

## **MARTYRS PROCLUS AND HILARY OF ANCYRA**

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary were natives of the village of Kallippi, near Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). Saint Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God.

They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, Saint Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God, the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on with the governor.

The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on St. Proclus. He commanded Proclus be tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading him to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint told them to follow their orders.

Along the way, they met Proclus' nephew Hilary, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. They seized him and threw him into prison. Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows.

St. Hilary was brought to trial and also courageously confessed his faith. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied his hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, and then they beheaded him, three days after the death of his uncle. Christians buried them together in a single grave.



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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra;  
Martyr Golinduc, of Persia; Ven. Michael of Maleinus;  
Martyrs Theodore and his son, John, of Kiev; Ven. John and Gabriel, of the Holy Mountain;  
Ven. Arseny of Novgorod, Fool-for-Christ; Ven. Simon, Abbot of Volómsk;  
Ven. Paisius of the Holy Mountain;  
The "THREE HANDS" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos*

"Your holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!"

Troparion, Tone IV

## HOLY EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES GREAT PRINCE VLADIMIR

*Wednesday, July 15*

"Most glorious Vladimir, in your old age you imitated the great Apostle Paul: he abandoned childish things, while you forsook the idolatry of your youth. Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom: you were adorned with the purity of holy baptism. Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox Christians may be saved."

Kontakion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 10:1-10

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:28-9:1

### HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, July 12	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Saturday, July 18	10:45 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Prayers for Mathew Lobas
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 13	Romans 16:17-24	Matthew 13:10-23
Tuesday, July 14	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Matthew 13:24-30
Wednesday, July 15	I Corinthians 2:9-3:8	Matthew 13:31-36
Thursday, July 16	Galatians 1:11-19	John 10:1-9
Friday, July 17 (Passionbearers)	I Corinthians 3:18-23	Matthew 13:36-43
Saturday, July 18	I Corinthians 4:5-8	Matthew 13:44-54
	Romans 8:28-39	John 15:17-16:2
	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 9:18-26

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### **KITCHEN UPDATE:**

Progress continues on renovations in the kitchen, which we hope to finish by the end of the summer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! Please note "kitchen" when designating funds for this purpose in your weekly donation envelope.

### **HELP NEEDED:**

On Saturday, July 18, Nancy Scardon is seeking a few volunteers to help her spread mulch around some of the spots in front of the church. The work party begins at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting. Bring work gloves, rakes, buckets, and - if you have one, a small wheelbarrow. It's a good opportunity to get some exercise, fresh air and to beautify our lovely parish too!

### **FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Olga Lobas in memory of Mathew Lobas.

### **WEEKLY DONATIONS:**

Thank you for your needed financial support to our parish. If you are not able to attend in person, please remember your mailed donations are appreciated.

### **TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

While services were held only online, Trinitarians were also needed only online. However, with more people now attending in person, bulletins are again being printed. We appreciate those who are donating toward this expense. There are many dates still open for donors; call the church office on Monday or Thursday mornings if you can help. 216-524-4859

The Trinitarian covers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of her husband Andrew.

### **BAPTISM:**

Aubrey Grace Wallace will be baptized next Sunday, July 19, at 12:00 noon.

**God did not make the first human because He needed company, but because He wanted someone to whom He could show His generosity and love. God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole.**

St. Irenaeus

**Obedience means putting to death the members while the mind remains alive. Obedience is unquestioned movement, death freely accepted, a simple life, danger faced without worry, an unprepared defense before God, fearlessness before death, a safe voyage, a sleeper's journey. Obedience is the grave of the will and the resurrection of lowliness.**

St. John Climacus

Lord, pour out on our darkened souls the brilliant light of Your wisdom so that we may be enlightened and serve You with renewed purity. People begin their work at sunrise; but in our souls, Lord, prepare a dwelling place for the day that will never end. Through our unremitting zeal for You, Lord, grant us a sign of Your day that is not measured by the sun.

St. Ephraim the Syrian

**Let none of you merely take a natural attitude towards his neighbor; but love one another continually in Jesus Christ.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch

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### THE SAINTS (ANGELS) AMONG US - ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

Of course angels are saints, but a special category. People who are named Michael, Raphael, or Gabriel have as their heavenly patrons one of those archangels. The Archangel Michael is the best known and most popular, but Gabriel is also beloved. Gabriel is famous because of his role in the beginning of the Gospel of St. Luke. He first appears to Zechariah the High Priest to announce that his barren wife Elizabeth would bear a son, that his name will be John, and that he “will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared” (Luke 1:17). So Gabriel becomes the wonderful angelic *messenger*, conveying God’s revelations to human beings.

The Archangel’s *message* to the young Virgin Mary is one of the most significant events in the entire Bible. It is the revelation of the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The moment lies at the heart of Christian theology, and it is marked in the liturgical life of the Church as the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25). St. Luke describes the encounter in his gospel. The archangel announced to Mary that she will bear a son who will be called Jesus. Mary is incredulous because she is not married. Gabriel responds: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). Gabriel is the direct agent of God, bringing the “good news” of the coming of the Messiah. The Orthodox Church’s special tropar for the Feast begins, “Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery.” A theory advanced by one of the Church Fathers is that Gabriel continued to be involved in the life of Mary and Joseph. Gabriel could very well be the angel that appears to the shepherds in the fields to announce, “I bring you good news of great joy, for to you is born a Savior who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10).

What we earth-bound humans know about angels is limited. All angelic powers are both visible and invisible. They are, like us humans, created beings; but as having direct contact with divinity, they are timeless. Based on Scriptural revelation, there are nine ranks of angels, Michael and Gabriel belonging to the category of archangels. Their names end with the syllable “-el,” which is one of the Hebrew words for God. Michael, “who is like God,” is regarded as the “commander of angels.” Gabriel’s name can mean “God’s warrior” and “man of God.” Angels are commemorated liturgically in several ways. Their main celebration is on November 8, the Feast of the Archangel Michael and all the heavenly hosts. Gabriel is honored on the day after Annunciation (March 26) and also on July 13, in commemoration of the church in Constantinople that was dedicated on that day. Angels can be found on the walls of our parish church in many places. Gabriel is visible just to the left of the iconostasis as we face the altar. He is there just opposite the Virgin Mary on the other side; together they are prominently there as the icon of the Annunciation.

*Fr. Alexander Garklavs*