

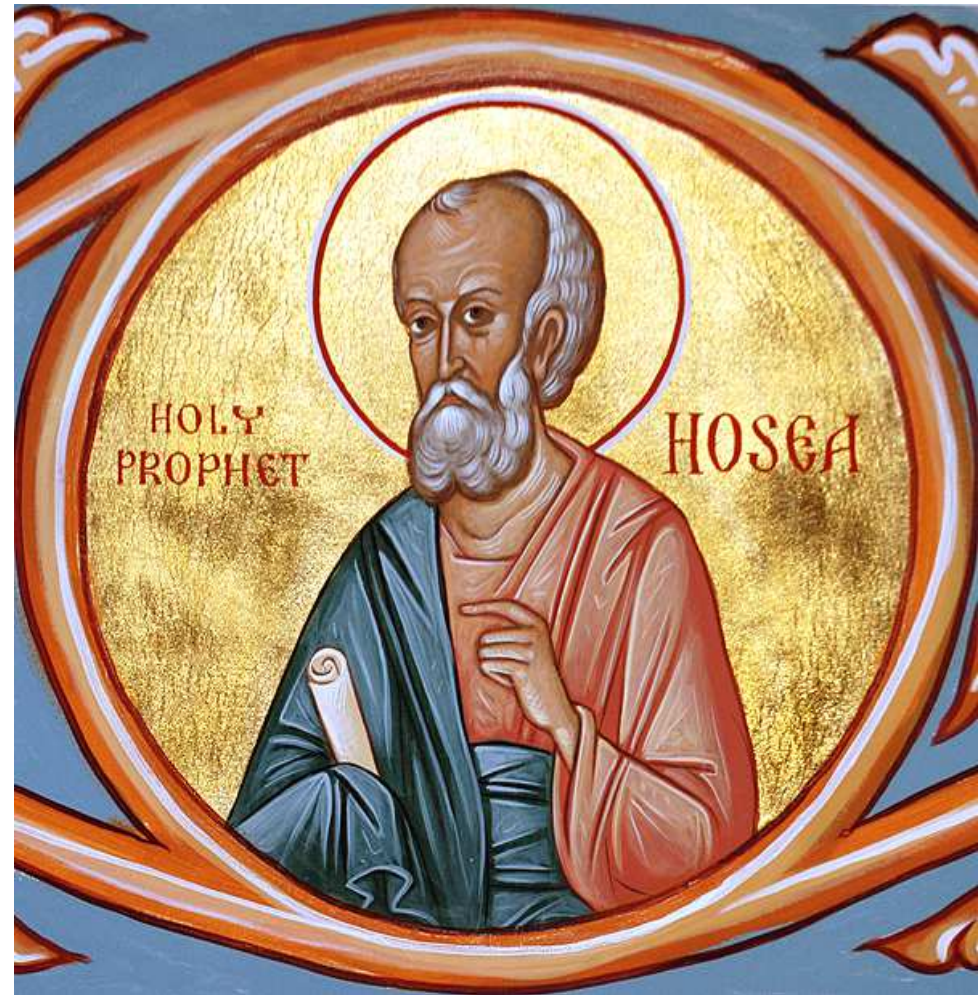
PROPHET HOSEA

The Holy Prophet Hosea, the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God and worshipped idols. Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e., the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hosea 3:4-5); and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hosea 2:20-23). Hosea spoke about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hosea 6, especially 6:2), and that He would conquer death (Hosea 13-14).

The prophecies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than 60 years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the will of God.

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TONE 8

OCTOBER 17, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prophet Hosea; Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete

Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Leokhnovsk;

Martyrs and Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers,

Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius;

*Translation of the Relics of St. Lazarus "of the four days" (in the tomb), Bishop of Kition on Cyprus;
The Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, "OUR DELIVERANCE"*

"Enlightened by the Spirit, your pure heart became the dwelling place of most splendid prophecy; for you saw things far off as if they were near. Therefore, we honor you, blessed and glorious Prophet Hosea."

Kontakion, Tone IV

"Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross you destroyed the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, all-blessed one. Again you bravely prepared for combat and slew Copronymus with the sword of faith; for both struggles you have been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory."

Kontakion, Tone III

"By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy father Anthony, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!"

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 23

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 18
(Apostle Luke)

Ephesians 4:25-32
Colossians 4:5-9,14,18

Luke 9:18-22
Luke 10:16-21

Tuesday, October 19

Ephesians 5:20-26

Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday, October 20

Ephesians 5:25-33

Luke 9:44-50

Thursday, October 21

Ephesians 5:33-6:9

Luke 9:49-56

Friday, October 22

Ephesians 6:18-24

Luke 10:1-15

Saturday, October 23

I Corinthians 15:39-45

Luke 7:1-10

(Departed)

I Thessalonians 4:13-17

John 5:24-30

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

24, Sunday HTOC Annual Parish Meeting
25, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
27, Wednesday Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House

NOVEMBER:

8, Monday 6:30 p.m. "Make A Joyful Noise!" St. Herman House FOCUS Cleveland
13, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Buna Vestire Church

PARISH MEETING:

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

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

The community of St. Herman House invites all to an evening of refreshments, art display, and musical performances by current and former residents. The event is Monday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., at Saints Constantine & Helen Church. Tickets are \$25.

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:

Membership in the Guild is open to women 18 and older; see Joanne Stoyka or Dianna Kall to join. The November meeting will be held at Buna Vestire Church, 7140 Fitch Rd; Olmsted Falls; on Saturday, November 13, at 10:00 a.m.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Pauline Smolarchuk.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are having a special collection for the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Please use the envelopes and basket 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, and there are other levels of sponsorship. See further info in the Fellowship Hall.

GREETERS:

We are still looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980 or ajcundik@cox.net

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Stoyka Family.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by the Table of Eight.

There are dates open in November for donors: November 7, 21, and 28. The sign-up sheet is in the kitchen.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 4110.00
BUILDING FUND	1125.00
CANDLES	120.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	130.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	75.00
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	25.00
IN MEMORY OF TED GELETKA	400.00
IN MEMORY OF ANDREW YANKOVICH	20.00
COFFEE HOUR, 10/3/21	58.00

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THE SPIRITUALITY OF OCTOBER

For many this is a favorite time of year. The weather changes pleasingly with comfortable warm days and cool pleasant nights, leaves turn various delightful colors, and for some, it is football season! In an interesting observation, psychologists note that October, like January, is also a time of year that people make resolutions. It may be the cooler weather that prompts folks to start exercising, taking longer walks, signing up for refresher courses, doing extra yard work and other kinds of physical work. One does these things with the intention of being a “better person.” Social activities become more frequent, and this is accentuated now as we are hesitatingly but eagerly managing the aftereffects of the Covid doldrums. Local concert venues and theatres are excitedly welcoming back audiences, and museums are offering special exhibits. Then too, for college students, October is the month of merriment and wonder, and for those who have nostalgic recollections about college, there are those fond memories of younger, carefree days.

For Orthodox Christians, October is the one month of the year during which there are no “great” feasts. The Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos on October 1 is certainly a wonderful holy day, but liturgically it is not on par with the “Twelve Great Feasts.” However, the month has numerous commemorations of holy apostles: Thomas, Philip, James Alphaeus, James the Brother of the Lord, and Luke the Evangelist, as well as several groupings of the apostles from the Seventy Disciples. All of these are honored with proper veneration and liturgical services. Among the many saints remembered in October, one that stands out is the Greatmartyr St. Demetrius. This 3rd century warrior and martyr was the son of officials in the region of the Greek town of Thessalonica. Raised as a Christian, he managed to keep his faith while serving as a soldier in the Roman army. When imperial authorities began a violent persecution demanding that Christians pay homage to pagan gods, Demetrius courageously refused to do so, for which he was tortured and executed. His relics are still present and venerated in Thessalonica, and on October 26 by Orthodox Christians throughout the world.

In October, North American Orthodox Christians celebrate three saints who are regarded with special affection: St. Innocent, the Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostles to the Americas, St. Tikhon, the Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America, and St. John Kochurov of Chicago, the New Hieromartyr. All of these were missionaries who came to North America and left lasting legacies. They represent an important spiritual connection between the “old” and “new” worlds. They were educated in the best of theological schools and formed in an environment of refined, mature and highly developed spirituality. Their achievement was in bringing a rich spiritual tradition to the New World. Through their efforts real Orthodox spirituality took root in the Americas. They were originators of the vision of faithfulness to Scripture and Holy Tradition that was at the same time accessible and meaningful to modern, English-speaking seekers of God’s Kingdom on earth.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus