

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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28 JULY 2024 / 7532 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Apostles and Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. July 27 17:00 Vigil: **10th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for health and well-being of **Marlene Harhai** – Marge Hulyk

Sun. July 28 10:30 **10th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo

Sat. Aug. 03 17:00 Vigil: **11th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages pro populo.

Sun. Aug. 04 10:30 **11th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for the **+Living and Deceased members of the Ruskino Family** – Reunion Committee.

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07 / 21 / 2024	Adults: \$1056	Candles: \$72	Holy Day: \$75		
COLLECTION	Special Don. \$100	TOTAL: \$1303			

In today's gospel our Lord helps us put into perspective the giants that intimidate and try to control our lives. He tells His disciples and us, «If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain [Mount Tabor where the Transfiguration just took place] 'Move from here to there', and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.» The Gospel is

telling us that there is no difficulty bigger than God. He is bigger than any temptation, any sin, any failure, any problem. When we place our lives in His hands, through a personal act of faith, He gives us the power to become bigger than we ever dreamed we could be – bigger than an illness, bigger than our weaknesses, bigger than our hatred, bigger than our prejudices, bigger than our defeats. With Christ we can have a giant within us. St. John writes in his first epistle, «He (Christ) Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (Satan). In today's gospel, Jesus Himself restores a boy possessed by a demon after His own disciples fail because they doubted the powers He had given them earlier. In those disciples we easily see ourselves when we confront the giants and mountains of life. The secret to understanding and undoing them is to believe that no person, no situation, no set of circumstances is bigger than God. A man whose life was guided by that kind of belief was St. Paul, who was afflicted with a serious physical infirmity which he talks about in his second letter to the Corinthians. He calls it his «thorn in the flesh». Even though he prayed to be delivered from it, God instead gave him the power to live with it. That thorn in the flesh did not make the apostle Paul an invalid; it drove him to greater dependence on Christ and to great power. Let us face the mountains and demons in our lives with the conviction that faith can and will move them, can and will expell them.

THE HOLY APOSTLES AND DEACONS PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, AND PARMENAS: These Apostles of the Seventy are mentioned in Acts 6:5. Saint Prochoros became Bishop of Nicomedia and reposed in peace. Saint Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem. Saint Timon became Bishop of Bostra in Arabia and ended his life in martyrdom by fire at the hands of the pagans. Saint Parmenas died in peace in Jerusalem.

Apolytikion of Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas of the 70 Apostles:

O Holy Apostles, intercede to our merciful God, that He may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion of Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas of the 70 Apostles:

By faith you were shown forth as the Word's hallowed deacons, His ven'erable eye-witnesses, and chosen vessels, Nicanor and Prochoros, glorious Timon and Parmenas; hence we celebrate today your sacred memorial, and with joy of heart, we keep the feast now in gladness, whereon we all call you blessed.



THE DORMITION FAST begins Thursday, August 1th and ends on the 14th. The traditional rule for this fast is a strict abstinence from meat, eggs and dairy products, with the usual mitigations of wine and oil for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore, observed as during the Great Fast. It is also a custom of our Church to pray the *Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos* either as a parish community or individually.