

## MARTYR CONON OF ISAURIA

The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria was born in Bethany, a village near the Asia Minor city of Isauria, whose inhabitants had accepted Christianity from the Apostle Paul. From his youth, St. Conon was accorded the special protection of the “Archistrategos” (“Leader of the Heavenly Hosts”) Michael, who appeared to him and assisted him in many difficult circumstances in life.

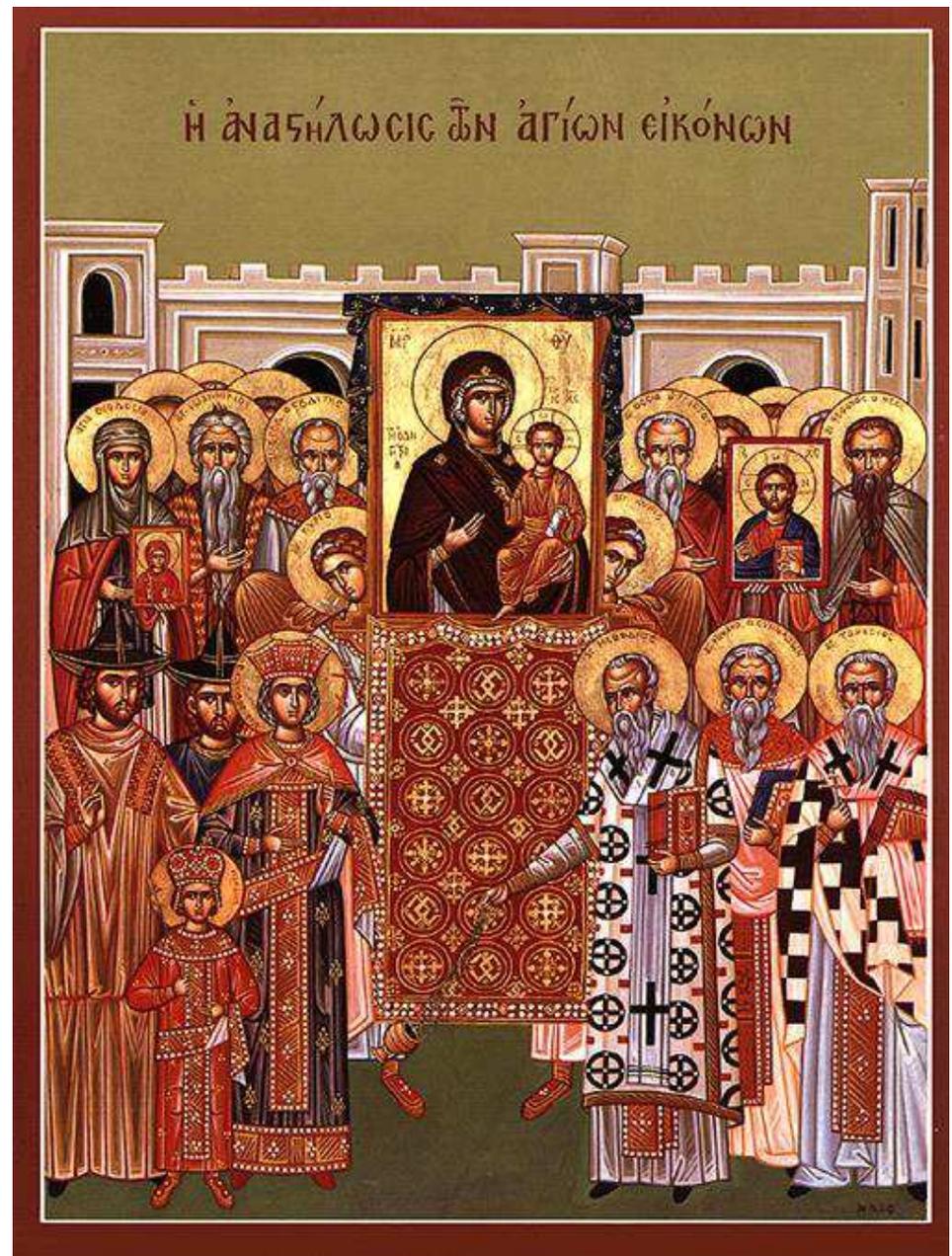
At the insistence of his parents, Conon was betrothed to a maiden named Anna. He persuaded her to live with him in virginity after the wedding. The young couple lived as brother and sister, devoting themselves entirely to God. St. Conon also brought his parents to the Christian Faith. His father, St. Nestor, received a martyr’s death for denouncing idol-worshippers.

After burying both his mother and wife, St. Conon continued his service to God, devoting himself entirely to monastic works, fasting and prayer. In his declining years the holy ascetic was glorified with the gift of wonderworking. By virtue of his preaching and miracles, many pagans were converted to Christ. It is said that even the evil spirits were forced to serve him.

When a persecution against Christians broke out in Isauria, one of the first to suffer was St. Conon. He was subjected to fierce torments for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. When the people of Isauria learned of the tortures to which he was being subjected, they came forth bearing arms to defend the martyr. Frightened by the people’s wrath, the torturers fled, and the Isaurians found the martyr wounded and bloodied.

St. Conon wished to endure martyrdom for the Lord, but he lived two more years. He died in the second century and was buried beside his parents and wife.

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*SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY*

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**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH:**

- 5, TODAY 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

**MEMORY ETERNAL:**

Christopher Krisinski, son of Judy Krisinski, fell asleep in the Lord on February 26, 2017.

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:**

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions next week on Wednesday, March 8, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Confessions can also be scheduled by appointment with Father Alexander.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:**

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy will celebrate Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers today, 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.

**EOWG:**

The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will meet for a Divine Liturgy/Memorial Service this Saturday, 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.”

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Our HTOC parish family will celebrate the Paschal season with a Bright Friday Dinner Dance. Mark your calendar for this April 21 event!

**LENTEN RETREAT:**

The annual Orthodox Christian Women retreat is Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., at St. George Antiochian Church; 3204 Ridgewood Rd., Fairlawn 44333. The theme is “Standing by the Cross. Putting on Christ;” and the speaker is V. Rev. Dr. John Behr, dean of St. Vladimir’s Seminary. The event includes morning and afternoon sessions, as well as a Lenten luncheon. Registration details are on the bulletin board.

**PARISH ROSTER:**

If you are aware of needed corrections or changes, please continue to communicate the information to the Church Office (216-524-4859) or email Church Secretary Janene Hatch (jmhatch8@gmail.com). We will issue an updated edition in April.

**SOUP SUPPERS:**

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to help with the Soup Suppers, which follow Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays during Lent. All are welcome at the Suppers.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by the Stoyka Family.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Andy and Dorothy Morilak.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 26	\$ 2979.00
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	771.00
BUILDING FUND	16.00
MORTGAGE FUND	61.00
CANDLES	99.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	108.00
IN MEMORY OF THOMAS BOHURJAK	1575.00

**THE SYNODIKON OF ORTHODOXY**  
**ON THE RESTORATION OF HOLY ICONS**

*(The Synodikon is composed of decisions of the Seventh Ecumenical Council as well as additions that followed the restoration of icons in 843. In cathedrals the entire document is read on the First Sunday of Great Lent, the “Sunday of Orthodoxy,” as it is called. In local practice, only a portion, the very ending of the selection below, is read on Sunday evening at Pan-Orthodox Vespers.)*

We have received from the Church of God, that upon this day we owe yearly thanksgiving to God along with an exposition of the dogmas of piety and the overturning of the impieties of evil. Following therefore the sayings of the prophets, honoring the exhortations of the apostles, and being instructed by the histories of the Gospels, we celebrate this day of consecration. The Apostle advises the same thing, exhorting us “to walk in newness of life” and that the “new creation in Christ” be renewed.

For verily, those enemies who reproached the Lord and utterly dishonored His holy worship in the holy icons were both arrogant and high-minded in impieties, and were cast down by God, and He leveled to the ground their insolent apostasy. Nor did He overlook the voice of those crying to Him: “Remember, O Lord, the reproach of Your servant which I have endured in my bosom from many nations; wherewith Your enemies have reproached the recompense of Your Christ.”

The recompense of Christ is those who have been purchased by His death and who have believed in Him, both by the preaching of the word and by the representation in icons, whereby the redeemed know the great work of His Economy, both the Cross and all His sufferings, and miracles both before the Cross and after it; from which the imitation of His sufferings passes over unto the apostles and thence to the martyrs, and descending from them to the confessors and ascetics. He has delivered us unworthy ones from adversity, redeeming us from those who afflicted us, and establishing the free proclamation of piety, the steadfastness of the worship of icons, and this Festival which brings all of us salvation. For in the icons we see the sufferings of our Master for us – the Cross, the grave, Hades slain and pillaged – the contests of the martyrs, the crowns, that very salvation which our First Prize-giver and Contest-master and Crown-bearer wrought in the midst of the earth. This festival we celebrate today; we rejoice together and are glad with prayer and supplicatory processions, and we cry out with psalms and hymns:

Who is so great a God as our God? You are our God who alone does wonders!

As the prophets have seen, as the apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the teachers have set forth in dogmas, as the whole world has understood, as Grace has shone forth, as the truth was demonstrated, as falsehood was banished, as wisdom was emboldened, as Christ has awarded; thus so we believe, thus we speak, thus we preach Christ our true God and His saints, honoring them in words, in writings, in thought, in sacrifices, in temples, and in icons, worshipping and respecting the One as God and Master, and honoring others, and apportioning relative worship to them, because of our common Master for they are His genuine servants. This is the Faith of the apostles, this is the Faith of the fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this Faith has established the whole world.