

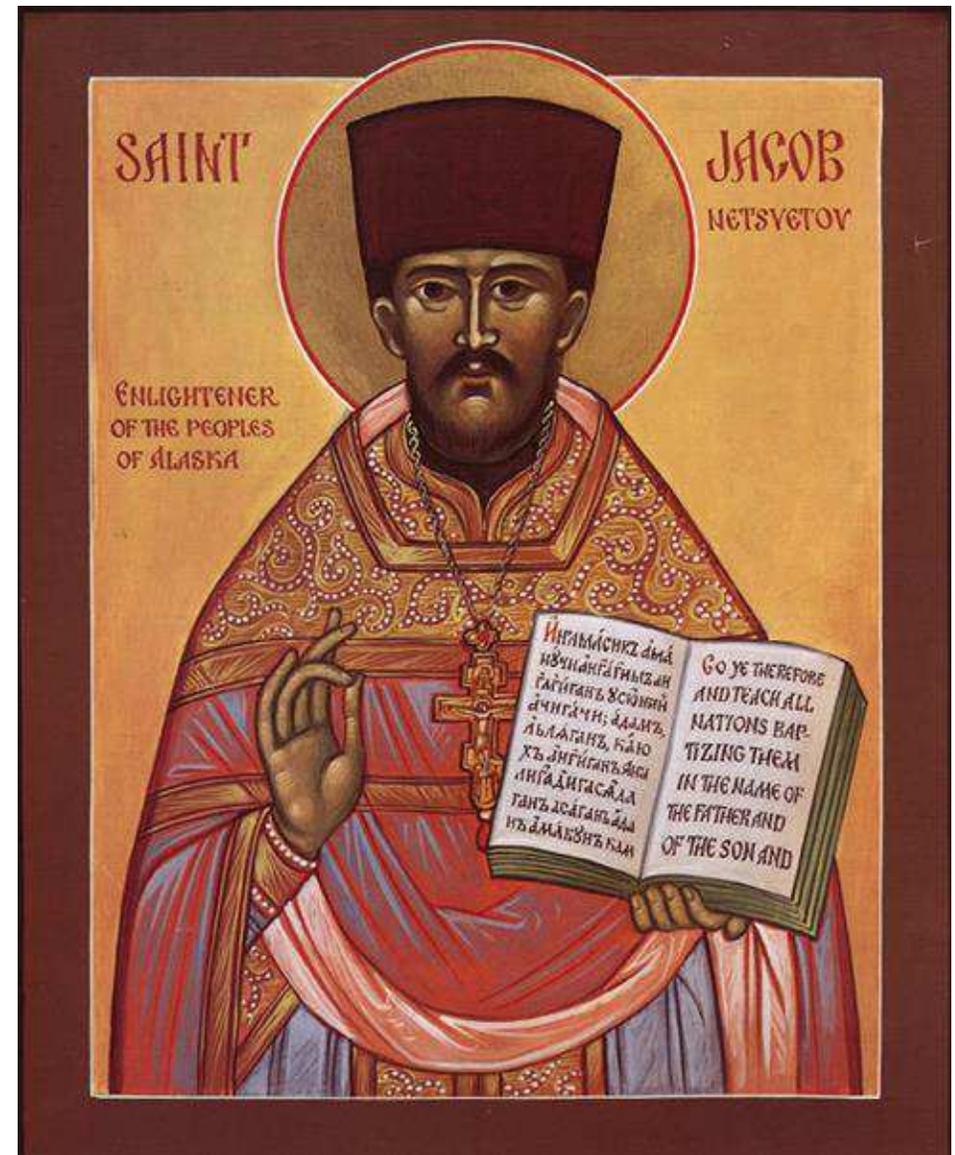
**MARTYR TROPHIMUS, THEOPHILUS  
AND 13 OTHERS IN LYCIA**  
*July 23*

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 martyrs with them suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Brought to trial, they bravely confessed themselves to be Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, their legs were broken, and they were thrown into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and they glorified Christ all the more. Unable to break the will of the holy confessors, the torturer beheaded them.

*“Your holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!”*

*Troparion, Tone IV*

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**ST. JACOB NETSVETOV**

*July 26*

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia;*

*Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna;*

*Commemoration of the miraculous appearance of the POCHAEV Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, which saved the Monastery from the assault of the Tatars and Turks;*

*Righteous Warrior Theodor Ushakov;*

*Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" in St. Petersburg*

### *Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb*

*Monday, July 24*

“In obedience to the gospels, you died as victims of passion, refusing to oppose the hostile violence of your jealous brother. But, in killing your bodies, he was unable to touch your souls. Thus, let all who lust after power groan in frustration. But you, O chaste and gentle Boris and Gleb, you have entered the joy of the Trinity. Do not forget us or the children of Rus, but pray for salvation for us all.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 15:1-7

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:27-35

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, July 29

1:00 p.m. Wedding of Gabrielle Hatch and Alan Draper

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 24

I Corinthians 9:13-18

Matthew 16:1-6

Romans 8:28-39

John 15:17-16:2

Tuesday, July 25

I Corinthians 10:5-12

Matthew 16:6-12

(St. Anna)

Galatians 4:22-31

Luke 8:16-21

Wednesday, July 26

I Corinthians 10:12-22

Matthew 16:20-24

(St. Jacob Netsvetov)

Philippians 3:7-14

Mark 10:29-31,42-45

Thursday, July 27

I Corinthians 10:28-11:7

Matthew 16:24-28

(St. Panteleimon)

II Timothy 2:1-10

John 15:17-16:2

Friday, July 28

I Corinthians 11:8-22

Matthew 17:10-18

Saturday, July 29

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 12:30-37

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY:**

26, Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers celebrating St. Panteleimon Ministry feast day  
30, Sunday Parish Picnic

**AUGUST:**

14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle  
18, Friday 6:00 p.m. St. Panteleimon Bowling Event

**PARISH PICNIC:**

Plan to spend the last Sunday in July at our Parish Picnic! It will begin shortly after the Divine Liturgy concludes. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for the number of family members attending and the food you will bring. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns are provided. If you would like to help out with set-up, clean-up, or in any other way, please contact Katie Griebel; email k.s.griebel4@gmail.com or phone 216-409-2420.

**BOWLING:**

The St. Panteleimon Ministry invites all to their Bowling Event on Friday, August 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Yorktown Lanes in Parma Hts. Adults are \$15; children are \$10; includes bowling, pizza and soda (shoe rental at bowler's expense). Proceeds benefit the organization, which has been ministering to those in nursing homes since 2010.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Donors are always needed and appreciated. Dates that remain open in August are August 20 and 27.

**ST. PANTELEIMON FEAST DAY:**

All are invited to celebrate the feast day with the St. Panteleimon Ministry on Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m., with a Great Vespers service at St. Nicholas Church, 2101 Quail St. in Lakewood.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet on Monday, August 14, at 12:30. We will finish The Joy of the Holy (St. Seraphim) by reading his spiritual instructions in Appendix B, pages 123-163. Our next book is The Joy to Serve by Julianna Schmemann. Please pick up a copy. We will begin by reading pages 1-39. We may not get to discussing this book in August, or we may begin discussion, so read what you can. All are welcome.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Andrea Seditz.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

Today's covers are offered by Steve and Janene Hatch.

*Have the same attention for the Word as you have for the living man  
and firmly believe that the "Word of God is quick and powerful"  
as a living being, as an angel and that, by reason of its spiritual fineness  
it is "piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,  
and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).  
St. John of Kronstadt*

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

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 16	\$ 3671.25
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	501.25
BUILDING FUND	691.25
MORTGAGE FUND	171.25
CANDLES	91.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	20.00

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

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**REFLECTIONS ON ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS - IV**

Scholars generally agree that St. Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans about twenty years after his conversion, around 55 AD. From the epistle itself it appears that he was in Corinth in Greece, on his way to Jerusalem. The epistle also indicates that he had not yet been to Rome but was eagerly looking forward to going there. It should not surprise us that this epistle is one of St. Paul's most important and substantial works, as he was writing to Romans who would have been educated and sophisticated. Rome was, after all, the largest and most important city in the Western hemisphere, if not the world. By the middle of the first century of the Christian era, Rome was the seat of the Roman empire which covered the entire Mediterranean basin and had established outposts from Britain to Egypt, and from Spain to Arabia. As the capital of the empire, it also became a center of the new and fast-spreading religion known as Christianity. It is therefore understandable that St. Paul's epistle reads like a document meant to impress and inspire VIPs.

St. Paul certainly had it in his mind that Rome was the seat of the imperial government. For that reason this epistle has the Apostle's most explicit theological thoughts on what the relations should be between Christians and the governing authorities in the countries that they live in. In fact, the first part of the thirteenth chapter of Romans is a coherent "theology of Church and State."

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists authorities resists what God has appointed. ...For the same reason you also pay taxes, for authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing (Romans 13:1,2,6).*

This passage has become the basis of understanding how Christians are to live in and relate to the existing civil authorities. That St. Paul was referring to the Roman authorities, who would on many occasions be adverse to Christianity, to the point of martyring many Christians, including St. Paul himself, makes his writing here remarkable. Yet it is in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ, who said "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). Christians are to always live as if the present world, including the governments, are temporary, because our permanent and lasting home is a "Kingdom not of this world."

The two thousand years since St. Paul's time has seen a great deal of drama in regard to the way Christians relate to their respective States. A good deal of that history had to do with Christian empires, some of which were not very good to Christians either. However, in our age, where governments have become either militantly anti-Christian or secular and materialistic, St. Paul's theology is prophetically meaningful. We have to recognize that governments, either chosen or appointed, are civil institutions, and that God "wills," that is, "permits" their existence; and we have to discern a Christian way to reside peacefully in them.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*