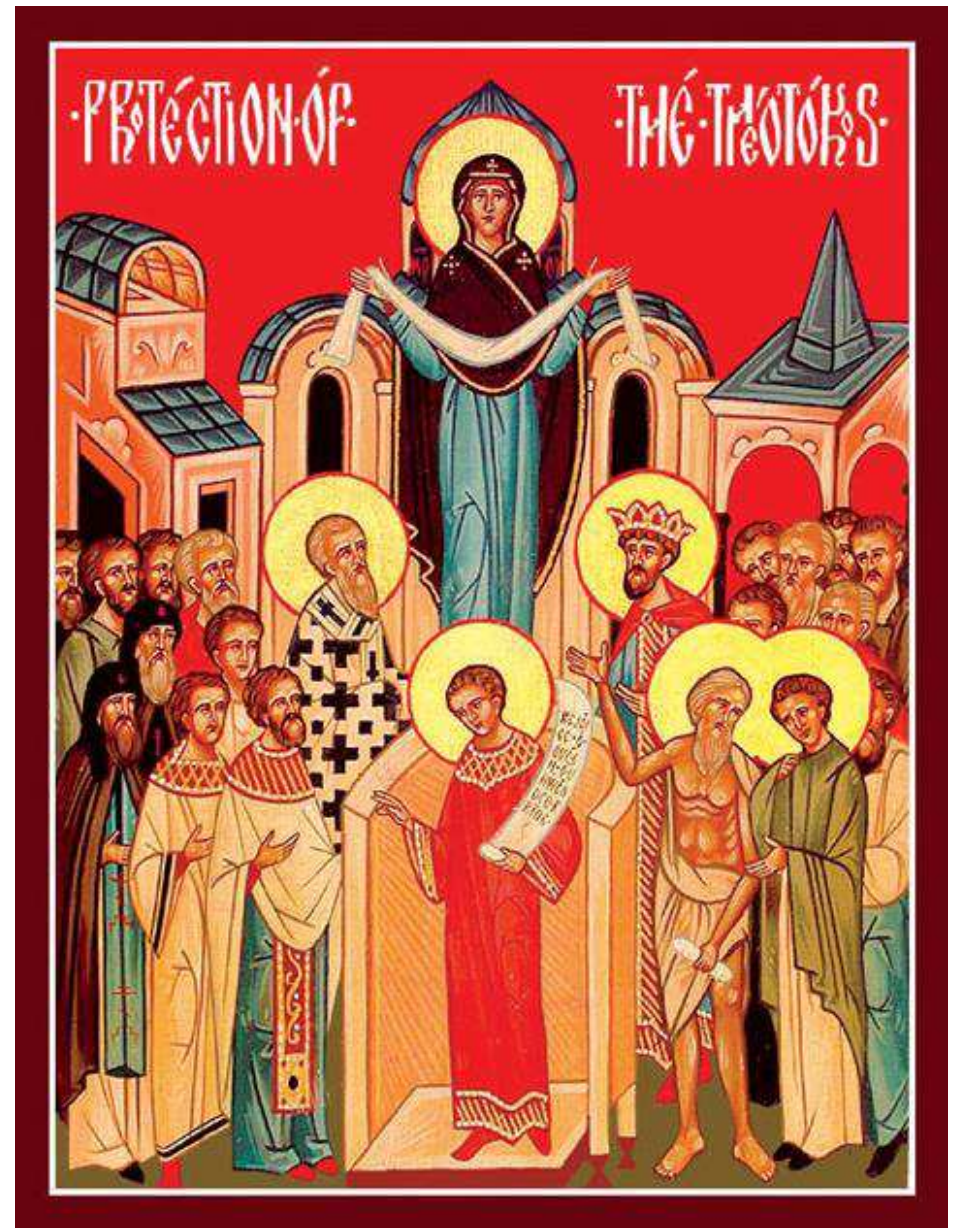


APOSTLE ANANIAS OF THE SEVENTY

The Holy Apostle Ananias of the Seventy was the first Bishop of Damascus. The Lord ordered him to restore the sight of Saul, the former persecutor of Christians, then baptize him (Acts 9:10-19, 22:12). Saul became the great preacher and Apostle Paul. St Ananias boldly and openly confessed Christianity before the Jews and the pagans, despite the danger.

From Damascus he went to preach at Eleutheropolis, where he healed many of the infirmities of the inhabitants. Lucian, the prefect of the city, tried to persuade the holy one to offer sacrifice to idols. Because of Ananias' staunch and solid confession of Christ, Lucian ordered that he be tortured. Harsh torments did not sway the witness of Truth. Then the torturers led him out beyond the city, where they stoned him. The saint prayed for those who put him to death. His relics were later transferred to Constantinople.

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TONE 8

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS**

*Apostle of the Seventy Ananias; Ven. Romanus the Melodist;
Ven. Savva, Abbot of Vishera; Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica;
Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him;*

*Commemoration of the Apparition of the Pillar with the Robe of the Lord under it at Mtskhet in Georgia;
Ven. John the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos; Ven. Gregory of Lavra;
The PSKOV-PROTECTION Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos*

“Today, we are filled with light by your radiant apparition, O Theotokos, and in our devotion we celebrate this solemn festival in your honor. As we gaze upon your most pure image, we penitently entreat you: With your precious mantle protect us from every evil, and beg your Son, Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion of the Protection, Tone IV

“In hymns let us honor Paul’s senior, the apostle Ananias, for he was chosen by the Lord to instruct him in the faith. Great is he among bishops and martyrs, and, with Paul, he prays unceasingly for the salvation of our souls.”

Troparion for Ananias, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1
HEBREWS 9:1-7

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 6:31-36
LUKE 10:38-42; 11:27-28

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 7 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 2	Ephesians 4:25-32	Luke 6:24-30
Tuesday, October 3	Ephesians 5:20-26	Luke 6:37-45
Wednesday, October 4	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 6:46-7:1
Thursday, October 5	Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 7:17-30
	Ephesians 6:18-24	Luke 7:31-35
Friday, October 6	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Saturday, October 7	I Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 5:27-32

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 1, TODAY 6:00 p.m. Study session on the Book of St. James; at St. Matthew Church
- 3-4, Tues, Wed. 10:00—9:00 Russian Festival at St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore
- 5, Thursday 6:00 p.m. Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild 55th Anniversary Dinner
- 8, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 5:00 p.m. Konevets Quartet concert at St. Andrew Church; Maple Hts.
- 9, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

ANNUAL MEETING:

Please plan to attend the Parish Meeting on Oct. 29. Fill out and return your pledge card as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please see Father Alexander. Also, if you have any suggested agenda items for the Parish Meeting, or if you have any concerns or ideas, please contact Father Alexander.

MEATLOAF DINNER & BASKET AUCTION:

On Sunday, November 5, at noon, we will have our annual Meatloaf Dinner to benefit the monthly meals we provide to St. Herman’s House.

There will also be a Basket Auction. If you can sponsor or donate a basket, contact Dianna Kall before Oct. 8. Baskets are due on Oct. 22, and will be on display at our Parish Meeting. We can also use donations of gift cards (any amount) for Giant Eagle, Cinemark, Marc’s, or local restaurants.

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

The annual Eleanor Malburg Easter Churches Seminar - “Saints Known and Unknown” - is Oct. 13-14. The Friday session is at St. Gregory Church in Richmond Hts., and the Saturday session is at Notre Dame College. See details in the Hall.

GENEROUS DONATION RECEIVED:

The parish has received a generous donation in memory of the late John Plavko, Jr. He greatly appreciated the prayers for his health and wellbeing that were offered by parishioners. We will remember him now, praying that Our Lord will grant him eternal rest with His Saints.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 9; 12:30-2:30. We will complete reading The Joy to Serve by Juliana Schmemann, pages 41-88.

PROPOSED PARISH BYLAWS:

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Oct. 29, we plan to adopt a new set of Bylaws. An initial draft was presented at last year’s Parish Meeting, at which it was decided some additions and corrections were necessary. Parish Council has made those changes; and copies are available today to prepare parishioners for the Annual Meeting (one per family please).

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Once again we’re asking everyone to participate in our Second Sunday Food Sale program. The first one of the season is next Sunday, October 8.

KONEVETS QUARTET:

Enjoy a concert of church music and folk songs by the male vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg; at St. Andrew Church on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 5:00.

ST. LUKE CHURCH 15th ANNIVERSARY:

All are invited to the Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Oct. 21; 6:00 p.m. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:

The Guild is celebrating their 55th Anniversary on Oct. 5 at Copperstone. Family-style dinner is at 7:00; tickets are \$30; children are \$7.50. See Joanne Stoyka.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A Bereavement Group will be meeting for the next several months on Wednesdays at St. Paul’s Church; 4548 Wallings Rd. in North Royalton; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

FLOWERS:

The flowers are offered by the Crowder and Riley Families in memory of Frank and Mary Kostohryz.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 24	\$ 3430.00
BUILDING FUND	65.00
MORTGAGE FUND	15.00
CANDLES	107.00
SEMINARIAN	839.00
SEPT. COFFEE HOUR	285.00

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LETTERS FROM SOLOVKI

December 9, 1933

Dear Irene,

At last I have been able to go to church services. For these wonderful and joyous experiences I am grateful to my roommate Fr. Basil. He had become aware of the church here on Solovki, and he was able to get to it before I came. In my previous place of residing it was too difficult, and it is still not easy to get there, but with him as initiator and guide, it has been possible to attend services. The church is dedicated to St. Onufrii, the early Egyptian ascetic who is particularly venerated by monastics. The church is more a chapel built as part of a skete some distance from the main compound of the monastery. The skete was at one time noted for rigorous asceticism, where the services were conducted in their entirety, so that, for example, the All-Night Vigil would literally last some six hours through the night rather than the two or three hours that we observe in our urban parishes. When the monastery was functioning with hundreds of monks, there were some thirty churches and chapels here. Not all would have been in use all the time, but a good many of them were in constant use and all of them would have had services at least several times throughout the year. Everything changed when the monastery was closed. This one little church has miraculously been allowed to remain open for the time being. I think this is more because it has escaped the notice of the authorities than because of any real consideration on their part for us Orthodox believers. Whatever the reason, God be praised, as we say at Matins: “Praise God in His sanctuary, Praise Him in Him mighty firmament!”

There are a significant amount of clergy here, bishops, priests, not a few deacons and some monastics. A small group of these were placed into the building of the skete from which they carry out their work assignments. Their proximity to the church was providential and led them naturally to conduct liturgical services. They try to use the church as much as possible, sometimes on a daily basis. For those of us who live further away, attendance is a special gift. It is difficult to come to church during the weekdays because of our tasks, but we are able to attend Saturday vigils and Sunday services. The effect and after-effects of being in church are nothing short of exhilarating, comparable to no other joys! There are other moments in human endeavors and experiences that do produce some conditions of happiness, but the fulfillment, peace and spiritual comfort that we obtain from our Orthodox worship is like nothing else. I cannot deny that the situation in which we live has a special affect on the experience here; living on a prison island we realize that every moment is unique and thus every prayer service, every “Lord, have mercy,” every swing of the censer, every veneration of the Cross, every participation in the Holy Communion is a moment of timeless magnificence. But we are not exceptional, as the glory of the Church is everywhere, just as “Jesus Christ, is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.”

Your father, Fr. N.J.