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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Oct 4, 17th **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8.** Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan.

Epistle:

Gospel:

2 Cor. 6:16-7:1

Luke 6:31-36

Tuesday, Oct 6, Glorification of St. Innocent of Alaska

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Soup and Bread Reading Group, *St. Seraphim of Sarov*, 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct 8, St. Pelagia the Penitent

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Oct 10, St. Dionysius the Aeropagite

Parish Yard Sale, 9 am to 1 pm, Church Parking Lot

Deacon's Vespers for the Resurrection, time to be announced

Sunday, Oct 11, 18th **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.** Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.). Synaxis of the Optina Elders. Martyrs Zinaida and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.). Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

2 Cor 9:6-11

Luke 7:11-16

Heb. 13:7-16 (Fathers)

John 17:1-13 (Fathers)

SALEM IN OCTOBER - Special Prayer

As we have done the last year two years, it seems fitting for the Church in some manner to address the Salem Halloween phenomena. The majority of you have lived nearby for many years and have incorporated this phenomena into the cycle of life in the area. To an outsider, it is very strange.

On the one hand, similar to the American practice of Halloween itself on Oct. 31, it is just harmless entertainment and tourism. But on the other hand, there is a reference to the occult, the evil one, and demons - all aspects the Church has always opposed.

To address the Halloween phenomena, we pray a special prayer in the Church for the four Sundays of October. The prayer is a slight modification of the standard Orthodox prayer against evil spirits in homes. In this case, we pray against evil spirits in the home of our Church, Salem.

It should be noted that our prayer is not directed against any persons, nor is it a judgement against any persons. Rather, it is a prayer against the forces of evil which always try to use and confound the good intentions of everyone.

THANKS TO ALL who planned and brought food for our potluck luncheon last Sunday!!

YARD SALE THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

Our first (in a long time) yard sale will be next Saturday, October 10th, from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations may be brought to the Church basement. Only brand new clothing will be accepted. Please be sure donations are clean and in good condition. Volunteers are needed for Thursday, Oct 8th and Friday, Oct 9th to set up. Times will be announced. Also, volunteers are needed to staff the tables on Saturday, Oct 10th. Please contact Diane Klibansky if you can help.

We are also planning a bake sale to accompany our yard sale. Please coordinate with Maria Johnson if you can bake for this sale.

BOOK STUDY TO RESUME - ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

The next meeting of our summer reading group on the book, *St. Seraphim of Sarov*, by Valentine Zander, will take place following Daily Vespers this Tuesday. The reading group and discussion is informal. There is something for everyone - it's not necessary to have attended earlier session in order to benefit from the discussion. This week we are looking at Chapters 5 and 6 of the book. We will have a light "soup and bread" supper.