

THE REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

In his three Epistles, St. John speaks of the significance of love for God and for neighbor. Already in his old age, he learned of a youth who had strayed from the true path to follow the leader of a band of robbers, so St. John went out into the wilderness to seek him. Seeing the holy Elder, the guilty one tried to hide himself, but the Apostle ran after him and besought him to stop. He promised to take the sins of the youth upon himself, if he would only repent and not bring ruin upon his soul. Shaken by the intense love of the Elder, the youth did repent and turn his life around.

St. John reposed when he was more than a hundred years old. He far outlived the other eyewitnesses of the Lord, and for a long time he lived as the only remaining eyewitness of the earthly life of the Savior.

When it was time for his departure, St. John went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with the families of his disciples. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave, in which he lay, telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, but not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of St. John came to the place of his burial. When they opened the grave, they found it empty.

Each year from the grave of the holy Apostle John on May 8 came forth a fine dust, which believers gathered up and were healed of sicknesses by it. Therefore, the Church also celebrates the memory of Apostle John on May 8.

The Lord bestowed on John and John's brother James the name "Sons of Thunder," an awesome messenger accompanied by the cleansing power of heavenly fire. And precisely by this the Savior pointed out the flaming, fiery, sacrificial character of Christian love, the preacher of which was St. John the Theologian. The eagle, symbol of the lofty heights of his theological thought, is his iconographic symbol. The appellation "Theologian" is bestowed by the Holy Church only to St. John among the immediate disciples and Apostles of Christ, as being the seer of the mysterious Judgments of God.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian*** ***Ven. Efrém, Abbot of Perekóp, Wonderworker of Novgorod***

“Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He who allowed you to recline on His breast receives you as you bow before Him. Implore Him, John the Theologian, to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, entreating for us peace and great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone II

THE PROTECTION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, ***MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY*** ***Friday, October 1***

“Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you: ‘Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that He may save our souls.’”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 1:21-2:4
I JOHN 4:12-19

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11
JOHN 19:25-27; 21:24-25

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, October 1	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Protection of the Holy Theotokos
Saturday, October 2	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers 40th Day Memorial Prayers for Ted Geletka

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 27	Galatians 2:11-16	Luke 4:37-44
Tuesday, September 28 (St. Chariton)	Galatians 2:21-3:7 II Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 5:12-16 Luke 6:17-23
Wednesday, September 29	Galatians 3:15-22	Luke 5:33-39
Thursday, September 30	Galatians 3:23-4:5 Galatians 4:8-21	Luke 6:12-19 Luke 6:17-23
Friday, October 1	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Saturday, October 2	I Corinthians 4:17-5:5	Luke 5:17-26

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

26, TODAY 2:00 p.m. Virtual event at Cleveland Museum of Art
27, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
29, Wednesday Delivering Meals to St. Herman's House

OCTOBER:

2, Saturday St. Vladimir's Seminary Education Day at St. Mary's
10, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
Parish Council Meeting
14, Thursday 6:00 p.m. EOWG Pasta Dinner at HTOC
24, Sunday HTOC Annual Parish Meeting

MEMORY ETERNAL:

Marie Gaydos fell asleep in the Lord on September 18. Marie was buried this past Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

PARISH MEETING:

The Holy Trinity Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 24, 2021.

LA COUPOLE FALL SALE:

Up to 50% discounts on Russian imports, including amber jewelry, hand-painted fairy tale plates and matryoshka dolls. Clearance prices on other items too. Come on in and browse!

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:

The EOWG invites all to their Annual Pasta Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 14, here at HTOC! Enjoy a social hour with appetizers 6:00-7:00, dinner at 7:00, and a Chinese Raffle of gift baskets. Adults—\$15; Children 6-12—\$7.50; Under 6—Free. Reservations must be made by Monday, Oct. 4. See Joanne Stoyka or Dianna Kall for tickets. Proceeds will benefit Orthodox Charities.

Membership in the Guild is open to women 18 and older; see Joanne or Dianna to join.

ST. CATHERINE'S MONASTERY:

At 2:00 p.m. today, there is an hour-long lecture/virtual tour of St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai, site of Moses' burning bush. The event is sponsored by the Cleveland Museum of Art. See more details and scan the QR code to register, which is posted in our Fellowship Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Plan now to support our monthly Food Sale by cooking, baking, and shopping - the next one will be Sunday, October 10. Your help is greatly appreciated!

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Next Sunday, Oct. 3, we will have a special collection for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF), which is the Pan-Orthodox ministry that works with college students throughout the country. A number of our recent college-age parishioners have profited from the fellowship and support that the OCF offers to them during that challenging time of life. The donation basket is at the rear of the church. If writing a check, make it out to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church."

ST. VLADIMIR'S EDUCATION DAY:

Traditionally, the Seminary has had a combination fund-raising/educational event called Education Day on the first Saturday of October at the Seminary campus, but this year the event will take place on October 2 at St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 3256 Warren Road. Use the link below to register:

<https://www.svots.edu/events/orthodoxy-evangelism>

NIGHT AT THE RACES:

St. Andrew Church is holding a fundraiser on Sat., Nov. 6. Doors open at 5:00; dinner is at 5:30, and racing begins at 6:00. Tickets are \$20; this includes sloppy joes, mac n cheese, salad, chips, dessert; snacks during the event, beer, soft drinks. BYOB. Horses are \$10 each. See further info in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The bulletin covers today are offered by William and Rebecca Spak.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by Claudia Virosteck and Marge Virosteck.

Dates in need of donors for the month of October are Oct. 24 and Oct. 31.

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THE SAINTS AMONG US - SAINT SILOUAN OF MT. ATHOS

*On the path of humility,
By your prayers you received Christ as your Master
In your heart the Holy Spirit witnessed to your salvation.
Therefore all people called to live in hope
Rejoice and celebrate your memory!
Holy Father Silouan, pray to Christ God to save our souls.
(Tropar to St. Silouan)*

When we think about the canonized saints, that is, those known by name, we usually have in mind holy people who lived in centuries past. The prophets, apostles, early martyrs, Church Fathers, etc. – all the saints in those categories indeed lived over a thousand years ago. But there is no shortage of more recent saints, and, as the past 100 years witnessed the horrific persecution of Christians who lived in Communist-controlled countries, it is fair to say that the 20th Century has produced as many saints as in any other period of history. One such “modern” saint is depicted in one of the medallions on the wall over the left alcove of the church: St. Silouan of Mt. Athos.

St Silouan was born as Simeon Ivanovich Antonov in 1866 near the Russian city of Tambov, in South-Central Russia. He served in the Russian Imperial Army, and after being discharged at the age of twenty-seven, he went to Mt. Athos, the famous monastic region in Northern Greece, which has been the spiritual stronghold of traditional Orthodox Monasticism for over a thousand years. Entering the community of the Russian Monastery of St. Panteleimon, he would spend the next forty-plus years of his life there. To characterize his monastic life in terms of length of time would not distinguish him from many other monastics, but we have a fairly detailed account of his life and also a collection of his writings which give us the opportunity to appreciate this impressive “modern” saint.

St. Silouan’s years of monastic life were not characterized by outward acts such as miraculous healings and such. He was initially given various manual tasks to accomplish, including working in the kitchen and bakery. In time, he became the monk-in-charge of other laborers. He performed whatever assignment he was given obediently and humbly. Throughout all that, he was undergoing various spiritual challenges, temptations and struggles. He had moments of despair and doubt but never abandoned his faith in Jesus Christ. After one period of serious struggles, he had a vision where God’s voice instructed him, “Keep your mind in hell and sin not.” By this he understood that even if demons and temptations were surrounding him with ceaseless assaults, he would receive strength from above to withstand and overcome.

His years of spiritual and ascetical efforts endowed him with the overwhelming conviction that among people there are “no enemies.” Every living soul is loved by God and will only be at peace when true repentance is achieved. Towards the end of his life he came to possess the gift of tears, which he experienced when he prayed for the entire world. He would pray, “O Lord, may all people know of Your love for them!” He died on September 24, 1938.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Protection of the Holy Theotokos 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	2 St. Vladimir Education Day at St. Mary's 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
3 15th Sunday after Pentecost Hieromartyr Dionysius	4	5	6	7	8	9 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
10 16th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Fathers Second Sunday Food Sale Parish Council meeting	11 <u>MIDWEST</u> at	12 <u>DIOCESAN</u> St. Michael's	13 <u>ASSEMBLY</u> Church	14 6:00 p.m. EOWG Pasta Dinner at Holy Trinity	15	16 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
17 17th Sunday after Pentecost Prophet Hosea	18	19	20	21	22	23 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
24 18th Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs HTOC Annual Parish Meeting	25 Cooking for St. Herman's House	26	27 Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House	28	29	30 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
31 19th Sunday after Pentecost Apostles of the Seventy						