

**ST. TARASIOUS,
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE**

St. Tarasius was born and raised in Constantinople to an illustrious family, and he received a fine education. He was rapidly promoted at the court of the emperor Constantine and attained the rank of senator.

The Church was in the midst of the Iconoclast disturbances. Patriarch Paul had supported Iconoclasm, but later repented and resigned his office. He withdrew to a monastery, naming Tarasius his successor (who was still a layman at this time).

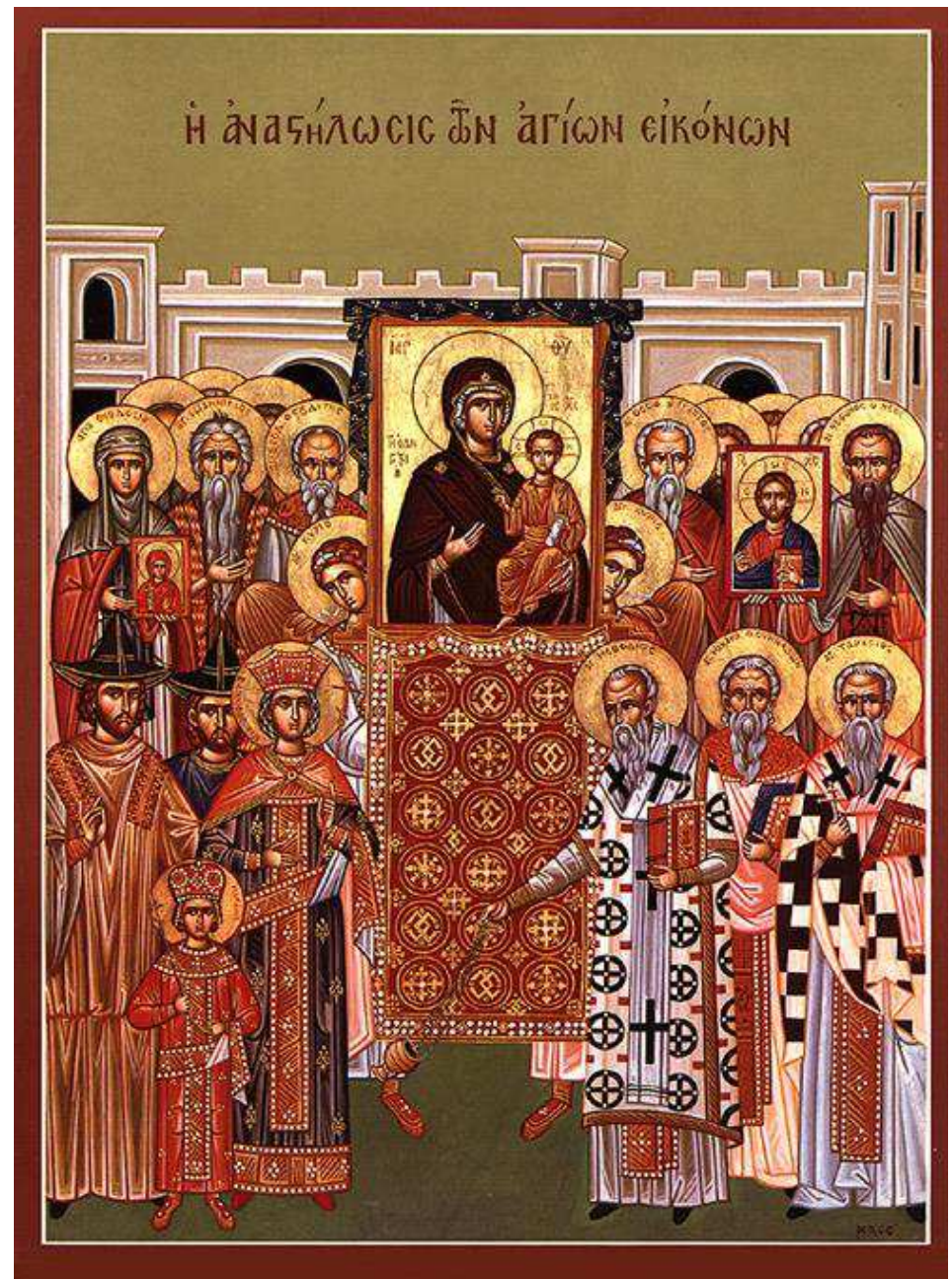
Tarasius refused for a long time, not considering himself worthy, but he then gave in with the condition that an Ecumenical Council be convened to address the Iconoclast heresy. He was elevated to the patriarchal throne in 784. In 787 he presided over the 7th Ecumenical Council in Nicea. The veneration of holy icons was confirmed at the council, and bishops who repented of their iconoclasm were again received by the Church.

St. Tarasius wisely governed the Church for 22 years. He led a strict ascetic life. He spent all his money on God-pleasing ends, feeding and giving comfort to the aged, to the impoverished, to widows and orphans, and on Holy Pascha he set out a meal for them and served them himself.

The holy Patriarch fearlessly denounced the emperor Constantine Porphyrogenitos when he slandered his spouse, the empress Maria, so that he could send Maria to a monastery and then marry his own kinswoman. St. Tarasius refused to dissolve the marriage, for which the saint fell into disgrace. Soon, however, Constantine was deposed by his own mother, the empress Irene.

St. Tarasius died in the year 806. Before his death, devils examined his life from the time of his youth and tried to get the saint to admit to sins that he had not committed. "I am innocent of that of which you accuse me," replied the saint, "and you falsely slander me. You have no power over me at all."

Mourned by the Church, the saint was buried in a monastery he built on the Bosphorus. Many miracles took place at his tomb.



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FEBRUARY 25, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople

“Leap for joy and clap your hands in gladness, for the swords of hostile heresy have been broken, and all the tumult and confusion has faded into the past. As we see the temple of the Lord in all its splendor, adorned with precious images, let us entreat the uncreated image of the Father to maintain the Church in unity, and in harmony and concord.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

“You appeared to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence. Because of your lowliness, Heaven was opened to you. Because of your poverty, riches were granted to you. O holy bishop, Tarasius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:24-26,32-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, February 25	5:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral
Wednesday, February 28	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 2	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 3	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, February 26 (St. Raphael)	Isaiah 4:2-5:7 Proverbs 10:31-11:12	Genesis 3:21-4:7 Solomon 4:7-15	Proverbs 3:34-4:22
Tuesday, February 27 (St. Raphael)	Isaiah 5:7-16 Hebrews 13:17-21	Genesis 4:8-15 John 10:9-16	Proverbs 5:1-15
Wednesday, February 28	Isaiah 5:16-25	Genesis 4:16-26	Proverbs 5:15-6:3
Thursday, March 1	Isaiah 6:1-12	Genesis 5:1-24	Proverbs 6:3-20
Friday, March 2	Isaiah 7:1-15	Genesis 5:32-6:8	Proverbs 6:20-7:1
Saturday, March 3 (Departed)	Hebrews 3:12-16 I Thessalonians 4:13-17	Mark 1:35-44 John 5:24-30	

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

- 26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 27, Tuesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House
- 28, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy

MARCH:

- 7, Wednesday Soup Supper following the Presanctified Liturgy
- 12, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY GREAT VESPERS:

Tonight is the pan-Orthodox Great Vespers service, 5:00 p.m., at Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral; 3352 Mayfield Rd.; Cleveland 44118. Children are invited to bring icons and participate in the procession. The homilist is Paul Finley, Director of St. Herman’s FOCUS Cleveland. There will be fellowship and refreshments following the service.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions next week on Wednesday, 2/28 , 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Friday 3/2, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Saturday, 3/3, 4:00-5:00 p.m., and following Vespers.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:

We will begin our weekly Soup Suppers following the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Joanne Stoyka is the coordinator of these suppers, and she has placed a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall; donate soup or a monetary gift for paper products.

NEWS UPDATES:

Reminder: We do have a Robocall system of releasing timely messages to our parishioners. Generally, it’s about a service cancelled due to weather or other issues. If you have changed your phone number or email address, please inform the office at 216-524-4859.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, March 12, at 12:30. We will complete reading The Liturgy of Death - Talks III and IV. Father Alexander will be with us. All are welcome.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

If you have a Facebook account, please “like” and “follow” our page. You’ll read about news from the Orthodox community (local and national) as well as updates on our services throughout the year. Don’t have Facebook? You can access what we are posting (about 3-5 posts a week) on our website:

www.holy-trin.org

MISSION TEAMS:

Consider joining a Mission Team to aid people throughout the world this summer. Teams travel to places such as Alaska, Indonesia, Ghana, Jamaica. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Betty Scherry in memory of Marcha Mason, Sylvia Monnin and Anne Hanek.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Marge Molnar in memory of Bob Molnar.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, FEBRUARY 18	\$ 2733.00
CHILDREN’S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1287.00
BUILDING FUND	182.00
MORTGAGE FUND	240.00
CANDLES	111.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	35.00
ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL	380.00
FOR ST. MATTHEW’S	255.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	315.00

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THE TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY AND MODERN TIMES

The first week of Great Lent is strenuous. Fasting and the church services make one feel of having gone through an ascetical “workout.” After that, we come to the First Sunday of Great Lent with a sense of heightened gladness. Called the Sunday of Orthodoxy, it is also known as the Triumph of Orthodoxy. A specific commemoration lies at the heart of the triumph: the final restoration of holy icons, which took place on the first Sunday of Great Lent on March 11, 843. The Iconoclast controversy lasted over a hundred years, and it dramatically impacted the Church; fierce arguments took place, imprisonments, torture, blood was shed. So the end of the controversy was indeed a longed-for, triumphant celebration.

Although the restoration of icons is the primary remembrance, the Triumph of Orthodoxy was from the beginning a commemoration of many victories of Orthodox theology over various heresies, schisms and disputes. It called our attention to the martyrs, confessors and theologians who were on the forefront of the various controversies. There is a special liturgical service, call the “Office of Orthodoxy” which is prescribed for the First Sunday, at which anathemas (official “rejections”) are pronounced about various heresies, and the emperors, confessors and martyrs who stood against them are honored with “Eternal Memory.” The Office is rarely done, and usually only in large cathedrals, but the local tradition of the Pan-Orthodox Vespers on Sunday evening is a residual reminder of it.

The Triumph of Orthodoxy looks back in history to past significant events. But the reality is that since the 9th century, the Church has continued to confront attacks, both ideological and physical. Even now we see the Church attacked and challenged in ways that are as devastating as any in history. During the 20th century, as horrendous destruction of lives and institution took place, the Church suffered in catastrophic proportions. Christianity itself, which once set the moral foundations for Western Civilization, has been radically affected, becoming a sociological footnote. That we call this a “post-Christian age” is an accepted fact. What, then, of the Triumph of Orthodoxy? Is it simply a memory of a glorious past?

No, I think that the Triumph is the on-going existence of the Orthodox Church through the ages, including our time and going forward. Let’s recall that the first triumph was achieved by martyrs and confessors; the “triumph” was their faith, courage and fortitude in persevering in their love for God. This was not achieved militarily or by force, but through Christian witness: love, humility, fidelity, adherence to the truths revealed to humanity through divine inspiration and maintained by the Holy Church. That kind of witness enabled the Orthodox Church to survive the horrors of atheistic persecution. Different challenges arise today, perhaps less violent but not less destructive. Such challenges are attacks on the principles of life that deprive mankind of its humanity. That we have not yet come to the reality of a total nightmare is because the Church continues to triumph over darkness and destruction. All of us, in ways small or large, have a role to play in witnessing to the Triumphant Faith of the Orthodox Church.

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MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	3 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
4 2nd Sunday of Great Lent St. Gregory Palamas	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	8	9	10 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
11 3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross 5:00 p.m. Akathist at St. Michael's	12 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	13	14 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	15	16 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	17 3:00 p.m. First Confession Class 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
18 4th Sunday of Great Lent St. John Climacus	19	20	21 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	22	23 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Akathist to the Theotokos	24 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Litiya
25 5th Sunday of Great Lent Annunciation of the Theotokos	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	29	30 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Preparation of Palms	31 Lazarus Saturday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Vigil