

MARTYR MAMAS OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA

The Holy Great Martyr Mamas was born in the third century to pious and illustrious Christian parents, Theodotus and Rufina, who were imprisoned for their open confession of faith. Knowing his own weakness, Theodotus prayed that the Lord would take him before he was tortured; the Lord heard his prayer and he died in prison. St. Rufina also died, after giving birth to a premature son. She entrusted him to God, beseeching Him to be the Protector and Defender of the infant.

A rich Christian widow named Ammia buried the bodies of Sts. Theodotus and Rufina. She took the boy and raised him as her own, in the Christian faith and with a good education. St. Mamas learned easily and willingly and distinguished himself by maturity of mind and of heart. By personal example, young Mamas converted many of his peers to Christianity.

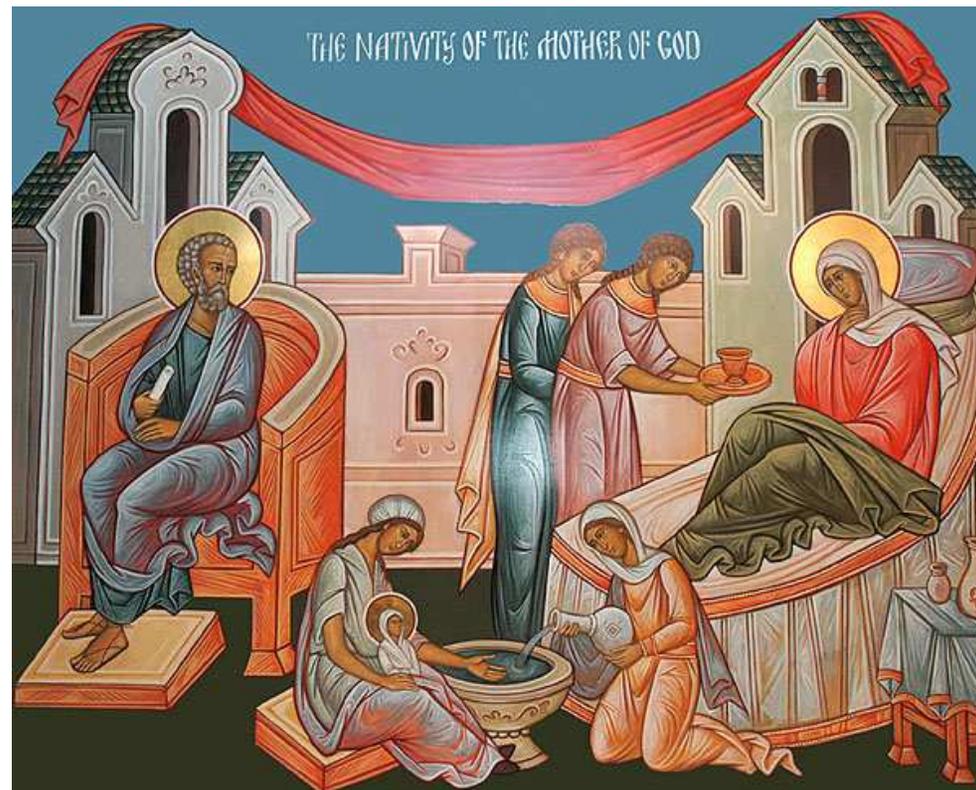
The governor, Democritus, learned of this, and the 15-year-old Mamas was arrested and brought to trial. In deference to his illustrious parentage, Democritus did not torture him but sent him to the emperor Aurelian. The emperor tried to turn St. Mamas to the pagan faith, but the saint bravely confessed himself a Christian. He was tortured, but he remained steadfast. They tried to drown him, but an angel of the Lord saved St. Mamas and bade him live on a high mountain in the wilderness. The saint built a small church there and began to lead a life of strict fasting and prayer.

Soon he received a remarkable power over the forces of nature: wild beasts gathered at his abode and listened to the reading of the Holy Gospel. St. Mamas nourished himself on the milk of wild goats and deer. He prepared cheese with it and gave it freely to the poor.

The governor sent soldiers to arrest him. When meeting, they mistook him for a simple shepherd, but he invited them to his dwelling, gave them milk and told them his name, knowing that death for Christ awaited him. He told them to go on ahead of him into Caesaria, promising he would follow. The soldiers waited for him at the gates of the city, and St. Mamas, accompanied by a lion, met them there.

St. Mamas was tortured, but his will was not broken. He was strengthened by words addressed to him from above: "Be strong and take courage, Mamas." He was thrown to wild beasts, but the creatures would not touch him. Finally, one of the pagan priests struck him with a trident. Mortally wounded, St. Mamas went out beyond the city limits. In a small cave, he gave up his spirit to God, Who was heard to summon the Martyr Mamas into His heavenly habitation.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyr Mamas of Caesarea in Cappadocia, and his parents Martyrs Theodotus and Rufina;
St. John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople;
Ven. Anthony and Theodosius of the Kiev Caves; The 3618 Martyrs who suffered at Nicomedia;
The "KALUGA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos*

"It was clear that you belonged to the Lord from childhood, O holy Mamas, and your holiness endeared you to man and beast alike. As a youth you gave your blood for Christ, so that you became the splendor of martyrs. Beg Christ, our God, to grant peace to the world, and to us His great mercy."
Troparion, Tone VIII

THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Saturday, September 8

"Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled all the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ, our God. He destroyed the curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 1:21-2:4

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, September 7	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Saturday, September 8	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Nativity of the Theotokos
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 3	Galatians 2:11-16	Mark 5:24-34
Tuesday, September 4	Galatians 2:21-3:7	Mark 6:1-7
Wednesday, September 5	Galatians 3:15-22	Mark 6:7-13
Thursday, September 6	Galatians 3:23-4:5	Mark 6:30-45
Friday, September 7	Galatians 4:8-21	Mark 6:45-53
	I Corinthians 4:17-5:5	Matthew 24:1-13
Saturday, September 8	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

- 9, Sunday First day of Church School classes
- 14, Friday 7:30 p.m. Konevets Quartet concert
- 15, Saturday ZOE for Life! Work Session
- 21, Friday 1:00 p.m. Golf Scramble Benefit for St. Vladimir Camp

GOD’S BLESSINGS:

And many thanks to those who gave extra time and effort last Sunday for our Parish Picnic, especially chairpersons Katie and Jared Griebel. Bishop Paul was very happy with his visit and enjoyed the picnic too.

KONEVETS QUARTET:

The Konevets Quartet male vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, will visit HTOC on Friday, Sept. 14. They will sing the festal Divine Liturgy of the Elevation of the Cross at 9:00 a.m. and present a concert of sacred and secular music that evening at 7:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be appreciated.

ZOE FOR LIFE!

ZOE House invites all those interested in serving women in need to a work session on Saturday, September 15, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall.

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 in Farmdale, Ohio. Details and entry forms are in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The covers and flowers today are offered by Frank and Joanne Stoyka in celebration of their 11th Anniversary.

“TIMELESS CHRISTIANITY”

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD., author and scholar of Byzantine liturgy and host of an online catechetical program, will speak at Notre Dame College on Sunday October 21, 300-5:00. The topic is “Timeless Christianity in Today’s Changing World,” and the presentation is free and open to the public. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL:

Photos, presentations and videos from the recent 19th All-American Council are online on the website of the Orthodox Church in America. There is much to choose from and much to learn. Parishioners are encouraged to take a look. Go to: www.oca.org

UPDATING HTOC E-MAILS; ROBOCALLS:

If you have not been receiving email notifications from the parish and would like to, please submit your name and email to Parish Secretary, Janene Hatch (jmhatch8@gmail.com). Also, if you would like to receive phone or cellphone messages from the parish (regarding cancellations and important events), submit your phone number to Janene.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Further information will be announced on our new book in the week or two before our meeting.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, AUGUST 26	\$ 2445.25
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	5.00
BUILDING FUND	130.00
MORTGAGE FUND	150.00
CANDLES	135.00
BUILDING REPAIR	500.00
IN MEMORY OF ALICE RETA	445.00

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CHURCH NEW YEAR - PARISH FISCAL YEAR

September 1 is the beginning of the Church New Year, known as the “Day of the INDICATION.” That name comes from ancient times when Roman Emperors began imposing a tax every year on that day. Even older than that, it is in September that the Old Testament Hebrews celebrated New Year. Observant Jews do to this day on the feast they call “Rosh Hashanah.” That is celebrated on the first day of the month in the Jewish calendar which is called “Tishrei.” Because the months in the Jewish calendar are based on the cycles between full moons, Tishrei 1 fluctuates; it can be as early as September 6 or as late as October 6. This year is it on September 9.

For us, September 1 is also the beginning of our Parish Fiscal Year. This is to enable us to prepare a financial statement for our Annual Parish Meeting in October. Recently a letter was sent to parishioners. Because some may have not received it, we are reprinting below the relevant portion of that letter.

This summer has been a busy one at Holy Trinity Church! We finally have a new sign and are only waiting for the Illuminating Company to install a meter which will make live power available. Work is proceeding on the placement of metal siding around the drums of the cupolas. We will complete the final third of painting the church exterior. Before winter, we plan to have the parking lot resurfaced and new lighting installed along the driveway. All of these projects are quite costly. We had previous reserves set aside for some of this work, for the new sign for example. But the cost of the other projects will greatly exceed our normal operating budget. We are therefore appealing to parishioners to contribute something in addition to their regular donations. All of the maintenance work being done is needful and important. It is also preventative of more costly repairs in the future.

As we come to the end of our parish’s fiscal year and are preparing for next year, we ask that you fill out the enclosed Membership Pledge Card. Use the attached envelope and either mail it in or bring it to church and place in the basket at the Candle Desk. Pledges should be in proportion to income and means, based on the Christian spirit of generosity and on the value you place on being a member of our parish. Because some ask what is the minimum amount that a parishioner needs to pledge, we suggest that one should donate at least \$500 per adult together with those assessments required by our diocese and national church.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 28, 2018, after the Divine Liturgy in the Fellowship Hall. The financial and other reports will be available the week before the meeting. Please do try to attend, as it provides us with an important opportunity to reflect on our spiritual and social life as well as to discuss the welfare and needs of the parish.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

MaryAnn Bobulsky
Parish Council President

Fr. Alexander Garklaus
Pastor