

VENERABLE PELAGIA THE PENITENT
October 8

St. Pelagia the Penitent was converted to Christianity by St. Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa. Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where St. Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We...take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

On the following day, when St. Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, St. Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this St. Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Ven. Pelagia the Penitent; Ven. Dosiféi, Abbot of Verkneóstrov;
Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Viatka; Ven. Thaïs of Egypt;
Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Antioch; Monk Martyr Ignatius of Prodomou;
Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople*

“Like a fragrant rose growing from thorns, you were revealed to the Church through your virtuous deeds, becoming a source of joy for the faithful. You offered your life in sweet-smelling fragrance to Him who made you wonderful. Entreat Him to deliver us from every soul-destroying passion, O righteous Pelagia!”

Troparion, Tone IV

GLORIFICATION OF ST. TIKHON, THE APOSTLE TO AMERICA

Tuesday, October 9

“Chosen by God in a turbulent time, you glorified God in complete holiness, and attained greatness through humility. You showed forth the power of God through simplicity and piety; you laid down your life for the Church and her people. O Holy Confessor and Patriarch, Father Tikhon, pray to Christ God to Whom you were also crucified, that He may save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-16

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 14 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Please note change from calendar: There will be no Confessions this Saturday, October 14.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 9	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Tuesday, October 10	Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 7:36-50
	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 8:1-3
Wednesday, October 11	Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 8:22-25
Thursday, October 12	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:7-11
Friday, October 13	Philippians 1:27-2:4	Luke 9:12-18
Saturday, October 14	I Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 6:1-10

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 8, TODAY 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
- 13, Friday Eastern Churches Seminar at St. Gregory Church in Richmond Hts.
- 14, Saturday Eastern Churches Seminar at Notre Dame College
- 22, Sunday Donations of baskets for Auction are due
- 23, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 29, Sunday HTOC Parish Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place Sunday, Oct. 29, in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy. A packet with the Agenda and some of the reports, including Financial Reports, is available in the church. Please take one copy per family. Also, copies of the proposed Parish Bylaws are available. These documents are made available so that parishioners can become familiar and be prepared for the Parish Meeting. Among other important items on the Agenda is the proposed sale of the Rectory to Fr. 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.

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 Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

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 to prepare parishioners for the Annual Meeting (one per family please).

KONEVETS QUARTET:

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

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 Schmemmann, pages 41-88.

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 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.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Marsha Uziel in memory of Bill and Mary Macko.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 1	\$ 3980.00
BUILDING FUND	385.00
MORTGAGE FUND	185.00
CANDLES	99.00
SEMINARIAN	85.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	105.00

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THE SAINTS AMONG US - ST. TIKHON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW

We recently featured a piece on St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, one of the saints on the walls of our church. He was the patron saint of another famous “Tikhon,” St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America. He was born as Basil Belavin in the Pskov region of Russia on January 19, 1865, into a priest’s family. As was customary then, sons of priests attended church schools and seminaries and were expected to follow in their father’s footsteps. So it was with Basil, a humble and excellent student, who completed his studies at the Theological Academy in St. Petersburg. He returned to teach at a seminary but at 26 took monastic vows. Subsequently he was ordained a priest-monk and thus became Hieromonk Tikhon.

He remained a seminary teacher until 1897 when he was consecrated a bishop. The next year he was sent overseas as “Bishop of the Aleutians and Alaska.” The work of Russian Orthodox missionaries in North America began in 1794, confined mostly to the Alaskan territory. By the time Bishop Tikhon was assigned, Alaska was sold to the United States. North America was also becoming the destination of thousands of Russian and Eastern European people coming to seek employment. Many of these were Orthodox, others were Eastern Rite Catholics who found comfort in the Orthodox faith. The headquarters of the diocese had already been moved from Sitka, Alaska, to San Francisco; but St. Tikhon saw the need to move it to New York City so as to be closer to the majority of the immigrants where most of the Orthodox parishes were being formed.

For North America and the United States in particular, it was a time of growth and expansion on all levels, and so too for the Russian Orthodox missionary diocese. At that time all Orthodox believers, regardless of ethnic or national background, were part of the diocese. Exciting as it was, it required unending travel and work for Bishop Tikhon. Accounts of his pastoral visits all affirm that he was tireless and always friendly, an effective and kind administrator. During his tenure St. Tikhon’s Monastery in Pennsylvania was founded and many churches consecrated, most still functioning today.

Had St. Tikhon’s life ended with his work in America, his fame would be insured. But God had more in store for his worthy servant. St. Tikhon returned to be bishop in several Russian cities, and in 1917 he was selected as Patriarch of Moscow, filling a seat that was vacant for 200 years. This was just as the Communist Revolution was turning Russia upside down. Under very difficult and complex circumstances, Patriarch Tikhon showed himself to be a courageous, but loving and compassionate shepherd. His pastoral wisdom set the Russian Church on a firm course, by which it was able to survive 70 years of horrendous persecution. He died on Old Calendar Annunciation, April 7, 1925. He is also commemorated on October 9, the day of his canonization in 1989. In our church he occupies the central place in the large panel of the Saints of North America on the back wall.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus