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SUNDAY – July 30, 2017 – 8th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 a.m.— Divine Liturgy – Intention for the departed servant of God
+ George Dulina requested by John Dulina, Jr.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP**: lighted this week for the health of **Maryanne Sokolowsky Tileo** requested by Jeanne Arnott

TODAY'S READINGS: Epistle: 1 Cor: 1:10-18 Gospel: Mt 14:14-22

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP: Coffee Hour and fellowship will take place immediately after the Divine Liturgy in the adjacent Parish Hall. There is never any charge. Thank you, Pani Tammy, Rose, and Maria, for being our weekly hosts. Please note that there will be **no Coffee Hour next Sunday, August 6**.

REMEMBER OUR ARMED FORCES: Most especially the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio and his Priests and Deacons. Also, those parishioners currently serving in the military--- **Airman First Class Rose Rella, Senior Airman Maria Rella, Petty Officer Second Class Erin Wimmer, Captain Tammy Rella**, and our parish priest, **Chaplain (Major) Francis Rella** who is currently serving on Active Duty. Also, remember the Veterans of our parishes who served in every armed conflict since World War I, especially **George Sabornick, James Burkhart, Stephen Labos, and many unnamed others**.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick, **Josephine Abate** at Monmouth County Care Center, **Anne Kucharski** at Regency, **Carol Timko** at Bridgeway Care Center, and **Elizabeth Bessenyi** at Somerset Hills Assisted Living. Also, pray for parishioners **Mary Kucak and Veronica Szegesky**, as well as **Heather Lindsay**, cousin of Father Rella and **Susan Lukacs Dean** goddaughter of Lori Grobelny.

HELP US GROW: Please give your time, your talent, and your tithe. Vow to bring at least one new friend or family member to Liturgy this summer.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER RELLA: As written previously, Pope Saint John XXIII said about the Catholic Church **“We are not on earth to guard a museum, but to tend a blooming garden full of life.”** God has granted both parishes a fair degree of financial stability as we look towards the future. Our infrastructure is improving and our building renovations are moving forward. Both parishes are becoming structurally healthy, thanks to God. Now I call upon all parishioners to act as evangelists. We need to build our ranks so the future is not short-lived. Please bring others to Sunday Divine Liturgy, so that we can keep our doors open for years to come. Start with your own families, even distant family members. Ask a co-worker or a neighbor to attend, especially during these summer months when we are all together and have a weekly fellowship and coffee hour. The future of our two parishes depend on what you and I do right now in 2017. It only takes one parishioner to bring one person to double our parishes in size and worship to Our Father in Heaven. We would think nothing of inviting a friend or family member out to a movie or a meal. Why not invite them to the greatest banquet on this planet. The Heavenly Banquet which nourishes them on their journey to God’s Kingdom. Let them experience God’s Kingdom and His Mercy right here and right now. Their souls depend on it. What we do here and what we do for others is for keeps! There’s no second chance once we leave this planet.

CONGRATULATIONS: To those celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other milestones. God, grant you Many Years! Mnohaya lita! Isten adja sok évnyi! Please tell Lori Grobelny or Father if you have an upcoming milestone, so that we may pray for and bless you.

SLAVIC DINNER: St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church will sponsor the Slavic Dinner on **Wednesday, August 9, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage. Each month a special entrée will be specially selected and prepared by St. Mary’s chef John Pagano. Dinners are held on the second Wednesday of every month throughout the year. Orders to go are available. For more information contact: St. Mary’s at 908-725-0615.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION: As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy when we receive Holy Communion. **Roman Catholics also fulfill their Sunday Obligation by attending and receiving Holy Communion in a Byzantine Catholic Parish since we are in Full Communion with the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Apostolic See of Rome.** If this the first time you are receiving in the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church, the Priest will say a blessing and give you the Sacred Eucharist with a spoon from the Holy Chalice. There is no need for a response of Amen. **“Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches.** However, as per Roman Catholic discipline, **“the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches.”**

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Francis Rella, Administrator Mr. Robert Kondrk, Cantor
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