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SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 3)
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26
Next Sunday, 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42
Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM

REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY
Maxim Dorosa offered by daughter Nadine Dorosa

SERVICES THIS WEEK
Dormition of the Holy Virgin – Friday, August 28
Thursday Evening, 6:30 PM – Great Vespers with blessing of bread, wheat, wine and oil.
Friday Morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Flowers

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Aug 23/10)- Lavrenty (Lawrence), Sixtus, Felicissimus, Agapitus, Roman (Raymond). MON- Euplus, Theodore, Basil, Sosanna (Suzanna), Gaius, Gavinius, Claudius, Maxim, *Prepedignia,* Alexander, Kufius, Nifont. TUE– Photius, Anicitus, Pamfilus, Kapiton, Alexander, Palamon. WED- End of Transfiguration; Tikhon (of Zadonsk), Maxim, Ippolit, *Concordia,* Ireney, Avundius, Seridus, Benjamin, Sergius. THUR- Pre-feast of Dormiton; Micheus, Theodosius, Mercellus, Arkady, Simeon. FRI- Feast of Dormition; Akary, Hariton (Harry). SAT- Diomidus, Herimon, Joachim, Nikodimus, Stamatius.

Parish Council Meeting today following services.

Kielbasa For Sale

We have regular Kielbasa, Sweet Kielbasa, Hot Kielbasa, Cheese Kielbasa and Extra Garlic Kielbasa available for sale.
All kielbasa except for the sweet and hot are smoked. The cost is $7.00 a pound. Please see Rdr. Dimitri Ermakov after services.

Pirate Ticket Pickup

If you ordered tickets for the Pirate Game outing on September 6th tickets are now available for pickup. Please see Rdr. Dimitri to get your tickets.

The Holy Martyrs Laurence the Archdeacon and Pope Sixtus, and others with them

When Pope Stephen was killed, St Sixtus was installed in his place. Sixtus was an Athenian, first a philosopher and later a Christian. At that time, the Roman bishops were being killed one after the other in such quick succession that to be made Bishop of Rome was tantamount to a death sentence. The Emperor Valerian was determined to stamp our Christianity, and Pope Sixtus was quickly brought to trial with two of his deacons, Felicicius and Agapitus. When they were being taken off to prison, Laurence said to the Pope: 'Where are you going, Father, without your son? Whither, O Bishop, without your archdeacon?' The Pope consoled him with the prophecy that he would undergo yet greater suffering for Christ, and follow him very soon. And indeed, as soon as Sixtus and the two deacons had been beheaded, Laurence was arrested. He had been inspired to set in order both his affairs and those of the Church. As treasurer, he had taken all the Church's valuables to the house of a widower, Cyriacus. At that time, he healed Cyriacus of the terrible pains in the head by the touch of his hand, and restored the sight of a blind man, Crescention. Thrown into prison, Laurence there healed an elderly prisoner, Lucillus, of blindness and baptized him. Seeing this, the warder, Hippolytus, also received baptism, and later suffered for Christ. As Laurence would not deny Christ, but strongly counselled the Emperor Valerian to abandon his false gods, he was beaten on the face with stones and on his body with scorpions (chains with poisoned teeth). A soldier, Romanus, who was present at the torture, came to belief in Christ and was immediately beheaded. They finally put Laurence on an iron grid and lit a fire underneath. Roasting in the fire, Laurence gave thanks to God, and mocked the Emperor for his paganism. When he had given his pure and heroic soul to God, Hippolytus took his body by night, first to the house of Cyriacus and then to a cave, where he buried it. St Laurence suffered, together with the others, in 258.

-The Prologue from Ochrid