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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017  
*Venerable Anthony of the Kievan Caves*  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
Romans 15:1-7

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 9:27-35

*Christ is in our midst!  
He is and ever shall be!*

**Troparion to Venerable Anthony of the Kievan Caves**

Having departed from worldly tumults, in leaving the world you followed Christ according to the Gospel. You reached the quiet refuge of the Holy Mount Athos, living there a life equal to the angels. Therefore, with the blessing of the Fathers, you came to the Kievan hills. There having fulfilled a life loving of labors, you illumined your homeland. And having shown a multitude of monastics the pathway leading to the heavenly kingdom, you led them to Christ. Beseech Him, O Venerable Anthony, that he may save our souls!

**Kontakion:** From your youth you gave yourself to God whom you loved above all, O Venerable One; and in love you followed after him with your whole soul. Scorning the passing corruption of the world, you made a cave in the earth; and in it you struggled nobly facing the snares of the invisible enemy, while illumining the ends of the earth like a bright, shining sun. Therefore, with rejoicing you entered into the heavenly chambers. Standing now before the throne of the Master together with the angels, remember us who honor your holy memory that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, Anthony our Holy Father!

**Memory Eternal**

We offer prayers today for the newly-departed, Carl, uncle of Ruth Schmidt, and Frank Maika, father of Maria Damjan. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants. Večnaja pamjat +

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. May you experience the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for Coffee Hour afterwards. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

**Glorification of Saint Mardarije of Libertyville**

On July 14-16, His Holiness, Patriarch Irinej of Serbia celebrated the glorification of Saint Mardarije (1889-1935) of Libertyville, North America's first ruling Serbian Orthodox bishop. Events were held at New Gracanica Monastery and Saint Sava Monastery, Libertyville, IL and concelebrated by OCA's Metropolitan Tikhon and bishops of many Orthodox Churches. News/photos: www.oca.org and elsewhere.

**Back-to-School Drive – Today and Sunday, July 30**

- The Faith in Action Team is again partnering with Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS) to provide school supplies to low income children and teens in our local area. A wish list of items is available at the display table and at www.nvfs.org. Let's help these students have a good start to the school year.
- NVFS accepts monetary donations as well. Through a special purchasing program, for every \$1 donated today, they are able to purchase \$2 of school supplies. Please make checks payable to NVFS with "Back-to-School" in the memo line and submit to Sue Mamula or Donna Karabin.

**Cyprus Friendship Program Presentation – Today**

Today during Coffee Hour, we will have a presentation by teens involved with Cyprus Friendship, a private exchange program that brings pairs of Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot youth to the U.S. for a month, where they work on confidence and peaceful relations. Our PAX Community friends are host families.

**Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, July 26**

Vespers begins at 7PM on Wednesday. Afterwards Fr. John will lead a discussion on Chapter 12 of the Epistle to the Hebrews. All are welcome.

**Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles' Crab Feast – Saturday, July 29**

All singles over 21 are invited to the annual Crab Feast next Saturday at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda. RSVP by July 24. See details on the bulletin board.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Borcka Sucevic as she celebrates her birthday this week. Mnogaja ljeta!