

MARTYR EMILIAN OF SILISTRIA IN BULGARIA

The Holy Martyr Emilian, who was a Slav, suffered for Christ during the reign of Emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian wanted to restore the cult of the pagan gods throughout the Roman Empire, and he issued an edict, according to which all Christians who failed to honor the pagan gods would be subject to death.

Saint Emilian lived in the Thracian city of Dorostolum on the banks of the River Danube. The imperial edict was read in the city square, but the people of Dorostolum declared that there were no Christians in the city.

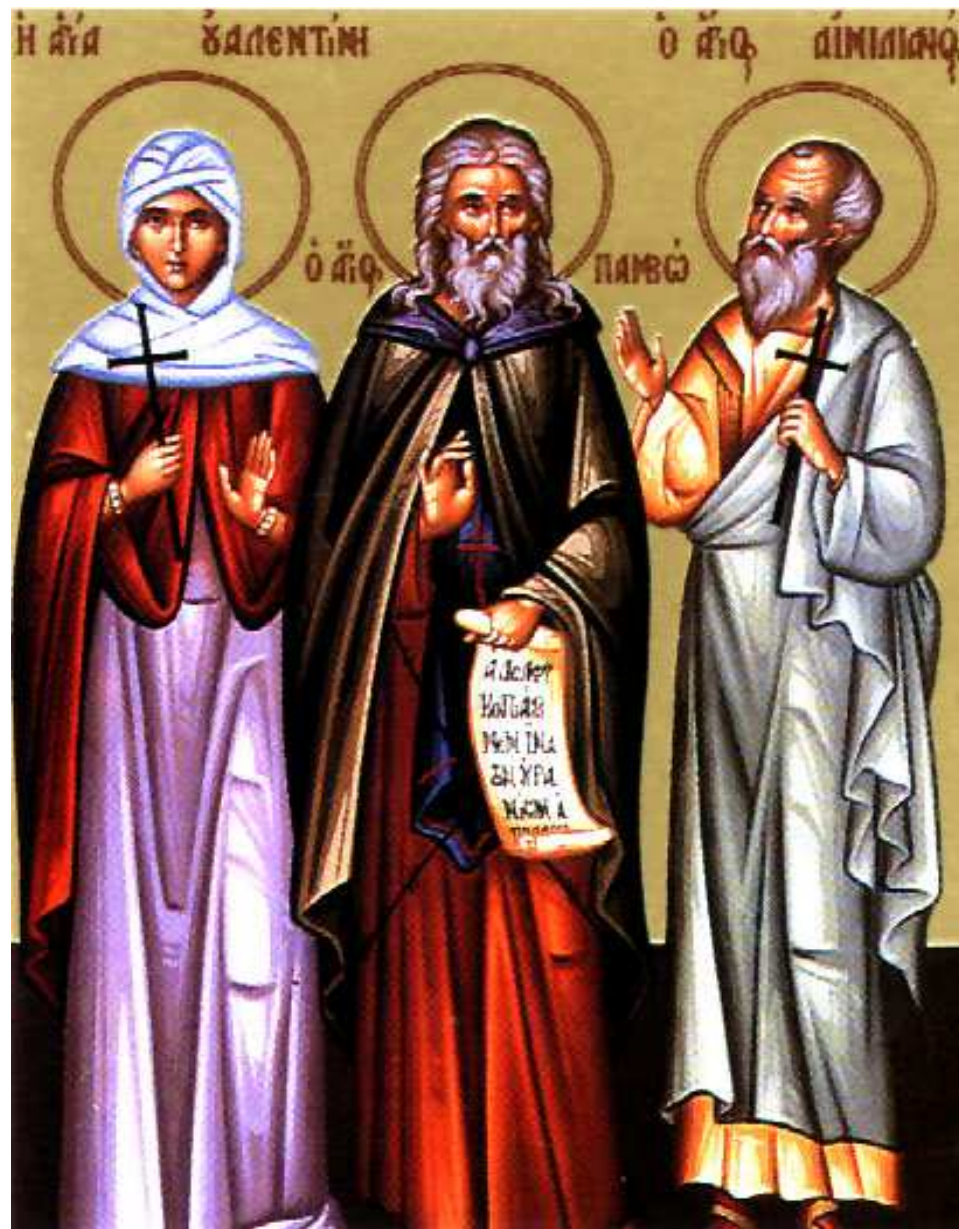
St. Emilian was a slave of a cruel and fanatical idolater and was a secret Christian. Some sources state that he was the son of a local officer named Sabbatianus. When the father learned that Emilian believed in Christ, he was so enraged that he insulted him with vulgar words and had him whipped. He pointed out to Emilian that he could expect even worse things to happen to him if he remained a Christian.

Instead of being intimidated by these threats, St. Emilian's faith in Christ was strengthened. The next day he went into a pagan temple and smashed the statues with a hammer.

An angry crowd started to beat a certain Christian, who was passing by. St. Emilian then shouted out loudly that they should not harm that innocent man, since he himself was the one who had damaged the pagan temple.

The saint was seized and brought to Capitolinus the governor for judgement. In spite of further threats, St. Emilian would not deny Christ. "He is my Lord, and I will never deny Him," the martyr exclaimed. The governor ordered that St. Emilian be beaten mercilessly and then be burned alive. He did not perish when he was thrown into the fire, but instead the flames consumed many of the pagans who were standing about. When the fire had gone out, St. Emilian lay down upon the dying embers and gave up his soul to the Lord. The wife of the pagan ruler was also a secret Christian, and she gathered up the saint's relics and buried them. Afterward, a church dedicated to the holy Martyr Emilian was built at Constantinople, where his relics were transferred.

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria and Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris;

Ven. Pambo, Hermit, of Egypt; Ven. John the Long-suffering of the Kiev Caves;

Ven. Pambo, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves;

Nun-Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara;

The "TOLGA" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

“You are most glorious, O Christ our God. You have established the Fathers as lights upon the earth, and through them, You have guided all of us to the true Faith! O greatly compassionate One, glory to You.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Holy martyr Emilian, you defended the Church against the idolatry of the pagans. Because of your faith in Christ, you were martyred by fire and through a glorious death received your crown. Pray to Christ God that He may grant us great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 6:18-23
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 8:5-13
JOHN 17:1-13

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, July 18
Saturday, July 24

Noon Baptism of Zackary Bellack
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Reading

Monday, July 19
(St. Seraphim)

Tuesday, July 20

Wednesday, July 21

Thursday, July 22

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24
(Passionbearers)

Romans 12:4-5,15-21

Galatians 5:22-6:2

James 5:10-20

Romans 14:9-18

Romans 15:7-16

Romans 15:17-29

Romans 16:1-16

Romans 8:14-21

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 12:9-13

Luke 6:17-23

Luke 4:22-30

Matthew 12:14-16,22-30

Matthew 12:38-45

Matthew 12:46-13:3

Matthew 13:3-9

Matthew 9:9-13

John 15:17-16:2

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COMING EVENTS

JULY:

19, Monday	9:00-noon	Drop-off for Rummage Sale
22, Thursday	9:00-noon	Drop-off for Rummage Sale
26, Monday		Cooking for St. Herman's House
29-30	9:00-5:00	Rummage / Bake Sale
31, Saturday	9:00-2:00	Rummage / Bake Sale

<p><u>NORTH AMERICAN SAINTS:</u> We have available a booklet called, "The Lives of the North American Saints." This is a recent publication of the Cleveland Deanery of our Midwest Diocese, which was prepared for and to be presented at last year's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church in America. The Covid pandemic made that impossible and delayed the distribution of this informative publication. Please take one per family.</p> <p><u>PARKING LOT VOLUNTEERS:</u> St. Pokrova Church will have their annual festival on August 6, 7 and 8; and they will be using our parking lot for their guests. We will need parking lot attendants throughout the weekend. If you are willing to help, please see Fr. Alexander or Mark Karpowicz.</p> <p><u>CEMETERY LOTS:</u> Sts. Peter and Paul Church has a parish-owned section (41) in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in North Olmsted. Single and double graves are available; prices vary. Contact Carolyn Carson: cfcarsen@wowway.com or leave a message at 440-734-6260.</p> <p><u>LAKWOOD HOME:</u> The parish house of Sts. Peter and Paul Church will soon be vacant and they are looking for an Orthodox family/couple/single interested in living in Lakewood. Contact Barb Shkilevich for information: 330-239-1388; or bjshk@aol.com</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> The refreshments today are provided by the Bellack Family.</p>	<p><u>RUMMAGE SALE / FOOD SALE:</u> HTOC will hold a Rummage and Food Sale Thursday, July 29, 9:00-5:00; Friday, July 30, 9:00-5:00; and Saturday, July 31, 9:00-2:00. NO clothing, shoes, or large furniture pieces, please. Items can be brought before or after the church services on Sat. and Sun. July 24 & 25. Also, you can bring things on Monday, July 19, or Thursday, July 22, from 9:00 until noon. Your items should be put on the stage in the east section of the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the church vestibule. For a successful sale, many "hands" are needed. Please indicate your availability and interest (Sales, Set-up, Food Serving, Bakery Items to Donate, and Clean-up). All ages and talents are welcome.</p> <p><u>YOUNG ADULT COOKING CLASS:</u> One Friday evening, every other month, a cooking class for ages 21-35(ish) will take place at Sts. Constantine & Helen Church in Cleveland Hts., combining cooking, fellowship, and fun! As dates are subject to change, please RSVP or direct questions to: gorealcleveland@gmail.com OR tcherpas@stsconstantine.com</p> <p><u>MEMORIAL PRAYERS:</u> There will be a 40th Day Memorial Service for Andrew Yankovich on Saturday, July 31, at 4:15 p.m.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Marge Sabol and Helen Stoyka. An additional donation has been made by Lydia Kelbach for the July 4 Trinitarian in blessed memory of Lawrence Kelbach.</p>
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Every Christian house in itself represents an infinitely larger house —
the universe, heaven and earth, in which the Lord dwells.
It is for this reason that one sees in every Christian house icons
of the Savior and His Mother,
listening to the prayers of those who live in the house and who call upon Them.

St. John of Kronstadt

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THE SAINTS AMONG US – ST. MARINA (MARGARET)

Among the ranks of the holy women saints on the right (South) wall of our church is St. Marina. She is one of the notable group of early martyrs, those first Christians who lived following the Ascension of Jesus until the imperial recognition of Christianity by St. Constantine the Great in the year 313 AD. While there are no records of just how many Christians were martyred during those first three centuries, several hundred of them are recognized as Saints. After Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire, the martyrs came to be regarded as the real “witnesses” who transformed the good news of Christ and the Apostles into the far-ranging and multi-faceted Christian Church. (Remember: the Greek word “martyr” means witness.) One of these notable “witnesses” was St. Marina.

Saint Marina lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius (around 250 AD). She was from the region called Pisidia, which is today part of Southern Turkey. Orphaned at a young age, she was raised by Christians from whom she learned about Jesus and came to have a deep love for Christ. One day, while keeping flock with other women from her village, she caught the eye of the Prefect of Asia, who was charmed by her beauty and took her to his palace to marry her. But when he ordered her to give honor to the pagan gods, she replied that she was “a servant of our God and the Savior Jesus Christ.” The Prefect tried in various ways to compel her to turn away from Christ, tempting her with promises of comfort and riches. When he implored her to spare her youth and beauty, she said that earthly beauty is temporary as is torture endured for Christ’s sake; but the soul is beautified in eternal life. Angered by her refusals, she was tortured in various horrible ways. Finally summoned for one last attempt to denounce her faith, she showed resolution even stronger than before. Her incredible faith inspired others to turn to Christ who asked her to instruct them. The Prefect ordered them all beheaded together with St. Marina. As she prayed at the scaffold, the executioner was moved to repent and refused to perform the beheading; but St. Marina consoled him, “You have no part in me unless you do what you have been ordered to do.” With trembling hand, he beheaded her. Her body was recovered by Christians and later buried with honor in the Church of Christ in Constantinople.

The veneration of St. Marina spread throughout the Christian world, and in the West she became known as St. Margaret. St. Margaret was already listed among Western saints by the 7th century, but her “cult” became especially popular in Medieval England and Germany. Her life-story acquired some fantastical embellishments, such as her destroying a demon-dragon. In the Orthodox Church, St. Marina-Margaret is commemorated on July 17; by Western Christians on July 20. She is the patron saint of many women, both those named “Marina” as well as those called “Margaret,” as she was also the patron saint of Matushka Margarita Berzonsky. There are also other “Margarets” among the Western Saints, who are highly venerated for their holiness, for which reason “Margaret” has been and remains a popular woman’s name.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus