

HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIUS THE AREOPAGITE

St. Dionysius was raised in the city of Athens, where he received a classical Greek education. He then went to Egypt where he studied astronomy at the city of Heliopolis. It was there that he and his friend Apollophonos witnessed the solar eclipse that occurred at the moment of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Either the Creator of all the world now suffers, or this visible world is coming to an end," he said.

When the holy Apostle Paul preached at the place on the Hill of Ares (Acts 17:16-34), Dionysius became a Christian. For 3 years he remained a constant companion of St. Paul, who later selected Dionysius as bishop of the city of Athens.

In the year 57, St. Dionysius was present at the repose of the Most Holy Theotokos. During her lifetime, he had journeyed from Athens to Jerusalem to meet her. He wrote to Apostle Paul: "I witness by God, that besides the very God Himself, there is nothing else filled with such divine power and grace. No one can fully comprehend what I saw. I confess before God: when I was with John, who shone among the apostles like the sun in the sky, when I was brought before the countenance of the most Holy Virgin, I experienced an inexpressible sensation. Before me gleamed a sort of divine radiance which transfixed my spirit. I perceived the fragrance of indescribable aromas and was filled with such delight that my very body became faint, and my spirit could hardly endure these signs and marks of eternal majesty and heavenly power. The grace from her overwhelmed my heart and shook my very spirit. If I did not have in mind your instruction, I should have mistaken Her for the very God. It is impossible to stand before greater blessedness than this which I beheld."

After the death of Apostle Paul, St. Dionysius wanted to continue his work and went off preaching in the West accompanied by Presbyter Rusticus and Deacon Eleutherius. They converted many to Christ at Rome, Germany, and Spain. In Gaul, during a persecution, all three were thrown into prison. By night St. Dionysius celebrated the Divine Liturgy with angels of the Lord. In the morning the martyrs were beheaded. According to an old tradition, St. Dionysius took up his head, proceeded with it to the church and fell down dead there. A pious woman named Catulla buried the relics of the saints.

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OCTOBER 3, 2021

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens,
and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon;
St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Cæsarea in Palestine;
Ven. Dionísii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves*

“O master of goodness renowned for moderation, you were robed in the purity of conscience that befits a priest. Drawing forth ineffable truths from that chosen vessel Paul, you preserved the faith and completed a course equal to his. O holy martyr and hierarch, Dionysius, beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Your mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of Rusticus and Eleutherius.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father John, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 6:31-36

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 9 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 4	Galatians 4:28-5:10	Luke 6:24-30
Tuesday, October 5	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 6:37-45
	Galatians 6:2-10	Luke 6:46-7:1
Wednesday, October 6	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Thursday, October 7	Ephesians 1:1-9	Luke 7:17-30
Friday, October 8	Ephesians 1:7-17	Luke 7:31-35
	I Corinthians 10:23-28	Luke 5:27-32
Saturday, October 9	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 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
- 25, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 27, Wednesday Delivering dinner to St. Herman’s House

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Plan now to support our monthly Food Sale next Sunday, October 10. We need your favorite bakery and food items. This is a very successful fundraiser for us, and your help is greatly appreciated!

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Today 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.”

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.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by Debbie Geletka.

FLOWER LIST:

The sign-up sheet for offering flowers is in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$10. Please pay Mary Ann Schmidt.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	9/19	9/26
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$1675.00	\$ 2120.00
BUILDING FUND	700.00	185.00
CANDLES	5.00	250.00
ST. HERMAN’S HOUSE	438.00	125.00
ST. VLADIMIR’S SEMINARY	316.00	597.00
IN MEMORY OF TED GELETKA	25.00	
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	443.00	
COFFEE HOUR, 9/12/21	61.00	
COFFEE HOUR, 9/19/21		48.00

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Protection of the Theotokos

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A letter like this one was not sent last year because of the covid pandemic. Needless to say, the pandemic changed everything. For several month, parishioners were not able to come to church and all parish activities ceased. Thus also, our 2020 Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled, with the blessing of our Diocesan Archbishop Paul. Last year at this time, we envisioned a "return to normalcy" with the resumption of all aspects of parish life. Thank God, we are no longer living in "lockdown" situations, but because of viral variants and continuing cases of infection prudent safeguards are still necessary. Cautiously and carefully a good deal of parish life has resumed, and so we take this opportunity to announce that we will have our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 24, 2021, following the Divine Liturgy in our Fellowship Hall. This is always an important event in the parish, but as we skipped one year this Annual Meeting will be addressing many pertinent issues that affect our communal life. We urge all parishioners who can attend to do so.

We are enclosing the Parish Membership Card. Please fill it out and either mail back or bring to church, where it can be placed into any of the donation baskets. It is important for the parish to have actual "parish members" accounted for. Important decisions that are made at the Parish Meeting are decided on by such parish members. Membership in the parish, as defined in our bylaws, is open to all Orthodox Christians, older than eighteen, who partake of the sacramental and Eucharistic life, and who support the parish through financial donations. As is obvious, our parish is a large physical plant requiring ongoing maintenance. That we are able to keep some momentum in doing so is only because of your generosity. Your financial contribution should be based on your love of God and appreciation of our parish church, and of course on your personal income and resources. As some ask for guidance in filling out the Membership Card, a suggested realistic minimum amount for adult member is \$700 per year.

Important reports for the Annual Parish Meeting will be available in the church starting on Sunday, October 17. Please read them prior to attending the Meeting on October 24.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,



MaryAnn Bobulsky
Parish Council President



Fr. Alexander Garklavs
Pastor