

GREATMARTYR ARTEMIUS AT ANTIOCH

Greatmartyr Artemius was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening of Christianity in Egypt.

Julian the Apostate (361-363) succeeded Constantius on the throne, and he was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, torturing and sending hundreds to their death. During this time, St. Artemius arrived in Antioch and denounced Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw him into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, "Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom." Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him.

On the following day, Julian demanded that St. Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The saint told Julian that he would be justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally, the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded. His relics were buried by Christians.

The prophecy about Julian's death came true. He was betrayed during a Persian war and mortally wounded by an unseen hand and an unseen weapon during a battle. After Julian's death, the relics of the Great Martyr Artemius were transferred with honor from Antioch to Constantinople.

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OCTOBER 20, 2019

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch
Ven. Matrona of Chios;
Righteous Youth Artemii of Verkol'sk;
Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia

“True faith confirmed your dedication to Christ, O holy Artemius, bringing you victory over the tormentor king and all his pagan offerings. For this, the great King who rules forever has given you a crown of your own, as well as the astonishing power to heal all who invoke you. Beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“Let us the faithful praise the divine Gerasimos, who is the protector of the Orthodox and an angel in the body, and a newly appeared God-bearing wonderworker; for he has worthily received from God the unfailing grace of healing. He restores the sick and heals those possessed by demons. Therefore, he pours forth healings upon those who honor him.”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 26 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 21	Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 10:22-24
Tuesday, October 22	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 11:1-10
Wednesday, October 23 (Apostle James)	Philippians 1:12-20 Galatians 1:11-19	Luke 11:9-13 Matthew 13:54-58
Thursday, October 24	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 11:14-23
Friday, October 25	Philippians 1:27-2:4 I Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 11:23-26 Luke 8:16-21
Saturday, October 26 (St. Demetrius)	Hebrews 12:6-13,25-27 II Timothy 2:1-10	Matthew 8:23-27 John 15:17-16:2

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

20, TODAY HTOC Church School Assembly
 3:00 p.m. Eastern Churches Seminar at Notre Dame College

27, Sunday 10:45 a.m. HTOC Parish Meeting

28, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House

30, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House

NOVEMBER:

3, Sunday Meatloaf Luncheon

10, Sunday Food Sale

18, Monday 6:00 p.m. FOCUS program, “Living in Poverty”

PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27,

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

Informational packets are available for pick-up today
at the back of the church nave.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

The Church School will have an assembly today during class time.

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

“My Sin and God’s Mercy” is the theme of the 2019 annual seminar. Dr. Peter Bouteneff, professor at St. Vladimir’s Seminary, will speak. The seminar is today, Oct. 20, 3:00-5:00; at Notre Dame College in South Euclid. The presentation is free and open to the public. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

MEATLOAF LUNCHEON:

HTOC will host a Meatloaf Luncheon at noon on Sunday, November 3, to raise funds and awareness of our monthly meal outreach at St. Herman’s House of Hospitality. For luncheon tickets, see Judy Howe; the price is \$12, free for children 12 and under. A Basket Auction will take place at the event.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Christina Garik.

LIVING IN POVERTY:

FOCUS Cleveland will hold a panel discussion on Monday, Nov. 18, at Breen Center for Performing Arts, within St. Ignatius High School. The topic is “Beyond the Numbers: A Closer Look at Living in Poverty.” Doors will open at 6:00 for appetizers; presentation is at 7:00. Tickets are \$30; see Jewelann Stefanar. All proceeds will benefit St. Herman’s House. Further details are in the Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE:

Our next monthly food sale will be Sunday, Nov. 10. Plan to help by preparing a favorite autumn food or bakery to donate.

COFFEE HOUR:

We are in need of volunteers for our Coffee Hour program on November 10, 17, and 24.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Dave and Judy Howe in memory of Andrew and Julia Yankovich.

*“The saints in each generation,
 joined to those who have gone before and filled like them with light,
 become a golden chain, in which each saint is a separate link,
 united to the next by faith and works and love.
 So in the one God they form a single chain which cannot quickly be broken.”*

St. Symeon the New Theologian

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JESUS THE PROPHET

“Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”

(John 4:19)

*“When the people saw the sign which Jesus had done, they said,
‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’”*

(John 6:14)

One of the titles for Jesus as the Messiah is the Prophet. He is the final prophet, the last prophet. What is a prophet? Most people think prophets are those who predict the future, and that very often is the case. When prophets are inspired by God, they do say what is going to “befall the people, especially if the people do not repent.” However, the term prophet is deeper and wider than that. God’s prophet is the one upon whom God’s Spirit dwells – not the elemental spirits of the universe or the evil spirits, but the *Ruach* Yahweh, the Spirit of the Lord. The prophet is filled with the Spirit in order to proclaim the Word of the Lord. According to Hebrews 4:12, “the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow.” The word spoken by the prophets is powerful because the Spirit of God rests upon them. St. John of Damascus says God never speaks without breathing, and He never breathes without speaking. The holy prophets, being inspired by the Word of God, proclaim the word of God. They proclaim the truth. They proclaim what God does, wants, says, and commands. The prophets are not opposed to the Law of Moses; they proclaim the word of God enshrined in the Law. In fact, Moses is considered to be among the first of the prophets.

John the Baptist may be said to be the “last” of the Old Testament prophets. He is considered the “greatest of prophets,” but John said of himself, “I am not the Prophet.” He said that because he recognized that the Messiah is the Prophet. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God who suffered for us, He is the prophet. John bore witness to Christ, and Jesus says there is a testimony that is even greater than that of John the Baptist – the testimony of God the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is also Jesus’ own testimony by His own words and deeds. Yet Jesus insists that John is the greatest of the prophets. Among the regular prophets, John is the greatest and the last. No one born of woman, according to Jesus, is greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). We Christians say the final prophet who is merely human is John the Baptist, and even that greatest of prophets dies a violent death in the Christian tradition. Jesus, however, is the Son of God. He is the messianic, anointed Prophet. In the full and deep sense of what prophets represent, that is in the divinely inspired presence of the Holy Spirit in humanity, then Jesus is truly the Last and Final Prophet!

Jesus is that Prophet. He is the Prophet. He is the divine-human, theandric Prophet. He is not even numbered with the prophets in the usual listing. There are no other lords or teachers or kings or judges who are even like Him. All of them are fulfilled in Him. He is the Word incarnate, and being the Word incarnate, He is that Prophet, that One Moses spoke about, the unique, final One.

From The Names of Jesus by Fr. Thomas Hopko