

MARTYR GALACTEON AND HIS WIFE EPISTEMIS

A rich and distinguished couple, Kletophon and Leukippe, lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, which was governed by Secundus, a merciless persecutor of Christians. Kletophon and Leukippe were childless and gave much gold to the pagan priests, hoping for a baby, but they remained childless.

An old man named Onuphrius, who concealed his priestly dignity beneath beggar's rags, came to Leukippe's house. He sensed her sadness, and she told him about her familial misfortune. He spoke to her of the one true God, His omnipotence and mercy. Hope filled her soul; she believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after, her son was born. Leukippe revealed her secret to her husband, and he was also baptized. They named the baby Galacteon and raised him in the Christian faith and provided him a fine education.

Galacteon sought an monastic life in solitude and prayer, but his father found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl named Episteme. Visiting his betrothed, Galacteon gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually he converted her to Christ and secretly baptized her, as well as Eutolmius, one of her servants. They decided to devote themselves to the monastic life, and they left the city and hid away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries—one for men and one for women.

For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galacteon stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them.

The pagans became aware of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend the monks and nuns. The monastics hid themselves in the hills. But Galacteon had no desire to flee and remained reading in his cell. When Episteme saw the soldiers leading him away in chains, she implored the Abbess to allow her to go as well.

The saints endured terrible torments, while glorifying Christ. Their hands and legs were cut off, their tongues were cut out, and then they were beheaded.

Eutolmius, the servant of Episteme who had become her brother in Christ, secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs. He later wrote an account of their virtuous lives and glorious martyrdom.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa;
Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod;
Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy;
St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria*

“Because of your brilliant and heroic struggle, O holy Galacteon, you enjoy the heavenly glory of the martyrs of Christ, in the company of your beloved wife who died at your side. Pray without ceasing for us all.”

Kondakion, Tone II

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Wednesday, November 8

“O leaders of the hosts of heaven, shield us with the wings of your unearthly glory, and keep us safe from harm. Worthless as we are, we fall before you endlessly entreating you: Rescue us from all affliction, O you who lead the powers of heaven.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:41-56

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Vespers service at HTOC this Saturday, November 11.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 6	I Thessalonians 1:1-5	Luke 12:13-15,22-31
Tuesday, November 7	I Thessalonians 1:6-10	Luke 12:42-48
Wednesday, November 8	Hebrews 2:2-10	Luke 10:16-21
Thursday, November 9	I Thessalonians 2:1-8	Luke 12:48-59
	I Thessalonians 2:9-14	Luke 13:1-9
Friday, November 10	I Thessalonians 2:14-19	Luke 13:31-35
Saturday, November 11	II Corinthians 8:1-5	Luke 9:37-43

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

- 5, TODAY Noon HTOC Annual Meatloaf Dinner and Basket Raffle
- 10-12, Fri-Sun. St. Nicholas Church (Mogadore) 100th Anniversary Celebration
- 12, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
6:30 p.m. St. Herman’s House Benefit at St. George Church; 2587 W. 14th St.
- 15, Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service at Buna Vestire Church
- 20, Monday 7:00 p.m. HTOC Parish Council meeting
- 25, Saturday 10:00 a.m.; and 3:00 p.m. Sessions w/Bishop Anthony, at St. Matthew Church

MEATLOAF DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE:

Today 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 Raffle. Baskets are on display in the Hall. You need not be present at the dinner to participate in the Raffle. Purchase tickets and write your phone number on the back; then drop tickets in the bag near the baskets you choose.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. We are preparing for Nativity by reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko, pages 9-75. Books are now at La Coupole.

ST. THEODOSIUS CEMETERY:

A new section of graves has been opened at St. Theodosius Cemetery, and discounts are being offered for the purchase of multiple graves. If 6-10 graves are purchased at one time, the cost drops from \$1600 to \$1200. If 10+ graves are purchased, the price is \$1000 apiece. All purchases include lifetime maintenance of the site. Contact Casandra Vasu, Office Manager at the cemetery, at 216-741-1310.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH:

St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore invites all to their 100th Anniversary Celebration Nov. 10-12; a banquet is at 1:00 on Nov. 12. Bishop Paul and Metropolitan Tikhon will attend. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

ST. HERMAN’S HOUSE BENEFIT:

Author/speaker Frederica Mathewes-Green will appear at the FOCUS Cleveland benefit for St. Herman’s House on Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. The event will take place at St. George Church in Tremont. Tickets are \$25, which includes appetizers. (Cash bar). See Barry Gluntz to purchase your ticket.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Next Sunday is our seasonal monthly food sale. Please plan to bake or cook some special foods to donate. And plan to shop for some treats to take home!

HOLY UNCTION:

To begin the Nativity Fast, Buna Vestire Church is hosting the Greater Cleveland clergy and faithful at a Holy Unction service on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 7140 Fitch Road in Olmsted Township, 44138.

“RELATIONS BETWEEN CHURCH & STATE”:

St. Matthew Church invites all to sessions with Bp. Anthony of Toledo, on Saturday, Nov. 25; 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. See further details in Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Stoyka Family.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of Andy Stefanar.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, OCTOBER 29	\$ 2224.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	684.00
BUILDING FUND	200.00
MORTGAGE FUND	155.00
CANDLES	119.00
SEMINARIAN	27.00

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THE EIGHTH DAY

In the tomb with the body,

There are Sundays when good people don't go to church and
The reasons for this are many. Some walk, look at cloud formations,
Others read, drink coffee, still others visit cemeteries;
I have a grace-filled memory of a day like that, talking
With a stranger about God on an early May morning.

in hell with the soul, as God,

Poetry is language's sacred dance, words of secret hopes revealed,
Prayer is poetry of attentive contemplation, of discerning the time
Of miracles that occur not in bannered ringing of bells but when, as
The basket of sanctified fruit betokens the majesty of mathematics,
A soul delights in the ascetic pursuit of regulated self-understanding.

in paradise with the thief,

There are moments of discovery even in old age, even in the darkness.
I have waited to chronicle them, fearing failure, but because
A first cold wind of November imprints merits of rebirth, and
Patient now, having learned pleasantries from my father's hobo friend,
I find confidence in psalms and in ancient laments a validation.

and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit,

The presence of God can be experienced on the seas, in forests,
In quiet bedrooms, in festive banquets, in hospitals, in prisons,
In airports, in kitchens, in basements, in sports stadiums,
In libraries, in observatories, in factories, in mines, on mountains,
In canyons, in cars, in malls, in palaces, in log cabins, and in temples.

were You, O Boundless Christ, filling all things.

Jesus did not solicit admiration, posturing mindlessly in hollow mansions,
His humility helps us to bear the strange temptations of this post-truth age,
Sadly, "Can we return to basics?" is not asked, but often questioned,
Still, prayer potently supports harmful affections and forgiveness reigns
Where weekly weakness breaks as becomes a Christian on the Eighth Day.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus