

VENERABLE ISAAC, FOUNDER OF THE DALMATIAN MONASTERY AT CONSTANTINOPLE

St. Isaac lived during the fourth century, received monastic tonsure and pursued ascetic labors in the desert. During the reign of the emperor Valens (364-378), a zealous adherent of the Arian heresy, there was a persecution of the Orthodox, and churches were closed and destroyed.

Hearing of this persecution, St. Isaac left the wilderness and went to Constantinople to console and encourage the Orthodox and to fight against the heretics. At that time, barbarian Goths along the Danube were making war against the Empire. They seized Thrace and advanced toward Constantinople.

When Valens was leaving the capital with his soldiers, St. Isaac cried out, “Emperor, unlock the churches of the Orthodox, and then the Lord will aid you!” Three times he called out, and three times he was disdained. The angry emperor had St. Isaac thrown into a deep ravine filled with thorns and mud, from which it was impossible to escape.

St. Isaac remained alive by God’s help and emerged; he overtook the emperor and said, “You want to destroy me, but three angels pulled me from the mire. Hear me, open up the churches for the Orthodox and you shall defeat the enemy. If, however, you do not heed me, then you shall not return. You will be captured and burned alive.” The emperor was astonished at the saint’s boldness and ordered his attendants, Victor and Saturninus, to hold the monk in prison until his return.

But St. Isaac’s prophecy was fulfilled. The Goths defeated and pursued the Greek army. The emperor and his Arian generals took refuge in a barn filled with straw, and the attackers set it afire. After news of the emperor’s death was received in Constantinople, St. Isaac was released and honored as a prophet.

Then holy Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) came to the throne. On the advice of Saturninus and Victor, he summoned the Elder, listening to him with great respect. He banished the Arians and restored the churches to the Orthodox. St. Isaac wanted to return to his desert, but Saturninus and Victor begged him to remain in the city and protect it by his prayers. Saturninus built a monastery for the saint in Constantinople, where monks gathered around him. St. Isaac also nourished laypeople and helped many of the poor and suffering. When the saint reached an advanced age, he made St. Dalmatus the igumen of the monastery. St. Isaac died in the year 383.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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TONE 4

MAY 30, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

“At Jacob’s well, O almighty Savior, You engaged the Samaritan woman in conversation. And although of old it was You who made water gush forth from solid rock for the Hebrews, You now asked this woman for water. And You brought her to believe in You, O Christ, so that now she enjoys the eternal kingdom on high.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

“As a faithful favorite of God you became enflamed with zeal for the Church of Christ and drew in the reins of the emperor Valens, O venerable one; you prophetically foretold to him the captivity of the Church and of his own wretched death. Therefore, venerable Isaac, ceaselessly pray for us who honor you.”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, June 5 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 31	Acts 12:12-17	John 8:42-51
Tuesday, June 1	Acts 12:25-13:12	John 8:51-59
Wednesday, June 2	Acts 13:13-24	John 6:5-14
Thursday, June 3	Acts 14:20-27	John 9:39-10:9
Friday, June 4	Acts 15:5-34	John 10:17-28
Saturday, June 5	Acts 15:35-41	John 10:27-38

“We should thank the Lord for everything and give ourselves up to His will; we should likewise offer Him all our thoughts, words, and strive to make everything serve only His good pleasure.”

St. Seraphim

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COMING EVENTS

MAY:

31, Monday 8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Blessing of Graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery

JUNE:

12, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting / potluck luncheon

14, Monday Golf Outing to benefit St. Herman’s House of Hospitality

NEWS RELEASE FROM ARCHBISHOP PAUL

“I am lifting the mandate to wear masks while in the churches of the Diocese of the Midwest. Wearing a mask is recommended, but not mandated. This will be left up to personal discretion and consultation with one’s physician.

While the vaccine is recommended by the CDC, those who have not yet received their vaccination, or those who choose not to receive a vaccine, assume all and any risk by entering the temple without a

<p><u>COFFEE HOUR NEWS!</u> As we have resumed having Coffee Hour after the Sunday Divine Liturgies, the Parish Council has decided to return to the old format of having parishioners sign up on a weekly basis. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Coffee Hour need not be anything special—donation and other finger foods are sufficient. As in the past, the parish will provide the coffee, bottled water and paper goods; but you can bring bottled ice tea and juices. A basket for donations should be placed with the foods, and the collected funds should be passed on to Jared Griebel or Fr. Alexander; you can repay yourself or submit the receipt for purchased items and be credited as a donation to the parish.</p> <p><u>PARISH DIRECTORY:</u> An updated Parish Directory has been published, and copies are available in the Fellowship Hall. One to a family, please. If there are any errors in the listings, please advise Janene Hatch. Call the church office at 216-524-4859; or email jmhatch8@gmail.com</p> <p><u>ST. HERMAN’S HOUSE GOLF OUTING:</u> June 14 is the annual Golf Classic at Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls to benefit St. Herman’s House. Details are on the FOCUS Cleveland webpage; see the heading “Golf 2021.” If you do not golf but want to help, donations can also be made at the website.</p>	<p><u>MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:</u> There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for Memorial Day grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery. Fr. Alexander will begin at 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><u>SUMMER CAMP:</u> St. Vladimir’s Camp will be open this summer! With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Paul, the local Orthodox Camp will re-open this year. Closed last year because of the Covid pandemic, it will be open for 3 one-week sessions beginning June 27. Special protocols will be in place. For information call the St. Michael’s Church Office: 440-526-5192.</p> <p><u>EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:</u> The next event for the EOWG will be Saturday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m. The Guild will meet at Monastery Marcha, 5095 Broadview Rd, Richfield; for a Potluck Picnic, followed by a book review of <u>Everywhere Present</u> by Fr. Stephen Freeman.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Olga Lobas in blessed memory of Mathew, on the one-year anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord.</p> <p><u>BAPTISM:</u> Amelia Syler, daughter of Greg and Alexandra, will be baptized on Saturday, June 12, at noon.</p>
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THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, MAY 23	\$1855.00
BUILDING FUND	115.00
CANDLES	83.00
PASCHA	30.00
SPECIAL PROJECT FUND	100.00

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JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Four weeks after Easter, the Sunday gospel reading is St. John's account of Christ's extraordinary conversation with a Samaritan woman. A discussion ensues between Jesus and her about where worship is proper. This question concerned a centuries-old argument between Jews and Samaritans, who had parted from orthodox Judaism. For Jews, the religious center was Jerusalem; for the Samaritans, it was a mountain in Samaria. To this Jesus tells her: "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father... The hour is coming and now is when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:22-24).

There can be no doubt that these words from St. John's gospel are crucial for our understanding of Christianity. These words express and eternally proclaim a genuine religious revolution, a revolution in the very concept of religion; in these few lines, we see the birth of Christianity. In spirit and in truth! Religion, until then, and for centuries, had consisted of rules, laws, and statutes, and thus religious observance consisted entirely of blind, unquestioning submission to these rules. Not on this mountain, but in Jerusalem; not here, but there; not that way, but this way. Thus, offering to God thousands of such prescriptions, human beings protected themselves from trouble, from fear, and from painful searching. They built for themselves a cage in which everything was clearly and carefully defined and there were no demands other than precise observance. And all of this is now erased and overturned in a few words: worship is not on this mountain and not in Jerusalem, but in spirit and truth. In other terms, not in fear and blindness, not out of anxiety or distress, but in knowledge and freedom, in free choice, in love, as of a child for their parent.

Now, at the center of religion, at its very heart is not law, not submission, not prescription, but truth: "You will know the truth," Christ said, "and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). And its heart now is the very process of seeking: "Seek and you will find" (Matthew 7:7). Not appeasement, but thirst: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matthew 5:6). Not slavery, but freedom: "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing" (John 15:15). Not rule-keeping, but love: "I desire mercy and not sacrifice" (Matthew 9:13). "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34).

Christianity's witness in the world today has been muzzled by many factors, but this alone proves its strength, because within its depths it still preserves the teaching of spirit and truth, that without spirit and truth man cannot live, that spirit and truth are stronger than anything on earth. The conversation that started by the well that hot noon-day still goes on, for human beings will never stop asking, searching, thirsting and discovering again and again that this thirst, this seeking, this spiritual hunger cannot be satisfied by anything but God, who is Himself Spirit and Truth, Love and Freedom, eternal Life and the fullness of all.

From the writings of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

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JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
6 6th Sunday of Pascha Blind Man	7	8	9 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension	10 The Ascension of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	11	12 10:00 a.m. EOWG picnic at Monastery Marcha 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers;
13 7th Sunday of Pascha Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Parish Council	14 Golf Classic to benefit St. Herman's House of Hospitality	15	16	17	18	19 5:00 p.m. Vigil
20 8th Sunday of Pascha HOLY PENTECOST Feast of the Holy Trinity	21 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy T H I S	22 I S A	23 F A S T	24 - F R E E	25 W E E K	26 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers .
27 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints	28 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	29 Saints Peter and Paul 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	30			