

ST. PROPHYRIUS, BISHOP OF GAZA

St. Porphyrius was born about the year 346 at Thessalonica to wealthy parents. He received a fine education. He had an inclination for monastic life and set off for Egypt at age 25; he lived in the Nitrian desert under the guidance of St. Macarius the Great. He went to Jerusalem on pilgrimage and then moved to a cave in the Jordanian wilderness for prayer and ascetic deeds.

After 5 years he was afflicted with a serious malady of the legs. He prayed for healing at the foot of Golgatha, where, in a trance, he saw Christ descending from the Cross and saying to him, "Take this Wood and preserve it." His legs were healed, and St. Porphyrius gave away all his money to the poor. When he was 45, the Patriarch of Jerusalem ordained him a priest and appointed him custodian of the Venerable Wood of the Cross of the Lord, fulfilling the words of Christ.

He became Bishop of Gaza, where there were only 3 churches but a great many pagan temples. The area was suffering a severe drought, and pagan offerings did nothing; St. Porphyrius imposed a fast for all the Christians and prayed all night, followed by a church procession around the city. The sky poured out rains, and, seeing this miracle, many pagans were converted to Christianity.

But the pagans continued to harass the Christians, unfairly burdening them with taxes. St. Porphyrius journeyed to Constantinople to seek redress from the emperor. St. John Chrysostom assisted him. They visited the empress Eudoxia, who was expecting a child and hoping for a son, for she had daughters. "Intercede for us," said the bishops to her, "and the Lord will send you a son, who shall reign in during your lifetime." Through the prayers of the saints, an heir was born to the imperial family. Therefore, the emperor issued an edict in 401 ordering the destruction of pagan temples in Gaza and restoration of privileges to Christians. He also gave the saints money for the construction of a new church, which was to be built in Gaza on the site of the chief pagan temple.

St. Porphyrius upheld Christianity in Gaza to the end of his life; numerous miracles and healings occurred through his prayers. He reposed in 420 at an advanced age.

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FEBRUARY 26, 2017

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza;

Ven. Sebastian of Poshekhónsk; Martyr Sebastian

“In our wretchedness, O Lord, we have disobeyed Your commandments, only to find ourselves stripped of glory and banished in shame from the joy of paradise. Justly have we been deprived of all Your blessings, but in Your mercy and compassion, by the Theotokos, enlighten us and save us.”

Exapostilarion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 13:11-14:4

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:14-21

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, February 26	11:40 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Prayers for Tom Bohurjak 5:00 p.m. Forgiveness Sunday Vespers
Monday, February 27	9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon
Tuesday, February 28	9:00 a.m. Lenten Hours 6:00 p.m. Great Canon
Wednesday, March 1	9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Canon
Thursday, March 2	6:00 p.m. Great Canon
Friday, March 3	6:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 4	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 27	Isaiah 1:1-20	Genesis 1:1-13	Proverbs 1:1-20
Tuesday, February 28	Isaiah 1:19-2:4	Genesis 1:14-23	Proverbs 1:20-33
Wednesday, March 1	Isaiah 2:3-11	Genesis 1:24-2:3	Proverbs 2:1-22
Thursday, March 2	Isaiah 2:11-21	Genesis 2:4-19	Proverbs 3:1-18
Friday, March 3	Isaiah 3:1-15	Genesis 2:20-3:20	Proverbs 3:19-34
Saturday, March 4	Hebrews 1:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:5	
(St. Theodore)	II Timothy 2:1-10	John 15:17-16:2	
(St. Raphael)	Hebrews 13:17-21	John 10:9-16	

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 5, Sunday 5:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Theodosius
- 8, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 11, Saturday 9:00 a.m. Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild service and program at St. Mary Church
- 13, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 15, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy

<p><u>LENTEN CONFESSIONS:</u> Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions next week (2/27-3/3) Monday through Thursday following the Great Canon; Wednesday, 3/1, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Friday, 3/3, 4:30-6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 3/4, 4:00-5:00 p.m., and following Vespers.</p> <p><u>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:</u> The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy will celebrate Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers on Sunday, March 5, 5:00 p.m., at St. Theodosius Cathedral. Children are invited to bring icons and participate in the procession. The homilist is Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Savas, of Pittsburgh.</p> <p><u>EOWG:</u> The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will meet for a Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service on Saturday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 3256 Warren Rd. The topic for the program following the service is “What Every Orthodox Christian Should Know.”</p> <p><u>SAVE THE DATE:</u> Our HTOC parish family will celebrate the Paschal season with a Bright Friday Dinner Dance. Mark your calendar for this April 21 event!</p>	<p><u>PARISH ROSTER:</u> The current roster for Holy Trinity parishioners is available in the Fellowship Hall. The roster is to enable parishioners to communicate with each other; it should not be passed on or shared with others. If you are aware of needed corrections or changes, please communicate the information to the Church Office (216-524-4859) or send to Church Secretary Janene Hatch (e-mail: jmhatch8@gmail.com).</p> <p><u>GREETERS:</u> We are looking for people to join our “Greeters” team. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980, or ajcundik@cox.net</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Marge Molnar in memory of Bob Molnar.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN DONORS:</u> The covers today are offered by Lydia and Greg Kelbach in memory of Helen Chwalyk.</p> <p><u>MEMORIAL PRAYERS:</u> There will be a 40th Day Memorial Service for Marguerite Klooz next Sunday, March 5, at 11:40 a.m.</p>
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THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 19	\$ 3494.00
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	2.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1400.00
BUILDING FUND	155.00
MORTGAGE FUND	215.00
CANDLES	100.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	20.00
DEANERY COLLECTION	20.00

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TREASURES FROM THE TRIODION - II

FROM THE VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE GREAT LENT
(on which we commemorate the Casting Out of Adam from Paradise)

O precious Paradise, unsurpassed in beauty, tabernacle built by God, unending gladness and delight, glory of the righteous, joy of the prophets, and dwelling of the saints, with the sound of your leaves pray to the Master of all: may He open unto me the gates which I closed by my transgression, and may He count me worthy to partake of the Tree of Life and of the joy which was mine when I dwelt in you before.

Adam sat before Paradise and, lamenting his nakedness, he wept: “Woe is me! By evil deceit was I persuaded and led astray, and now I am an exile from glory. Woe is me! In my simplicity I was stripped naked, and now I am in want. O Paradise, no more shall I take pleasure in your joy; no more shall I look upon the Lord my God and Maker, for I shall return to the earth from which I was taken. O merciful and compassionate Lord, to You I cry aloud: I am fallen, have mercy on me.”

In Your abundant compassion and mercy, O Fashioner of creation and Maker of all, You have taken me from the dust and given me life, directing me to sing Your praises with Your angelic hosts. In the wealth of Your goodness, O Creator and Lord, You have planted in Eden the sweetness of Paradise, and invited me to take my delight in fair and pleasing fruits and never pass away.

O blessed meadow, trees and flowers planted by God, O sweetness of Paradise: Let your leaves, like eyes, shed tears on my behalf, for I am naked and a stranger to God’s glory. No longer do I see you nor delight in your joy and splendor, O precious Paradise. For I have angered my Creator and have been driven out into the world.

Out of the earth was I fashioned by the hand of God, and I was told in my wretchedness that to the earth I should again return. Who would not weep for me! I am cast out from God’s presence and have exchanged Eden for hell.

You were appointed the ruler of all creeping things and wild beasts, so why did you converse with the creature that crept upon the earth, the destroyer of souls? And why have you taken the crafty enemy as your counselor? O wretched soul, you have been deceived!

O Christ my Savior, boldly I put my trust in the abundance of Your mercies and in the Blood that flowed from Your divine side. For through Your Blood You have sanctified the nature of mortal man, O loving Lord, and have opened to those who worship You the gates of Paradise that were of old closed to Adam.

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MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Great Canon</p>	<p>2 6:00 p.m. Great Canon</p>	<p>3 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers</p>
<p>5 First Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy 5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Theodosius</p>	<p>6 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>Soup Supper</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00 a.m. EOWG program</p>
<p>12 2nd Sunday of Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas</p>	<p>13 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>Soup Supper</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>18 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Memorial Service</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Great Vespers</p>
<p>19 3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>Soup Supper</p>	<p>23 10:00 a.m. Deanery Meeting at St. Michael's</p>	<p>24 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Annunciation</p>	<p>25 Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers</p>
<p>26 4th Sunday of Great Lent St. John Climacus</p>	<p>27 Cooking for St. Herman's House</p>	<p>28 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House</p>	<p>29 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy</p> <p>Soup Supper</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:00 p.m. Akathist to the Theotokos</p>	