

## APOSTLE SILAS OF THE SEVENTY

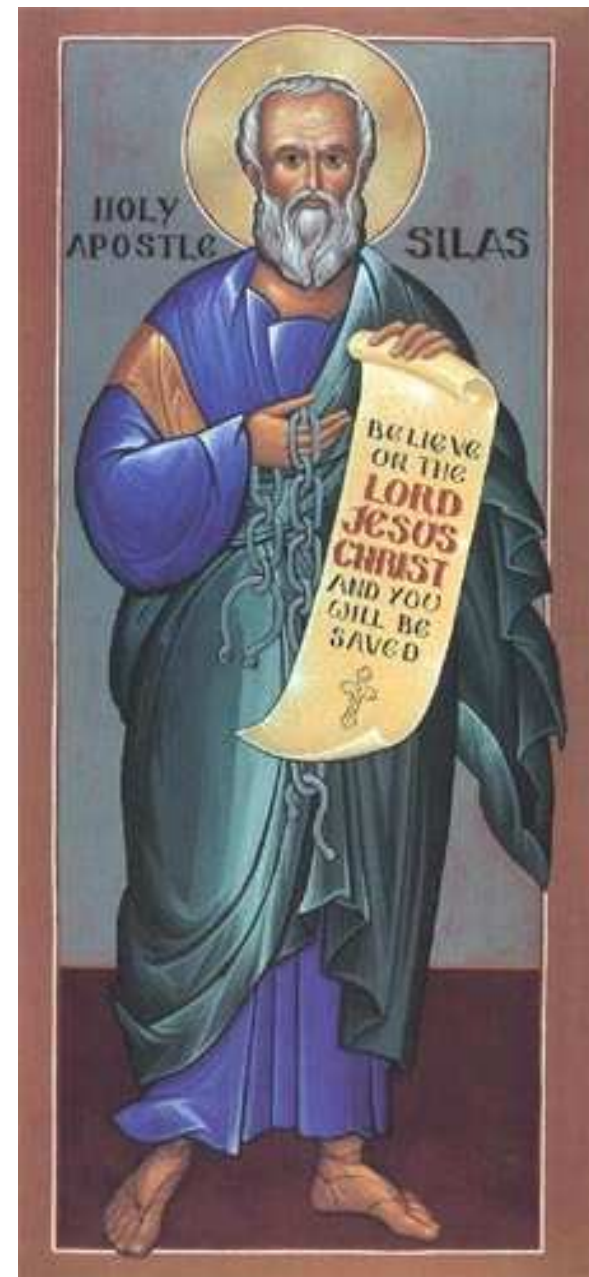
St. Silas was a respected figure in the original Church at Jerusalem, one of the “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22). The Council of the Apostles was convened at Jerusalem in the year 51 to deal with the question of whether Gentile Christian converts should be required to observe Mosaic Law. The Apostles sent a message with Paul and Barnabas to the Christians of Antioch, with the Council decision that Gentile Christians did not have to observe prescriptions of Mosaic Law. Nonetheless, they were told that they must refrain from partaking of foods offered to idols, from things strangled and from blood, to refrain from fornication (Acts 15:20-29). Together with Sts. Paul and Barnabas, the Council sent Sts. Silas and Jude to explain the message in greater detail, since they both were filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. St. Jude was later sent back to Jerusalem, but St. Silas remained at Antioch and zealously assisted St. Paul on his missionary journeys preaching the Gospel. They visited Syria, Cilicia, Macedonia.

In the city of Philippi they were accused of inciting unrest among the people; they were arrested, beaten with rods and imprisoned. At midnight, when the saints were at prayer, a sudden strong earthquake opened the prison door and removed their chains. The prison guard, supposing that the prisoners had fled, wanted to kill himself but was stopped by St. Paul. He fell at their feet, trembling, and accepted their preaching about Christ. He then led them out of prison to his own home where he washed their wounds, and was baptized together with all his household.

From Philippi, Sts. Paul and Silas proceeded on to the cities of Amphipolis, Apollonia and Thessalonica, where they made new converts and built up the Church.

At Corinth the holy Apostle Silas was consecrated as bishop and worked many miracles and signs. There he finished his life.

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TONE 7

JULY 30, 2017

## ***EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus;  
Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople;  
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery;  
Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon,  
and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus—Presbyters, Luke and Moscius—Deacons,  
and Abdon, Sennen, Maximus, and Olympius;  
Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna in Italy,  
and Martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, Apollonius and Abundius, youths***

“You were disciples of the Lord, O Silas and Silvanus: Two vines in His vineyard, yielding a fruitful harvest. You poured out for us the wine of salvation that makes glad the hearts of the faithful and brings them to celebrate your worthy memory. Obtain for us the remission of our sins and transgressions!”

Kontakion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:14-22

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Please note: There will be no Saturday evening service at HTOC this week.

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, July 31	I Corinthians 11:31-12:6	Matthew 18:1-11
Tuesday, August 1 (Seven Maccabean Martyrs) (Blessing of Waters)	I Corinthians 1:18-24 Hebrews 11:33-12:2 Hebrews 2:11-18	John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35 Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1 John 5:1-4
Wednesday, August 2	I Corinthians 12:12-26 I Corinthians 13:4-14:5	Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2,13-15 Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday, August 3	I Corinthians 14:6-19	Matthew 20:17-28
Friday, August 4	I Corinthians 14:26-40	Matthew 21:12-14,17-20
Saturday, August 5	Romans 14:6-9	Matthew 15:32-39

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, IS THE BEGINNING OF THE DORMITION FAST.**

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY:**

30, TODAY Parish Picnic

**AUGUST:**

14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

18, Friday 6:00 p.m. St. Panteleimon Bowling Event

**MEMORY ETERNAL:**

Daria Petrykowski fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, July 21, 2017, and was buried on Wednesday.

**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.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

Today's covers are offered by Diane Hastings.

**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 Michael and Lois Pilat.

**MEMORIAL PRAYERS:**

There will be a memorial prayer service for Protodeacon Edward Reta on Sunday, August 13, at 11:30 a.m.

*What a wealth the Lord has of light, air, water, earth and fire –  
Of these five elements, out of which our body is formed, and by which it lives!  
What a wealth of the products of the earth and water!  
And of all these are chiefly for the use of man, the king of creatures!  
Thanks be to our Creator!  
Glory to Thee, our Providence and our Redeemer,  
Who has create us after Thine own  
Image and likeness, and hast deigned to take our nature upon Thyself!  
St. John of Kronstadt*

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

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 23	\$ 2630.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	10.00
BUILDING FUND	270.00
MORTGAGE FUND	146.00
CANDLES	128.00

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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July 30, 2017

### TWO WORLDS

The soul finds itself in encountering death; it has a foretaste of resurrection in the fluttering of autumn leaves. Death! I am surrounded by it. And I speak now not of my thoughts, not of death in general, but of the death of those dear to me. So many, so many have I lost these several years. One after another, one after another, like yellowed leaves, dear people fall away. They were the ones whose souls I felt; in them I had sometimes seen a reflection of Heaven. I had known only good from them. But my conscience is not at peace: “What did I do for them? Why didn’t I thank them and tell them that I love them?” They are no longer here, and now between me and them lies an abyss.

One after another, one after another, like leaves of autumn, those people whom our heart has come to love forever whirl above the dark chasm. They fall, and there is no return, no possibility of embracing them. Gone is opportunity to drench oneself with tears and to implore forgiveness, to implore their counsel.

Again and again, every sin, every “petty” baseness, is present, ineradicably distinct, in my consciousness. More and more deeply, “petty” inattentions, egotism and heartlessness are branded into the soul with letters of fire, gradually crippling it. Not that there was ever anything clearly bad, anything clearly, tangibly sinful. But always (always, O Lord!) it was in the petty things. And out of petty things, mountains grew! And looking back, one can see nothing but foulness. Nothing good ... O Lord!

Autumn leaves keep falling without interruption. One after another they describe circles above the earth. Gently, the inextinguishable lamp burns, and one after another our dear ones die. “I know he will rise on the day of resurrection, the last day!” Nevertheless, with a kind of tranquil grief, as I pray in front of the holy icons, I repeat, “Lord! If You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Everything whirls. Everything slides into death’s abyss. Only One abides, only in Him are constancy, life and peace. “To Him is drawn the whole course of events, as the periphery to the center. Toward Him converge all the radii of the circle of the ages.” It is not I who speak thus, from my own meager experience. No, this is the testimony of a man who had wholly immersed himself into living in Christ: Bishop Theophan the Recluse. On the other hand, outside of this One Center, “the only certain thing is that nothing is certain and that there is nothing more miserable or arrogant than man” (Pliny the Elder). Yes, in life everything is in a state of unrest, everything is unstable as a mirage. And out of the depths of the soul there rises an unbearable need to find support in the “Pillar and Ground of Truth” (I Timothy 3:15). This “truth” is not just one of the “truths” but the total and eternal Truth, the one Divine Truth, the radiant and celestial Truth, that Truth that is, according to the ancient poet Euripides, the “sun of the world.”

From “The Pillar and Ground of Truth”

By *Fr. Paul Florensky*

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# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  <b>Beginning of the Dormition Fast</b>	2	3	4	5  No Vespers
<b>6 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>HOLY TRANSFIG- URATION OF OUR LORD</b> Blessing of Fruit	7	8  6:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>9 St. Herman of Alaska</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	10	11	12  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>13 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Leavetaking of the Transfigura- tion St. Tikhon	14 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle  6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Dormition	15 <b>DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	16	17	18  6:00 p.m. St. Panteleimon Bowling Event at Yorktown Lanes	19  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
<b>20 11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Afterfeast of the Dormition St. Samuel	21  7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	22	23	24	25	26  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
<b>27 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Ven. Pœmen the Great	28  6:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	30	31		