



# THE PROTOMARTYR



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**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GLORY FOREVER!  
TONE 6**

**7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the Lord.** Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (9th c.). Martyr Julitta at Caesarea (304-305). St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre (448). Martyr Julitta at Caesarea(304-305). St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre (448). Hieromartyr Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd and Gdovsk (1922), and those with him: Archimandrite Sergius and the Laymen, Yuri and John.

**EPISTLE:** Romans 15:1-7

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:27-35

## **Schedule of services and events of the upcoming week:**

Monday, August 1	<i>Dormition Fast Begins</i>
Friday, August 5	<i>Eve of Transfiguration</i> <b>Great Vespers w Litya 7:00 PM</b> <i>Blessing of fruit following the service</i>
Saturday, August 6	<i>Feast Day: Transfiguration of our Lord</i> <b>Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM</b> <i>Blessing of fruit following the service</i>  <b>Great Vespers 5:00 PM</b> Confessions
Sunday, August 7	<b>Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) 8:30 AM</b> <b>Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM</b>

**Video Documentaries on Church Life:** Today we will finish watching “*The Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer*” which explores ancient tradition of unceasing prayer as it is practiced in Orthodox Monasteries throughout the world. On August 21 we will watch a documentary about a monastic community of the Holy Cross Hermitage in West Virginia. Hope you will be able to join us for the movie and discussion.

**Agia Sophia Coffee House Blessing:** tonight the faithful and clergy of our Diocese will join Bishop Tikhon for the service of blessing and open house of the new Agia Sophia Coffee House and Bookstore in Harrisburg. This is a first Coffee House in our Diocese that will give those who come to it not only an opportunity to enjoy coffee but also to learn more about the Orthodox faith. The service of blessing will be at 5 PM and the Coffee House is located at 225 Market St., Harrisburg, PA. Everyone is invited to come for the service tonight and in the future to visit Agai Sophia Coffee Hour whenever you will be traveling to our state capital.

**MAY GOD GIVE YOU WISDOM! FROM THE LETTERS OF FR. JOHN KRESTIANKIN.**

Dear in the Lord N.!

Do not forget about God, with Him even hardships are not hard, there is no loneliness, and your powerlessness will be strengthened by God’s power. People are allowed to be overcome by the confusion of life so that they might understand that we cannot live without God. Now many have crossed the threshold of the Church, but only outwardly, while inwardly they still place their hope in themselves and in other people. Meanwhile the Lord is waiting for us to cleave to Him like children, with our hearts. Only then will everything change in our lives. God’s blessing to you and your daughter; of course, your request for prayer is fulfilled.