

VIRGINMARTYR GLYCERIA AT HERACLEA

St. Glyceria came from an illustrious family; her father was a high-ranking Roman official. She lost both her parents at an early age. She met Christians and converted to Christianity. However, the prefect of her city ordered all to offer sacrifice to the idols. St. Glyceria made a sign of the Cross on her forehead and went into the pagan temple. She prayed God would bring the pagans to their senses and destroy the statue of Zeus. Suddenly thunder was heard, and the statue crashed to the floor and shattered.

Sabinus, the prefect, ordered the people to stone St. Glyceria, but the stones did not touch her. She was locked in prison, where the Christian priest Philokrates came to her and encouraged the martyr in the struggle ahead of her. In the morning, when the tortures had started, an angel appeared in their midst, and the torturers fell to the ground in terror. When the vision vanished, Sabinus ordered St. Glyceria thrown into prison. The door was sealed so no one could get in. Angels of God brought St. Glyceria food and drink. Many days afterward, Sabinus came to the prison; he removed the seal from the door and went in. He was shaken when he saw her alive and well.

Sabinus took her to the city of Heraclea. Christians came out to meet her and encourage her. She was cast into a red-hot furnace but the fire was extinguished at once. The prefect ordered her skin ripped from her head; she was then thrown into prison onto sharp stones. She prayed incessantly, and at midnight an angel appeared and healed her wounds.

When the jailer came in the morning, he didn't recognize her. He feared he would be punished for letting her escape, but St. Glyceria reassured him. He came to believe in God and told everyone about the miraculous healing and confessed himself a Christian. He was beheaded. Christians secretly buried him.

St. Glyceria was sentenced to be eaten by wild beasts, but the lioness meekly crawled up to her and lay at her feet. Finally the saint prayed to the Lord, imploring He take her unto Himself. She heard a voice from Heaven, summoning her to heavenly bliss. At that moment another lioness was set loose upon the saint. It pounced upon the martyr and killed her but did not tear her apart. Christians reverently buried her; her holy relics were glorified with a flow of healing myrrh. She suffered for Christ around the year 177.



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TONE 5

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Sunday of the Blind Man

Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison;

Righteous Virgin Glykéria of Novgorod;

Translation of the Relics of Ven. Makáry, Archimandrite of Obruch;

Martyr Alexander of Rome; St. Pausiacius, Bishop of Synnada;

St. George the Confessor, with his wife, Irene, and their children, of Constantinople;

St. Euthymius the New, Founder of Iveron Monastery, and his fellow Georgian Saints of Mt. Athos:

His father, John, his cousin, George, and Gabriel; Monk Marytrs of Iveron

“The eyes of my inner life, O Lord and Savior, are blind from the darkness of sin. In Your deep and loving kindness, anoint them with humility, and bathe them in the tears of repentance.”

Exapostilarion, Tone II

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 17

“Today, by Your glorious Ascension, You take our nature to heaven, and the angels marvel at the sight. We join them in praising You, O Christ, glorifying You, the incarnate Judge of all.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 16:16-34

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-38

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension

Thursday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **The Ascension of our Lord**

Saturday, May 19

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Rebecca Mravetz and Alan Wallace

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 14

Acts 17:1-15

John 11:47-57

Tuesday, May 15

Acts 17:19-28

John 12:19-36

Wednesday, May 16

Acts 18:22-28

John 12:36-47

Thursday, May 17

Acts 1:1-12

Luke 24:36-53

Friday, May 18

Acts 19:1-8

John 14:1-11

Saturday, May 19

Acts 20:7-12

John 14:10-21

COMING EVENTS

MAY:

- 14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 27, Sunday HTOC Pentecost Luncheon
- 28, Monday 8:00 a.m. Memorial Day grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 29, Tuesday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 30, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House

PENTECOST:

Pentecost Sunday, May 27, is the Feast of our church. Following the services, we will have a festive Potluck Luncheon. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

CROP WALK:

Local Christian Churches and the Parma Collaborative are sponsoring a CROP Walk on Saturday, June 2. Fr. Alexander will speak about it in the Hall today, and information will be forthcoming in the Trinitarian. Orthodox communities have been involved in such “walks” throughout the country. It is an opportunity to offer real assistance to hungry people in our area and also to participate with local Christians in a worthy project.

SANDBAGGER’S OPEN:

A golf outing to support St. Theodosius Cathedral is Friday, June 1, at Hilliard Lakes Golf Course. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Gene and Barbara Filipow.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

SPECIAL IOCC COLLECTION:

Our IOCC collection continues. If writing a check, please make it out to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. We will make a donation from our parish at the upcoming Annual Benefit Dinner on June 3.

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:

Fr. Alexander will bless graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery on May 28. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m. We will complete reading pages 65-147 of Becoming a Healing Presence by Dr. Albert Rossi. Please join us.

GOLF OUTING:

The 5th Annual Golf Classic to support St. Herman’s House will be Monday, June 18, at Tanglewood in Chagrin Falls. Players and sponsors are needed; see details in the Fellowship Hall. Questions can be sent to golfsthermans@focusna.org

MEMORIAL PRAYERS:

There will be a 40th Day Memorial Service for Harry Flewelling next Sunday, May 20, at 10:45 a.m.

There will be a One-Year Memorial Service for John Plavko next Sunday, May 20, at 11:45 a.m.

“What is nobler than to rule the minds or to mold the character of the young? I consider that he who knows how to form the youthful mind is truly greater than all the painters, sculptors, and all others of that sort.”

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

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| REGULAR COLLECTION, MAY 6 | \$ 4388.00 |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT | 1045.00 |
| BUILDING FUND | 191.00 |
| MORTGAGE FUND | 150.00 |
| CANDLES | 173.00 |

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SELECTIONS FROM ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR - IV

30. The one who is perfect in love and has reached the summit of detachment knows no distinction between oneself and another, between faithful and unfaithful, between slave and freemen, or indeed between male and female. But having risen above tyranny of the passions and looking to the one nature of men he regards all equally and is equally disposed to all. For in him there is neither Greek nor Jew, neither male nor female, neither slave nor freeman, but Christ is everything and in everything.

35. There are many things done by men which are noble in themselves but still because of some reason are not noble. For example, fasts and vigils, prayers and psalmody, almsgiving and hospitality are noble in themselves, but when they are done out of vainglory, they are no longer noble.

38. The demon of pride has a twofold wickedness; either he induces a person to ascribe their virtuous deeds to themselves and not to God the bestower of good things and the helper in good behavior, or, unable to persuade him in this, he suggests that they look down on others who are still less advanced than they are. The one who behaves in this way does not realize that they are being induced into denying God's assistance. For if they look down on others as those who are unable to perform good deeds, they are evidently putting themselves forward as someone who acts uprightly on their own power; but this is impossible, as the Lord says, "Outside of Me you can do nothing." Because of our weakness, when moved to do good things, we are unable to complete them without the bestower of good things.

43. So long as you have evil habits, do not refuse to undergo challenges and hardships, so that you may be humbled by them and purge out pride.

58. The love of God induces the one who possesses it to despise every passing pleasure and every trouble and sorrow. All the saints, who have suffered much with joy for Christ, should convince you of this.

79. The image of the earthly man consists in the capital vices, such as folly, cowardice, intemperance, injustice. The image of the heavenly man consists in the cardinal virtues, as prudence, courage, temperance, justice. So, "as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man."

93. Death is, properly speaking, separation from God, and "the sting of death is sin." In taking on sin, Adam was banished at once from the tree of life, from Paradise and from God, whereupon there followed of necessity the death of the body. On the other hand, life is, properly speaking, the One who says, "I am the life" (John 14:6). By His death He brought back to life again the one who had died.

From The Second Century on Love by St. Maximus the Confessor