

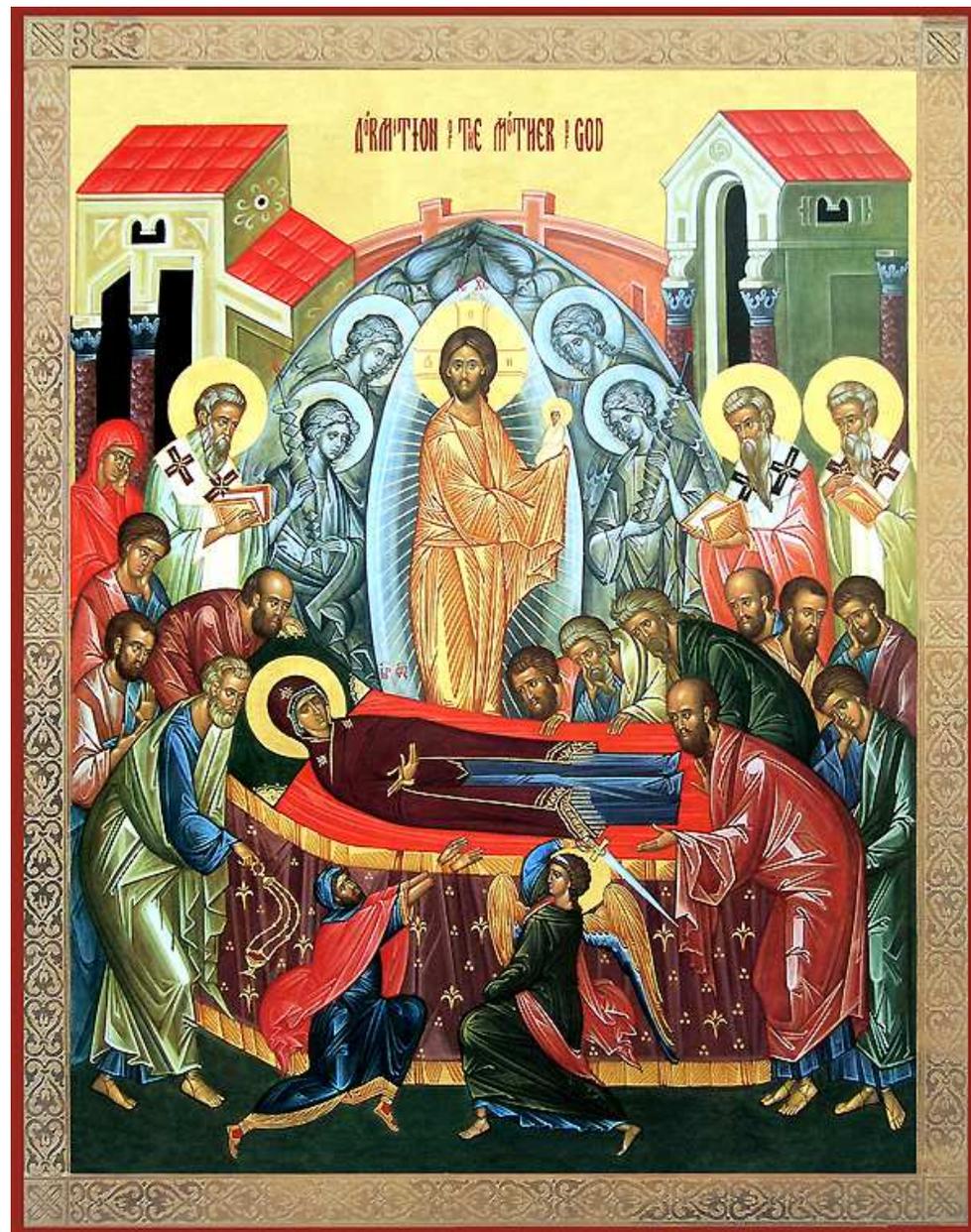
MARTYRS ANICLETUS AND PHOTIUS OF NICOMEDIA

The Martyrs Anicletus and Photius (his nephew) were natives of Nicomedia. Anicletus, a military official, denounced the emperor Diocletian (284-305) for setting up in the city square an implement of execution for frightening Christians. The enraged emperor ordered St. Anicletus to be tortured and condemned him to be devoured by wild beasts. But the lions they set loose became gentle and fawned at his feet.

Suddenly there was a strong earthquake, resulting in the collapse of the pagan temple of Hercules, and many pagans perished beneath the demolished city walls. The executioner took up a sword to cut off the saint's head, but he fell down insensible. They tried to break St. Anicletus on the wheel and burn him with fire, but the wheel stopped and the fire went out. They threw the martyr into a furnace with boiling tin, but the tin became cold. Thus the Lord preserved His servant for the edification of many.

St. Photius saluted the sufferer and turned to the emperor saying, "O idol-worshipper, your gods are nothing!" The sword, held over the new confessor, struck the executioner instead. Then the martyrs were thrown into prison.

After 3 days Diocletian urged them, "Worship our gods, and I shall give you glory and riches. The martyrs answered, "May you perish with your honor and riches!" Then they were tied by the legs to wild horses. Though the saints were dragged along the ground, they remained unharmed. They did not suffer in the heated bath house, which fell apart. Finally, Diocletian ordered a great furnace to be fired up, and many Christians, inspired by the deeds of Sts. Anicletus and Photius, went in themselves saying, "We are Christians!" They all died with a prayer on their lips. The bodies of Sts. Anicletus and Photius were not harmed by the fire, and even their hair remained whole. Seeing this, many of the pagans came to believe in Christ. This occurred in the year 305.



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Martyrs Anicletus and Photius of Nicomedia, and many with them;

Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Comana

“By your brave endurance of terrible tortures, you reduced the rage of your tormentors to nothing. Now you rejoice in heaven, O glorious Photius and blessed Anicetus, and your happiness will last unto ages of ages. Pray for us to Christ, our God.”

Kondakion, Tone IV

THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS

Wednesday, August 15

“We join all generations in calling you blessed, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ, our God, who cannot be contained, was pleased to be contained in you. But we, too, are blessed, for we enjoy your constant help and protection: Day and night you intercede for us, and it is your prayer that strengthens us day after day. For this we praise you today, crying out to you in song: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone VI

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I CORINTHIANS 9:2-12

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:23-35

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, August 14	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Wednesday, August 15	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday, August 18	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, August 13	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	Matthew 5:14-19
Tuesday, August 14	II Corinthians 5:10-15	Mark 1:9-15
	II Corinthians 5:15-21	Mark 1:16-22
Wednesday, August 15	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Thursday, August 16	II Corinthians 6:11-16	Mark 1:23-28
(Image)	Colossians 1:12-18	Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24
Friday, August 17	II Corinthians 7:1-10	Mark 1:29-35
	II Corinthians 7:10-16	Mark 2:18-22
Saturday, August 18	I Corinthians 1:26-29	Matthew 20:29-34

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST:

- 13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 17-18 Russian Festival at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Lorain
- 19, Sunday Halupki Festival at Holy Assumption Church in Marblehead
- 20, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 24-25 Retreat at St. Innocent Church
- 26, Sunday Bishop Paul visit to HTOC
Parish Picnic

IN BLESSED MEMORY:

Long-time parishioner Alice Reta passed away on August 8. She had been struggling with serious health problems for several months. By a few days, Alice's death providentially preceded that of her late husband, Protodeacon Edward Reta on August 14 (2014). Alice will be waked in our church on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, 2:00-4:00. A Memorial Panikhida will be held at 4:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will take place in church on Monday, Aug. 13, at 10:00 a.m. May Alice's memory be eternal.

SAVE THE DATE!

Bishop Paul will be visiting us on Sunday, August 26; and we will also be able to enjoy fellowship that afternoon at our Parish Picnic. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for your contribution of drinks, sides, desserts, condiments. Katie and Jared Griebel are chairing the event; they also need volunteers for set-up and clean-up. Contact info: Katie, 216-409-2420 or k.s.griebel4@gmail.com; Jared, 575-642-2304 or jgriebbs@gmail.com

GOLF BENEFIT FOR ST. VLADIMIR CAMP:

There is a Golf Scramble on Friday, Sept. 21; 1:00 pm. at Sugar Bush Golf Club in Garrettsville, to raise funds for St. Vladimir Camp and Retreat Center in Farmdale, Ohio. Details and entry forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, August 13, at 12:30 p.m. We will be reading a few selected pages from Chapter 4 of Exodus, as well as pages 171-194 and 206-211 in Chapter 5. All are welcome.

ST. ANDREW CHURCH ANNIVERSARY:

St. Andrew Church will be celebrating a Golden Anniversary September 29-30; and all are invited to attend events that weekend. There will be services with Bishop Paul, as well as a banquet, which will be at 2:00 on Sunday, Sept. 30. Tickets are \$35. More details are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Purchase tickets by September 10.

RETREAT:

St. Innocent Church is holding a retreat with guest speaker Fr. Andrew Damick — author, lecturer and podcast host — on Friday and Saturday, August 24-25. The theme is "Orthodox Christian Engagement in our Families, Churches & World. Admission is free. Please see details in the Fellowship Hall.

FESTIVAL SEASON!

Please check our bulletin board regularly if you are interested in local festivals. We have info posted about the Russian Food Festival at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Lorain on August 17-18, as well as the annual Halupki Festival in Marblehead on August 19.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Dave and Judy Howe.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 5	\$ 3151.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	278.00
BUILDING FUND	200.00
MORTGAGE FUND	190.00
CANDLES	95.00

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**THE SAINTS AMONG US -
DEACONS STEPHEN, LAWRENCE AND EUPLUS**

Not counting the 20th century, there are only a few priests and deacons who are canonized saints, less by far than canonized laymen. Curiously, the few canonized priests are relatively obscure, but there are a couple of deacons who are well known and held in esteem by the Orthodox Church. Today, because of the persecution of Orthodox Christians in the Soviet Union during the 20th century, the number of martyred saints who are priests and deacons is in the hundreds.

Three of the better known deacon saints are commemorated in August: St. Stephen on August 2, St. Lawrence on August 10 and St. Euplus on August 11. Among the three, St. Stephen is the most famous. He is also remembered on December 27; and this is commemorated in the famous Christmas carol, “Good King Wenceslas.” St. Stephen was one of the group of the very first deacons chosen by the apostles after Pentecost. He became the first Christian martyr, and his final stirring speech occupies an entire chapter in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 6:8-8:1).

As the first deacon and first martyr, whose life is an important story in the early Church, St. Stephen is unique. Saints Lawrence and Euplus are part of the extensive group of martyrs who witnessed to Christ during the first three centuries of the Church. St. Lawrence was a deacon in Rome during the middle of the third century. A close associate of the Pope of Rome, St. Sixtus, they both were killed during the persecution under Emperor Valerian (around 250 AD). St. Euplus lived towards the end of the third century in Sicily. He suffered and died during the last great persecution of Christians under the Emperor Diocletian (around 304 AD).

In our times, deacons are primarily liturgical celebrants, assisting either the presiding bishop or priest. During the first several centuries, deacons were more involved in administrative and sacramental responsibilities. The role of priests, functioning between bishops and deacons, only developed after the first century. Writers used the words “bishop,” “priest” and “presbyter” interchangeably. Deacons assisted bishops and presbyters as critical functionaries in both administration and worship. This continued through the first millennium, but eventually their administrative duties diminished. In Orthodox North America, it was rare to see a deacon for a long time. Priests of course are necessarily made deacons; but it was mostly a formality, and often one was deacon for only a day or two. A resurgence of deacons has taken place recently. Several of our parishioners participated in late vocations programs and became deacons. This weekend we fondly remember the departed Protodeacon Edward Reta. And we recognize Protodeacon Anthony Kall, who excellently fulfills liturgical functions and is a model of outstanding diaconal service in church administration.

St. Stephen is depicted twice in our parish, on the “north deacon’s door” in the iconostas and in the altar area on one of the small round medallions on the thin walls that diagonally face toward the nave. There too, on those small round medallions, you can find the other deacons, St. Lawrence and St. Euplus.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus