

VENERABLE ALYPIUS THE STYLITE

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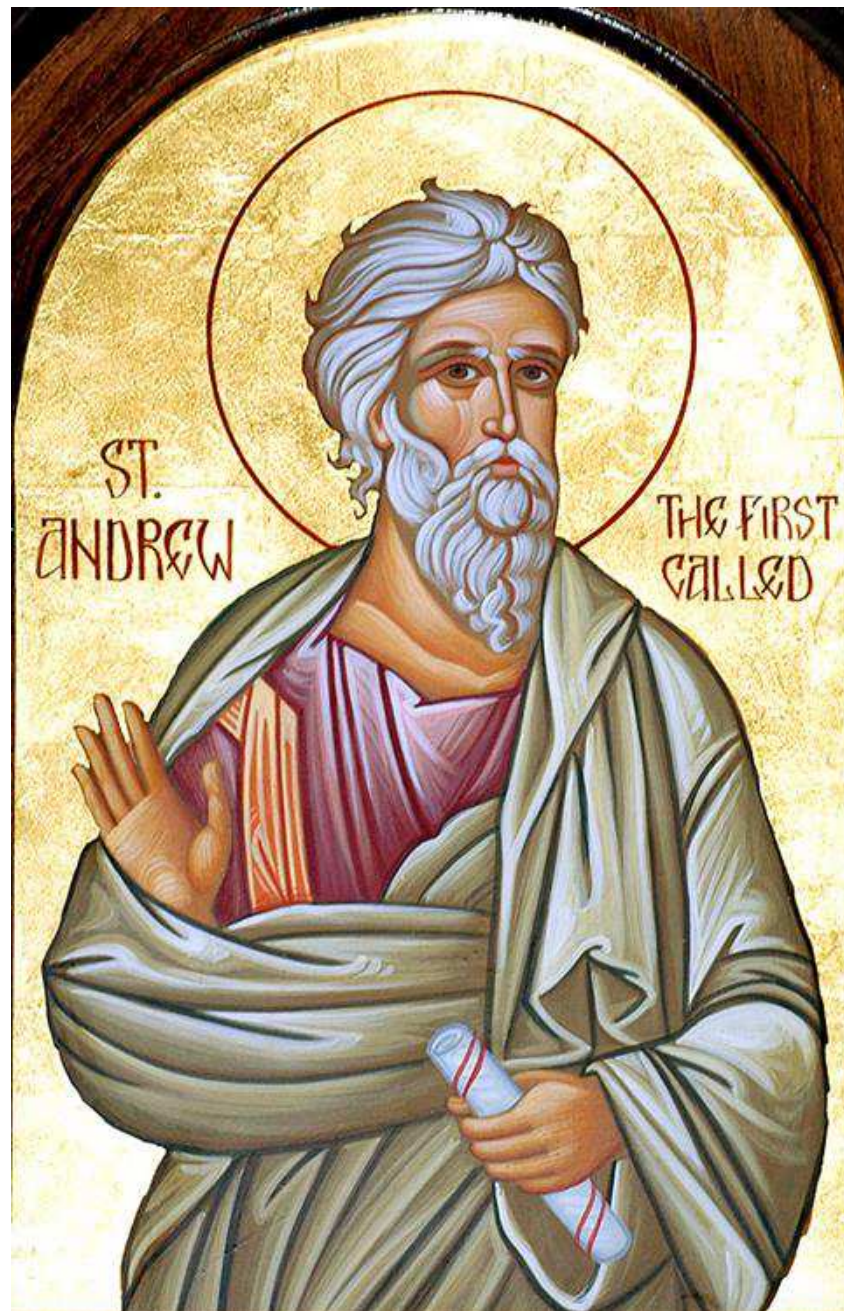
St. Alypius the Stylite was born in Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother was widowed early and sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

From his early years, St. Alypius wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bp. Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when St. Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia appeared to him in a vision, summoning him to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name. With contributions from believers in Adrianopolis, St. Alypius did build a church in the name of Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For 53 years St. Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. St. Alypius wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks and even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons fled the place forever.

Fourteen years before his death, St. Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and he endured his sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up, a men's and a women's. St. Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and directed them till his death in 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint healed many of those who came in faith.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis;
Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev;
Repose of St. Innocent, First Bishop of Irkutsk;
Ven. James the Solitary of Syria***

“Today the Church glorifies you with solemn honors, O excellent Alypius, as a man well tested in virtue and able to inspire other ascetics. By your prayers, O chosen vessel of the Lord, obtain release from their sins for all who eagerly honor your life and struggles.”

Kondakion, Tone VIII

Holy and All-Praised Andrew the First-Called Thursday, November 30

“Let us praise the apostle and theologian, Andrew, a man of great courage. He was the brother of Simon Peter and the first disciple of the Lord, and just as once he called his brother to the Savior, so now does he beckon to us: Come, we have found the One for whom the world has waited with great desire.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, November 26	11:30 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Service for Edward Kling
Saturday, December 2	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 27	I Timothy 1-7	Luke 19:37-44
Tuesday, November 28	I Timothy 1:8-14	Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday, November 29	I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15	Luke 20:1-8
	I Timothy 3:1-13	Luke 20:9-18
Thursday, November 30	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:35-51
Friday, December 1	I Timothy 4:4-8,16	Luke 20:19-26
Saturday, December 2	Galatians 3:8-12	Luke 12:32-40

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COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- 1-2 "Thriving in Our Lives" retreat at St. Demetrios Church, Rocky River
- 4, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 10, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 4:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert, at HTOC
- 11, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 15, Friday 6:00 p.m. Myrrh-Streaming Kardiotissa Icon of Theotokos at St. George Church, Canton

NATIVITY CONCERT:

The annual Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00 p.m., here at HTOC. Refreshments will follow the concert, and a free-will donation will be taken to support the charitable work of the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy.

"MYRRH-STREAMING" ICON:

The miraculous "Myrrh-Streaming" Kardiotissa Icon of the Theotokos will visit St. George Romanian Orthodox Church in Canton on Friday, Dec. 15. A Paraklesis Service to the Mother of God will be at 6:00, followed by miraculous stories of the icon and an anointing with myrrh. The church is located at 144 30th St. N.W. in Canton, 44709.

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. Contact Casandra Vasu, Office Manager at the cemetery, at 216-741-1310, for further information.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Please remember the Food Sale we will hold on December 10. Plan to bake some holiday specialties! As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

"THRIVING IN OUR LIVES":

St. Demetrios Church is hosting a retreat on December 1 and 2; 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00-3:00 on Saturday (with lunch). Author and professor Dr. Philip Mamalakis will present, as well as sign copies of his book. RSVP to presvytera@aol.com or call 440-331-2246 x2. Free-will offering is requested.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Please read pages 66-126. All are welcome.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are collecting to help St. Matthew Church, North Royalton, with their efforts in recovering from the devastating fire that occurred two weeks ago. Please use the "Special Collection" envelope and basket that is placed at the rear of the church.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Marie Quick in memory of her parents Frank and Sue Kvaska. If you would like to offer Trinitarian covers in 2018, sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$8; \$20 for Pascha, Christmas, or special-order covers.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Jerry Petrykowski.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 19	\$ 2693.00
BUILDING FUND	225.00
MORTGAGE FUND	75.00
CANDLES	76.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	25.00
IN MEMORY OF ANNE HANEK	200.00
IN MEMORY OF EDWARD KLING	50.00
IN MEMORY OF DARIA PETRYKOWSKI	50.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	266.00

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THANKSGIVING - WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Do you have a favorite holiday? Many people love Christmas, some enjoy the Fourth of July, and lately Halloween and Valentine's Day have become days that some people look forward to with anticipation. For Christians, Easter, or Pascha as we Orthodox call it, is the "Feast of feasts" and stands much apart from every other holy day and holiday. Of course, not all holidays are holy days, and most of the civil observances are just that - "holidays," days of recreation on which no work is done. I guess if I had to pick a "favorite holiday," it would have to be Thanksgiving.

A quality of most holidays is that they are days on which, somehow miraculously, time is dramatically altered. For one thing the origin of a holiday is rooted in time past, in some event or events that happened years ago. So, July 4th commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776; Veterans Day, November 11, is when on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice was signed to end the First World War. Holy days also take us back in time to mark either an event in the life of Jesus Christ, His Mother, or the day that a particular saint passed away. However, as holidays connect us to the past, they become markers in our own stories and thus provide each of us with a personal record of the moments by which we measure our lives. In general, but especially as we get older, day in and day out merge into a continuous flow, and we literally don't remember what we ate for dinner last night. But on a holiday, we will recall with crystal clarity many things over many years that happened on that day.

The history of Thanksgiving Day is a fascinating combination of events. There are the legendary stories of the pilgrims and Indians in old New England sharing foods at harvest time. President George Washington pronounced that a day of thanksgiving be celebrated in his time. But it wasn't until 1863 that Abraham Lincoln issued a decree making the last Thursday in November a federal holiday. (Under FDR it was changed to the "fourth Thursday in November.") Thanksgiving is unique in American society in its being the only civil holiday that truly has deep spiritual and religious connotations. I think it's regrettable that Thanksgiving has also become associated with the day after on which the madness of Christmas shopping begins, known by the foreboding name of "Black Friday."

"Home to Thanksgiving." That captures the essence of the day for me. Precious memories: quiet church services in the morning, coming home to snacks and wonderful smells, mother's cooking, father's carving the bird, siblings quarrelling, then peace settling in as people fell asleep in front of the television; while at seminary I remember how Fr. Schmemann served the Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy; later on there were car trips picking up sons from college, sharing the meal with old and new friends, meaningful and meaningless conversations - so many memories. And always, at the end of the day, the feeling that this was one of the best days ever. Those are some of the things that Thanksgiving means to me; what does it mean to you?

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
3 26th Sunday after Pentecost Prophet Zephaniah	4 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	5 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	6 St. Nicholas the Wonder- worker 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	7	8	9 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
10 27th Sunday after Pentecost 2nd Sunday Food Sale 4:00 Nativity concert	11 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	12	13	14	15 6:00 p.m. Myrrh- Streaming Icon at St. George Church, Can- ton	16 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
17 28th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Forefathers HTOC Christmas Potluck (lenten)	18	19	20	21	22 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours	23 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
24 29th Sunday after Pentecost Eve of the Nativity of Christ 6:30 p.m. Vigil	25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26 Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	27	28	29	30 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
31 30th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday after the Nativity of Christ						

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