

APOSTLE SIMON THE ZEALOT

With praise let us all bless Simon, the herald of God, who established the doctrines of wisdom securely in the souls of the pious. Now he stands before the throne of glory, and rejoicing with the angels, he unceasingly prays for us all.

Kontakion, Tone 2

St. Simon was from Cana in Galilee, and was known to the Lord and His Mother. Tradition says that he was the bridegroom at the wedding where the Savior performed His first miracle. After witnessing the miracle of the water which had been turned into wine, he became a zealous follower of Christ. For this reason, he is known as Saint Simon the Zealot.

St. Simon was one of the twelve Apostles, and received the Holy Spirit with the others on Pentecost. He traveled to many places, from Britain to the Black Sea, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. After winning many pagans to the Lord, St. Simon suffered martyrdom by crucifixion.

St. Demetrius of Rostov says that this St. Simon is to be distinguished from the Apostle Simon Peter, and from the Lord's relative Simon (Matthew 13:55), who was the second Bishop of Jerusalem.

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TONE 3

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Paralytic

Apostle Simon the Zealot;

Martyrs Philadelphus, Cyprian, Alphius, Onesimus, Erasmus, and 14 others, in Sicily;

Martyr Hesychius of Antioch; Bl. Isidore the Fool, of Tabenna in Egypt;

Bl. Thais of Egypt; St. Simeon, Bishop of Vladimir and Suzdal'

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

“By the pool of Bethsaida the Lord found a man paralyzed from youth. In His compassion, He restored the man to health, saying: Take up your mat and go your way, along the path of righteousness.”
Exapostilarion, Tone I

“With hymns of praise let us bless Simon as a true preacher of the things of God, for, with great success, he rooted wisdom in the hearts of those who responded to grace. Now, as he stands with the angels in the presence of the divine glory, he prays without ceasing for us all.”
Kontakion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 9:32-42

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-15

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Today, May 10	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, May 12	5:00 p.m. Vespers
Wednesday, May 13	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Midfeast of Pentecost
Saturday, May 16	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 11	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	Matthew 5:14-19
Tuesday, May 12	Acts 10:1-16	John 6:56-69
	Acts 10:21-33	John 7:1-13
Wednesday, May 13	Acts 14:6-18	John 7:14-30
(Midfeast of Pentecost)	Hebrews 2:11-18	John 5:1-4
Thursday, May 14	Acts 10:34-43	John 8:12-20
Friday, May 15	Acts 10:44-11:10	John 8:21-30
Saturday, May 16	Acts 12:1-11	John 8:31-42

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VIGIL CANDLES:

During the pandemic, while parishioners are unable to come to church, the 7-day Vigil Candles can be lit for your health or in memory of departed loved ones. Send your names and donations to the church, and Fr. Protodeacon Anthony will light your candles in the vestibule. Vigil candles are \$5 a piece.

WEDDING BANNES:

Sarah Kolberg intends to marry Matthew Badgett on Sunday, May 24, 2020. If there are any reasons that this marriage should not take place, please notify Fr. Alexander.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

Many thanks to those of you who have been mailing in your regular donations; your contributions are very much appreciated. God bless you for your kindness.

OCA ALL-AGE CHURCH SCHOOL:

The OCA has been offering Church School classes online to bring together Orthodox students in our nation and abroad. Registration is not required, but the OCA would like you to complete a brief registration form to help in creating the best program possible. Please visit the Church School page at the Orthodox Church in America website: www.oca.org

**GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON ALL OUR
MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GODMOTHERS
TODAY AND ALWAYS!**

O Mystery exalted beyond every word
And beyond silence,
Who became human in order to renew us
By means of voluntary union with the flesh,
Reveal to me the path
By which I may be raised up to Your mysteries,
Travelling along a course
That is clear and tranquil,
Free from the concerns of this world.
Gather my mind into the silence of prayer,
So that all my wandering thoughts
May be silenced within me
During that luminous converse
Of supplication and mystery-filled wonder.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, COMBINED DATES UP TO 4/26/20	\$ 9689.00
OTHER DONATIONS	2730.00
BUILDING FUND	1735.00
CANDLES	64.00
KITCHEN FUND	1260.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	150.00
BLESSING OF BASKETS	5.00
CHURCH HALL RENTAL	400.00

MOTHER'S DAY

There are sagas of great nations,
Of famous kings and queens of old,
But to a child that's born of woman,
Only one special story is pure gold.

She was just that kind of mother
Who taught me always to be kind,
Even though she had so little
Kindness in her time.

She loved good art and music
Had an ear and sure could sing,
If times were different, I guess,
She could've done amazing things.

For the family and others,
She was almost always there,
With witty charm and insight also,
All offered kindly and with care.

Memories require pure redemption,
An embroidered cloth wipes guilty tears,
And hymn-like echoes in the photograph
Are spirit sounds that disappear.

“There were wonders in the old world,
And many triumphs in the past,
What's gone is gone, and it's all right,
But faith in God, in you, will last.”

It's the story of my mother,
Who was parent, guide and friend,
So much she gave I took for granted,
Until her fascinating journey's end.

Her key to life was balance,
A measured honesty, aligned,
With fate, forgiving failure,
With modest pride, in thoughts sublime.

To laugh and treasure humor,
For her was like to breathe,
But tears of noble dignity,
She kept as secrets for relief.

I wish I knew what I know now,
About those struggles in her life,
How difficult it was to navigate,
Being exiled, mother and a wife.

When autumn leaves were falling,
And the days were getting cool
I remember something mother said,
One day when I came home from school.

In this season of confusion,
Both now and future make no sense,
In praying words become the comfort
Bringing meaning to coincidence.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus