

NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kuchurov (Oct. 31).

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JANUARY 26, 2020

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia;
Ven Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople;
Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodore, Abbot of Studion;
Martyrs Ananias the Presbyter, Peter, and seven soldiers, in Phœnicia;
St. Simeon "the Ancient" of Mt. Sinai; St. Joseph, Bishop of Thessalonica;
Rt. Blv. David III, King of Iberia and Abkhazia; Ven. Xenophon of Robika

"When you found that your sons had embarked on monastic life, O holy Xenophon and Mary, you renounced all things to do the same yourselves. Armed with the precepts and teachings of the Savior, you bravely did battle for your very souls. For this, you now rejoice with your sons in heaven, entreating the Lord to save us as well."

Troparion, Tone VIII

SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM *Thursday, January 30*

Into eternal rest and the enjoyment of Your heavenly delights, O Lord, You have welcomed these priests and teachers of divine truth, for they are the first among all teachers. And You accepted their labors and sufferings in preference to any offering, O You who alone glorify Your saints."

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I TIMOTHY 1:15-17
ROMANS 8:28-39

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28
LUKE 21:8-19

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 26 11:40 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Prayers for Harvey Schwartz
Saturday, February 1 5:00 p.m. Vigil of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 27 (St. John Chrysostom)	James 2:14-26 Hebrews 7:26-8:2	Mark 10:46-52 John 10:9-16
Tuesday, January 28	James 3:1-10	Mark 11:11-23
Wednesday, January 29	James 3:11-4:6 James 4:7-5:9	Mark 11:22-26 Mark 11:27-33
Thursday, January 30	Hebrews 13:7-16	Matthew 5:14-19
Friday, January 31	I Peter 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10	Mark 12:1-12
Saturday, February 1	I Thessalonians 5:14-23	Luke 17:3-10

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

30, Thursday 6:30 p.m. IOCC Dinner at Woodside

FEBRUARY:

2, Sunday HTOC Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

8, Saturday Pre-Lenten Retreat at St. Demetrios Church; Rocky River

9, Sunday Food Sale

Parish Council meeting

10, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

IOCC DINNER:

The International Orthodox Christian Charities will hold a Wine Tasting / Dinner on Thursday, January 30; 6:30 p.m., at St. Michael's Woodside. Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings and live music, and learn how your gifts help families in need around the world. Tickets are available from Diane Hastings or Paula Svilar. If you cannot attend but can to donate to IOCC, mail checks to Julie Hall; P.O. Box 560185; Macedonia, Ohio 44056.

PRE-LENTEN RETREAT:

"The Beauty of Repentance and The Mystery of Confession" is the topic of a retreat on Sat., Feb. 8, at St. Demetrios Church; 22909 Center Ridge Rd, Rocky River. The guest speaker is Fr. Joseph, Abbot of St. Gregory Palamas Monastery. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS:

The flowers on January 19 were offered by Dave and Judy Howe.

The flowers today are offered by Neil and Susan Haverly. An additional offering by Carol Bohurjak is made in memory of Tom Bohurjak.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to make an offering for the costs of The Trinitarian.

COFFEE HOUR:

Thank you to the Schwartz and Sherwood Families for offering our refreshments today.

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER:

Save the date of Sunday, February 2, for the HTOC Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner. Dinner begins at 11:30 and includes dessert and a glass of wine or beer. Adult tickets are \$15; children ages 11-15 are \$7.50; and there is no charge for children 10 and under. Please see Judy Howe for tickets, and purchase them by January 29.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, Feb. 10, at 12:30 p.m. Our new book, available at La Coupole, is Treasures New and Old (St. Nikolai Velimirovich). Read Part I, the biography, pages 15-48. All are welcome.

HALL KITCHEN NEWS:

After discussion and research, the Parish Council has begun a mini-renovation of the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Many appliances and equipment are almost 50 years old, some broken and non-functioning. The initial project, already underway, is removal and replacement of two of the stoves. As these are commercial grade and quality, they are not inexpensive. Parishioners contributions to offset the cost are appreciated. Use your donation envelope and mark in the small empty box, "Kitchen." Other improvements to the kitchen will be forthcoming.

LA COUPOLE:

Stop by La Coupole and enjoy 50% savings on Christmas cards and ornaments; and 25% off all matryoshka dolls.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JANUARY 19	\$ 2237.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1060.00
BUILDING FUND	321.00
CANDLES	69.00
IN MEMORY OF HARVEY SCHWARTZ	135.00
KITCHEN STOVE FUND	40.00
COFFEE HOUR 1/12/20	132.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	316.00

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SAINT GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

Icons in our church depict most of the notable Saints: prophets, apostles, Church Fathers, great martyrs and monastics, famous holy men and women. One noteworthy saint that is absent is St. Gregory the Theologian. (Absent, because his name does not appear, but he is included among the groups of saints in the Protection of the Theotokos in the choir loft.)

St. Gregory is commemorated on January 25 and also on January 30, with Sts. Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. Linked together, they are called the Three Holy Hierarchs and are acknowledged as among the most important Church Fathers and saints of all time. The names of St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom are well recognized primarily because they are associated with Divine Liturgies that are done throughout the Church Year. But it is their theological teachings that put them into the rank of outstanding saints. Not as well-known as his two colleagues, St. Gregory's life, writings, and legacy are extremely important. The great debt that Christian theology and spirituality owes to St. Gregory is evident by the fact that only he and St. John the Apostle bear the honorary title of "Theologian"!

St. Gregory was born in Asia Minor, in 330 AD, into a devout family; his father Gregory, his mother Nonna, sister Gorgonia and brother Casesarius are all canonized Saints. A diligent student of both Christian and secular teachings, St. Gregory completed his education in Athens, the city noted as the seat of classical higher learning. It was there that his friendship with St. Basil the Great was formed. They became true kindred spirits, united in their high moral dispositions and in their search for the truth. As was the practice at that time, they were baptized as adults, and after completing their university studies, they spent several years in pursuing monastic life. Out of their experience, they compiled the *Monastic Rules*, which became the foundational document of all Orthodox monasticism. St. Gregory's life took a dramatic turn when his aging bishop-father asked him to help administer the Church in the city of Nazianzus. He desperately tried to avoid being ordained but eventually, through the encouragement of St. Basil, was persuaded. Upon his father's death he became the bishop, and his title is associated with him forever, as he is intermittently referred to as either St. Gregory "Nazianzen," or "the Theologian."

That 4th century saw the end of the great age of persecution and martyrdom but was a turbulent time for Orthodox theology. In addition to the condemned teachings of Arius, other false doctrines were emerging. Both St. Basil and St. Gregory were on the forefront of defending and articulating the nature and virtues of true Orthodox faith. St. Gregory's outstanding preaching and writings were of such prominence that he was summoned to be the Archbishop of the Imperial Capital, Constantinople. Distinguished as a brilliant spokesman and compassionate archpastor, St. Gregory enjoyed wide acclaim among the faithful but also provoked jealousy from disgruntled opponents. He presided at the Second Ecumenical Council (381), but the political intrigues and heated doctrinal debates left him exhausted. He retired and until his death in 390 spent his time in prayerful contemplation and writing doctrinal letters and poetry. This year, being the 1690th year of his birth and 1630th of his death, we will feature selections from the treasure house of his extraordinary writings in The Trinitarian.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 p.m. Vigil of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
2 33rd Sunday after Pentecost The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple Pork & Kraut Dinner	3	4	5	6	7	8 Retreat at St. Demetrios Church 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
9 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Food Sale Parish Council meeting	10 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle T H I S	11 I S	12 A	13 F A S T -	14 F R E E	15 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions W E E K .
16 Sunday of the Prodigal Son	17	18	19	20	21	22 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
23 Meatfare Sunday Sunday of the Last Judgment	24 Cooking for St. Herman's House	25	26 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	27	28	29 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers