

**“TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND DO NOT RELY ON YOUR OWN INSIGHT”**

Proverbs

If you say, “Show me your God,” I respond, “Show me what makes you a human being, and I will not hesitate to show you my God....”

God is seen by those who are capable of seeing Him once they have the eyes of the soul opened. Everyone has eyes, but some eyes have cataracts and cannot see the sunlight. The doesn't mean the sun is not shining. You, too, have cataracts on the eyes of your soul because of your sins.... It is your ungodliness that brings darkness upon you so that you cannot see God.

But now you say to me, “Since you see God, describe Him to me.” All right.

If I say He is Light, I speak of something He made....

If I say He is Mind, I limit Him to intelligence....

If I say He is Power, I speak only of His operating activity....

If I say He is Fire, I speak of His wrath....

But if I call Him Father, I have said it all.

St. Theophilus of Antioch



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Œcumenical Councils

Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great;

Ven. Dius, Abbot, of Antioch; Rt. Blv. Román, Prince of Riazan’;

Ven. Paisaii of the Kiev Caves;

Bl. Stephen, King of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa;

First Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov

“The Apostles’ preaching and teaching of the Fathers established the Church of Christ in one single creed. Robed, then, in a mantle of truth spun from sublime theology, She rightly propounds and extols the great mystery of true devotion.”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

“The death of her fiancé moved her to reflect on the fleeting quality of life and the emptiness of this world. To bring purpose to her life, she betrothed herself to a spouse who would never die, learning the true meaning of His love through fasting and humility, so that now her soul rejoices with Him in the company of the angels. By her prayers, O Christ, save us.”

Troparion for Macrina, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 16:17-24
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:10-23
JOHN 17:1-13

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, July 19 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Noon Baptism of Aubrey Grace Wallace
Saturday, July 25 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 20	James 5:10-20	Luke 4:22-30
Tuesday, July 21	I Corinthians 5:9-6:11	Matthew 13:54-58
	I Corinthians 6:20-7:12	Matthew 14:1-13
Wednesday, July 22	I Corinthians 7:12-24	Matthew 14:35-15:11
Thursday, July 23	I Corinthians 7:24-35	Matthew 15:12-21
Friday, July 24	I Corinthians 7:35-8:7	Matthew 15:29-31
(Passionbearers Boris and Gleb)	Romans 8:28-39	John 15:17-16:2
Saturday, July 25	Romans 12:1-3	Matthew 10:37-11:1
(St. Anna)	Galatians 4:22-31	Luke 8:16-21

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all parishioners for their continuing support during this pandemic. Even though attendance in church has diminished for health-concern reasons, the mailed-in donations have made it possible to pay the necessary bills and keep the parish functioning. In addition, your donations make it possible to do the needed repairs and projects which summer weather permits.

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.

LA COUPOLE:

Although we are not able to have Sunday Coffee Hour or other social activities, access to our La Coupole store is possible for those who may want to purchase a good book or religious item. Contact Rita Bellack.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The Trinitarian covers today are offered by Jerry Petrykowski in memory of Daria.

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

OCA YOUTH

Each summer over a dozen summer camps are organized throughout the Orthodox Church in America by dioceses, deaneries and parishes. Due to the pandemic, many of these camps are offering digital camping experiences to help keep our kids connected to the Church, their faith and friends.

Log onto www.oca.org for more information and for links to the camps.

St. Mary's Camp

July 9—August 5

Various times and dates by grades 6-12

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp

July 18-August 1

Camp Vatra

July 27-31

Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp

July 26-August 1

And All-OCA Church School is ongoing throughout 2020: High School—Tuesdays at 3:30;
3-5th Grade — Wednesdays at 3:30; 6-8th Grade — Thursdays at 3:30

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 7/12/20	\$ 5651.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	675.00
BUILDING FUND	1005.00
CANDLES	101.00
KITCHEN FUND	950.00
IN MEMORY OF MATHEW LOBAS	225.00

THE SAINTS AMONG US -
SAINT MACRINA

On July 19 we commemorate two special saints, St. Seraphim of Sarov and St. Macrina. Some 1,500 years separate them, but they are united providentially in their remembrance being on the same day and also because they are two outstanding examples of Christian spirituality. As St. Seraphim died in 1803, he is closer to us and we know more about his life. However, although information about 4th century saints is often scant, we know quite a bit about St. Macrina.

She comes from an extraordinary family, a number of whom have become canonized saints. Macrina's parents, Basil and Emilia, were pious Christians; and three of her brothers became bishops, two being very famous Church Fathers – St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nyssa. She was named after her grandmother, also a saint, who suffered during the persecutions. Betrothed, her fiancé died prior to marriage, so she chose to honor the intention and remained a virgin throughout her life. Assisting her mother in raising the large family – there were nine siblings – her diligence, sacrifice and piety were influential in forming the spiritual character of her brothers. After her father died, she and her mother used the assets of their estate to create a monastic type of community. As leader of the community, she guided by example of humility and piety. Prayer and holy scripture were her daily companions.

Macrina became ill before her death, and her brother St. Gregory of Nyssa came to be with her during her last days. His moving tribute of her is the source of much information about her and her family. St. Gregory was on hand to hear her parting words, offer her the final prayers and took charge of the funeral. He recorded what was her final prayer, a beautiful inspired offering, some of which has been incorporated into other prayers. Here is a portion:

O Lord, You freed us from the fear of death. You make the end of life the beginning of true life. You have given the earth, from which You have fashioned us with Your hands, and to the earth You return us for safekeeping. You have given the symbol of the Holy Cross to destroy the adversary and to save our lives. As You have guided me through life, so now give me an angel of light to take me to the place of refreshment, where there is water of rest. You who have power to forgive sins, forgive me, whatever I may have done in word, thought or in deed. In this way I may be refreshed to stand without defilement before You, when my body is put off and my soul is received as an offering before You. Amen.

Her icon is in our church to remind us of a remarkable and holy woman. She is on the south wall in the middle row, in a blue shawl and head covering.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus