.
 - Festival signs and sign out sheet will be available next week-end.
- LITURGICAL CHANGE: Beginning this week-end the person or persons for whom suffrages are being offered will be remembered during the Great Entrance.
- Can you recognize some of the common signs and symptoms of drug abuse? Call Westmoreland County’s Substance Abuse Helpline for direction, answers, and hope: 1-844-897-8927. See flyers on bulletin boards in the Narthex.