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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

JULY 14, 2024

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical
Councils

Apostle Aquila of the Seventy
Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Mákhreshchei

APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE SEVENTY

Saint Aquila, Apostle of the 70: It is possible that he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul, a native of Pontus and a Jew, living in the city of Rome with his wife Priscilla (they are commemorated on February 13 on the Greek Calendar). During the reign of the emperor Claudius (41-54) all the Jews were banished from Rome, so Saint Aquilla and his wife were compelled to leave. They settled in Corinth. A short while later, the holy Apostle Paul arrived there from Athens preaching the Gospel. Having made the acquaintance of Aquila, he began to live at his house and labored together with him, making tents.

Having received Baptism from the Apostle Paul, Aquila and Priscilla became his devoted and zealous disciples. They accompanied the apostle to Ephesus. The Apostle Paul instructed them to continue the preaching of the Gospel at Ephesus, and he himself went to Jerusalem, in order to be present for the feast of Pentecost.

At Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla heard the bold preaching of a newcomer from Alexandria, the Jew Apollos. He had been instructed in the fundamentals of the Faith, but knew only the baptism of John the Forerunner. They called him over and explained more precisely about the way of the Lord.

After the death of the emperor Claudius, Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and Aquila and Priscilla then returned to Rome. The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans recalls his faithful disciples, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who put forth their heads for my soul, whom I do not alone thank, but also all the Church of the Gentiles and the church of their household" (Rom. 16: 3-4). Saint Aquila did not

long dwell in Rome: the Apostle Paul made him a bishop in Asia. Saint Aquila zealously labored at preaching the Gospel in Asia, Achaia and Heraklia. He converted pagans to Christ, he confirmed newly-converted Christians in the faith, he established presbyters and destroyed idols. Saint Priscilla constantly assisted him in the apostolic work.

Saint Aquila ended his life a martyr: pagans murdered him. According to the Tradition of the Church, Saint Priscilla was killed together with him.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

NAMEDAYS: Elizabeth Woodill

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK ON FR. MICHEAL'S WRITINGS: A book which includes homilies and writings of Fr. Michael Koblosh of blessed memory has been recently published. You can purchase a copy on Amazon: "He in Us and We in Him: A New Creation." This book was prepared and edited by Fr. Michael and Matushka Lydia Westerberg.

2025 SINGLES' RETREAT: The retreat is scheduled for February 20-23 for age 30+ Registration fills up quickly.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

July 14, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 20, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
July 21, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 23, Tue 6:30 PM	Parish Council

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	July 14	July 21
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Barr	Schmitt/Bomadevar
<i>Reader:</i>	N. Barr	Mykyta

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment