

MARTYRS HERMYLUS AND STRATONICUS

The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, Slavs by origin, lived at the beginning of the fourth century during a persecution against Christians by the Emperor Licinius (311-324). St. Hermylus served as a deacon in the city of Belgrade. Condemned by Licinius to imprisonment, he was long and cruelly tortured for Christ, but he remained unyielding.

Hermylus mocked the pagan gods, calling them deaf, dumb and blind idols. Licinius ordered more severe torments for him, saying that he could avoid them if he would offer sacrifice. The holy martyr predicted that Licinius would suffer terrible wounds himself because he worshipped idols instead of the Creator. His words came true, for Licinius was killed in 324.

After three days, Hermylus was brought before the tribunal again and asked whether he would avoid more torture by offering sacrifice. The saint replied that he would offer worship and sacrifice only to the true God.

St. Hermylus prayed that the Lord would give him strength to endure his torments and triumph over the pagans. A voice was heard, saying, "Hermylus, you will be delivered from your suffering in three days and will receive a great reward." The torturers fell to the ground in fear and took the saint back to prison.

St. Stratonicus was one of the prison guards and a secret Christian. Seeing the agonizing torments of his friend, he was unable to keep from weeping, and he revealed that he was a Christian. They also subjected him to punishment.

After the torture, they put both martyrs into a net and threw them into the Danube. On the third day, the bodies of the saints were found by Christians on the bank of the river; they were buried near Singidunum. Their venerable heads were in the Church of Hagia Sophia, where the Russian pilgrim Anthony saw them in the year 1200.

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JANUARY 13, 2019

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Theophany
Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus of Belgrade;
Martyr Peter of Anium, at Heiropolis;
St. James, Bishop of Nisibis; St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers;
Ven. Maximus Kavsokalyvites; Ven. Irenarchus, Recluse, of Rostov;
Ven. Eleazar of Anzersk Island

“Your holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from you, O Lord. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone IV

Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great

Thursday, January 17

“Your way of life reflects Elijah’s zeal, and your path resembles that of John, the Baptist. Your life in the desert led countless souls to follow you, while your prayers fortified the entire world. O holy father, Anthony, beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-13

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 13

Saturday, January 19

11:30 a.m. Memorial Prayers for Tom Bohurjak

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 14

Tuesday, January 15

Wednesday, January 16

Thursday, January 17

Friday, January 18

Saturday, January 19

Hebrews 3:5-11,17-19

Hebrews 4:1-13

Hebrews 5:11-6:8

Hebrews 13:17-21

Hebrews 7:18-25

Ephesians 2:11-13

Luke 20:27-44

Luke 21:12-19

Luke 21:5-7,10-11,20-24

Luke 6:17-23

Luke 21:37-22:8

Luke 13:18-29

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 13, TODAY Second Sunday Food Sale
- 14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 20, Sunday Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
6:00 p.m. Supplication Service for the Unborn; St. Matthew Church
- 28, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House of Hospitality
- 30, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

<p><u>PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN:</u> A Supplication Service for the Unborn will be held on Sunday, January 20, at 6:00 p.m. ZOE for Life and St. Matthew Church encourage all to attend; the service will be held at the temporary location of St. Matthew Church—8235 Memphis Road; Brooklyn 44144. Fr. Andrew Harmon will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served. For information call 440-893-9990.</p> <p><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u> Please remember to stop by the Food Sale tables in the Fellowship Hall today! The monthly food sales benefit our General Fund. Thank you to those who have baked and cooked for today's sale.</p> <p><u>PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER:</u> Tickets are now available for the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, January 20. The dinner will include dessert and a glass of wine or beer. See Jewelann Stefanar in the Fellowship Hall today.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Carol Bohurjak. There are still openings for donors in 2019. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.</p>	<p><u>HOLY WATER:</u> The water that was blessed last week is in the vestibule for the next couple of weeks; please feel free to take some home for your personal use.</p> <p><u>PARISH COUNCIL:</u> The Council will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the parish conference room.</p> <p><u>ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The Book Circle will meet Monday, January 14, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading <u>Wounded by Love: The Life and the Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios</u>. Please read Part I, pages 1-82. Books are available at La Coupole.</p> <p><u>2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES:</u> Envelope boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Janice and Ted Strauss in memory of Anastasia Filipowicz.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> Many thanks to those who are helping with our weekly refreshments! Today's hosts are the Bohurjak and Stoyka families.</p>
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"The sun shines in the universe. The Mental Sun—God—
unceasingly shines in the souls of the chosen."

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JANUARY 6	\$ 2986.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	3845.00
BUILDING FUND	85.00
MORTGAGE FUND	90.00
CANDLES	102.00
MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION	100.00

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THE SAINTS AMONG US - ST. SAVA OF SERBIA

Among the many saints on the southern wall of our church, one can find the episcopal figure of St. Sava of Serbia. As everyone knows, St. Sava is the most famous, popular, and beloved saint of the Serbian people. He is also one of the great Church Fathers who is honored and held in high esteem by the entire Orthodox Church and indeed by all of Christianity. His accomplishments and legacy are outstanding. Of royal background, he became a serious monastic, a spiritual father, an accomplished scholar-theologian-writer, a wise and courageous bishop, all the time also being a confidant, counselor, organizer and leader for the Serbian people.

St. Sava was born the son of the Serbian Grand Prince Stephen Nemanja in 1175 and named Rastko in Baptism. He briefly followed the expected path of being a political leader; but raised as a pious Orthodox Christian, he yearned for the blessed monastic life, and while still very young went off to the Holy Mountain Athos. Initially, he became a novice at the Russian Monastery of St. Panteleimon, where he was tonsured and given the name Sava. At first his father was upset by what he perceived as his son's desertion, but through God's providence the son was able to influence his father to give up the earthly kingdom and to join him on Mount Athos. Stephen did so, becoming Monk Symeon. Together they became founders of the Hilandar Monastery on Mount Athos, which became a center of Serbian culture and spirituality for centuries.

His spiritual and intellectual abilities were recognized by the Byzantine emperor and church officials, and this in turn led them to send St. Sava back to Serbia to facilitate reconciliation between his brothers, who were quarreling about leadership. In Serbia he fostered the development of education and culture while also mentoring monks and priests for the nascent Serbian Orthodox Church. At that time in Serbia the influence of Byzantine Orthodoxy was challenged by the Roman Church. The final acceptance of Orthodoxy was largely due to St. Sava's witness and writings. It was natural that he was consecrated by the Patriarch of Constantinople to be the first Archbishop of the Autocephalous Serbian Church in 1219.

A man of deep faith, highly-cultured, with noble bearings, spiritual integrity and intellectual refinement, St. Sava was esteemed wherever he went. He travelled much along the Eastern shore of the Mediterranean, being at the Byzantine court several times and making two pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Returning to Serbia from his second pilgrimage, he got sick in Trnovo, Bulgaria, where he died on January 14, 1235. His legacy for the Serbian nation and people is immense. He is rightly acknowledged as the Saint for all Serbs, promotor of Serbian learning and the patron of Serbian national pride. Numerous Serbian churches throughout the world are dedicated to him. He is also a great Orthodox Saint whose life presents us with an example of how theology, learning, political leadership and social outreach can combine together for the "glory of God" and for the betterment of human society.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus