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**May 24, 2026**

**Sunday of Pentecost**

**Intentions:**

- ❖ **Saturday, Divine Liturgy:** It is celebrated and offered for the mother, father, and brother of Jamal Doro and, also, for all the deceased of the Hage family. May their memories be eternal! This is requested by Jamal and Albert Doro.
- ❖ **Sunday, Divine Liturgy:** On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Liturgy will be offered for the peace, health, and salvation of Thecla Abbiati, on the occasion of her birthday and also for the peace, health, and salvation of Kaien Sobanski on the occasion of his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thecla is the sister of Anna Sobanski and Gerard Massad and Kaien is the grandson of Anna and Raymond Sobanski. This is offered by Anna and Raymond Sobanski.

**NOTES AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner Fundraiser:** Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. Signup sheet in back of church on the table.

**Saturday, June 13:** This is the night of the Spaghetti Dinner. Liturgy will begin at **4:30 pm rather than 5:00 pm.**

**Divine Liturgy:** The Liturgy will be offered for Patrick and Joanne Moukawsher on Sunday, June 7, on the occasion of their wedding anniversary (May 25).

**The Sanctuary Lamp:** The Sanctuary Lamp is lighted for the month of June for Gloria Massad. This is offered by John Jeffords and his late wife, Gloria. They were the best of friends. May both Gloria's memories be eternal! We miss them both. Father Dennis

**Financial update:** The following is a summary of income and expenses over the last week:

**Income:**

- Candles: \$79.00
- Poor Box: \$1.00
- Regular Collection: \$905.00
- Total: \$985.00

**Expenses:** We had no bills due last week.. For the Liturgies last weekend, we had only 23 adults and 4 children attend.

**200 Club:** The next drawing will be held on Sunday, May 24, after Liturgy.

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour snack signup sheet in back of the church on the table.

**Saint Rita:** Saint Rita of Cascia is known as the Patron Saint of Impossible Causes, just as our beloved Saint Jude. You can read about her life on the Internet. It is not difficult to understand why devotion to her has endured for centuries. Modern life has not made suffering disappear. In many ways, it has made people feel even more isolated. That is where Saint Rita meets a soul longing for a miracle.

She does not offer intercession with God for shallow optimism and easy answers, but the quiet and miraculous witness of someone who suffered deeply and remained close to Christ through it all. She knew disappointment. She knew unanswered questions. She knew what it meant to watch loved ones make destructive choices. She knew the ache of losing people she loved and the pain of waiting on God's timing.

There is comfort in knowing that holiness does not require a perfect life story. It requires only God's grace and our openness.