

HIEROMARTYR JOHN KOCHUROV

Father John Kochurov was born on July 13, 1871, in the village of Bigildino-Surky to a pious family of many children. His parents were the priest Alexander and his wife Anna. Fr. John's upbringing, based on traditions of many generations of clergy and bound with the people's natural following after Orthodox piety, foretold of his path for pastoral service. He graduated in 1891 from the Theological Seminary in Ryazan and entered the St. Petersburg Theological Academy, where his desire to become both a parish priest and a missionary became clearly defined.

.... The beginning of Fr. John's parish service was associated with the opening, by Bishop Nicholas, of the Orthodox parish in Chicago in 1892. Assigned in 1895 by order of the Holy Synod to be a parish priest at St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Chicago, Fr. John was put in touch with a parish life that was strikingly different from the Orthodox parishes in Russia, which were organized and rooted in a living tradition many centuries old. Being a lonely island of Orthodox Christian life, remotely situated many hundreds of miles from the other scattered Orthodox parishes in North America, St. Vladimir's Church in Chicago, together with the Church of the Three Hierarchs in the town of Streator with which it was affiliated, in the less than 3 years of its existence still had not become formed as a parish in the full sense of this word, and it indeed required heroic labors from the young Father John to be established in a proper way....

...The unique characteristics of the Chicago-Streator parish community demanded of Fr. John a deft combination of pastoral-liturgical skills, with missionary ones. These abilities would permit him not only to stabilize the membership of his parish spiritually and administratively, but to enlarge his flock continually by means of conversions, or by the return to Orthodoxy of the ethnically diverse Christians living in Illinois. Already during the first three years of Fr. John's parish service, 86 Uniats and 5 Catholics were added to the Orthodox Church, bringing the number of permanent parishioners up to 215 men in Chicago and 88 in Streator. There were two functioning church schools affiliated with the parishes, with more than 20 pupils enrolled in them. The course consisted of Saturday classes during the school year and daily classes during the school vacations.....

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Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, and Aristobulus
New Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov
Martyr Epimachus of Alexandria; St. Maura of Constantinople;
Ven. Spyridon and Nicodemus the Prospora-bakers, of the Kiev Caves

“Let us thankfully praise the wise Apostles Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles and Aristobulus, those treasures of the Holy Spirit and rays of the Sun of glory, who were gathered together by the grace of our God.”

Kontakion, Tone VIII

“You were revealed to all as a true shepherd, O Hieromartyr John of Chicago, for you nurtured your people in the Orthodox Faith, guiding them by word and deed on the path of salvation, and defended the Faith even unto the shedding of your blood. Therefore, we, your spiritual children, cry out in thanksgiving: Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you the Martyr’s crown! Glory to Him who through you grants mercy to all!”

Troparion, Tone I

HOLY WONDERWORKERS AND UNMERCENARIES COSMAS AND DAMIAN ***Monday, November 1***

“Having received the grace of healing, you grant healing to those in need. Glorious wonderworkers and healers, Cosmas and Damian, visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies, and bring healing to the world through your miracles.”

Kontakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39
LUKE 12:32-40

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, October 31

Saturday, November 6

40th Day Memorial Prayers for Marie Gaydos following Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 1

Tuesday, November 2

Wednesday, November 3

Thursday, November 4

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

Philippians 2:12-16

Philippians 2:16-23

Philippians 2:24-30

Philippians 3:1-8

Philippians 3:8-19

II Corinthians 1:8-11

Luke 11:29-33

Luke 11:34-41

Luke 11:42-46

Luke 11:47-12:1

Luke 12:2-12

Luke 9:1-6

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COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

- 1, Monday YouTube premiere of Eastern Churches Seminar
- 6, Saturday 5:00 p.m. St. Andrew Church "Night at the Races"
- 8, Monday 6:30 p.m. "Make A Joyful Noise!" St. Herman House FOCUS Cleveland
- 13, Saturday 9:00 a.m. Couples Retreat at St. Paul Church
- 14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
Parish Council meeting
- 20, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Buna Vestire Church

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON NOVEMBER 6, NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT!

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.

A COUPLES RETREAT:

"Renewed Day by Day: Enlivening our Marriage Commitment" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, 9:00 a.m-2:00 p.m., at St. Paul Church, 4548 Wallings Rd. See details in the Fellowship Hall. To register, go to: tinyurl.com/2j4aanvh

VIRTUAL YOUTH RETREAT:

"Where Saints Have Walked," a visit to St. Tikhon's Monastery for Orthodox youth K-12, will be held via ZOOM on Friday, Nov. 26; 1:00-4:00 p.m. Register by Nov. 21; visit www.orthodoxfellowship.org See further details in the Fellowship Hall.

GYRO AND GREEK PASTRY SALE:

Sts. Constantine and Helen Church in Cleveland Hts. is having a food sale. Fill out an online order form by Nov. 3; drive-thru pickup is Sat., Nov. 6, 11:00-4:00. The menu is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by John Gaydos in loving memory of Marie Gaydos.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This is the last week of our 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."

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:

The November meeting will be held at Buna Vestire Church, 7140 Fitch Rd; Olmsted Falls; on Saturday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m. (Please note date change from original "Calendar of Events.")

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

The 37th Notre Dame College seminar will be presented on YouTube, beginning November 1. "After the Deluge: What It Will Mean to be Church in Post-Pandemic Times" can be seen at:

YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege

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. See further info in the Fellowship Hall.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by John Gaydos.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	10/17	10/24
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$8707.00	\$ 1393.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT		5.00
BUILDING FUND	1065.00	
CANDLES		240.00
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	150.00	
LOCAL CHARITIES		25.00
I.O.C.C.	200.00	
FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF	200.00	5600.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	371.00	
COFFEE HOUR, 10/10 AND 10/17/21	75.00	

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THE SACRAMENT OF OFFERING

Bread and wine. By bringing these humble human gifts – our earthly food and drink – and placing them on the altar, we perform, often without thinking of it, that most ancient, primordial rite that from the first day of human history constituted the core of every religion: we offer a sacrifice to God. “Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground and Abel brought the offering of the firstlings of his flock” (Genesis 4:2-4).

A thousand books have been written on sacrifices and sacrificial offerings, and they still produce the most varied explanations. Theologians, historians, sociologists, psychologists – all have their own points of view, endeavoring to elucidate the essence of the sacrifice, some finding it in fear, some in joy, some in “lower” and some in “higher” causes. And whatever may be the value of all these explanations, it remains indubitable that wherever man turns to God, he necessarily senses the need to offer Him the most precious things that he has, what is most vital for his life, as a gift and sacrifice. From the time of Cain and Abel, the blood sacrifices covered the earth and the smoke of burnt offerings has unceasingly risen to heaven.

Our “refined” sensibilities are horrified by these blood sacrifices, by these “primitive” religions. In our horror, however, do we not forget and lose something very basic, very primitive, without which in essence there is no religion? For in its ultimate depths religion is nothing other than *thirst for God*: “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Psalm 42:2); and often “primitive” people know this thirst better, they sense it more deeply than contemporary man does, with all his “spiritualized” religion, abstract “moralism” and dried-up intellectualism.

To *want* God means above all to know with one’s whole being that *God is*, that outside of God there is only darkness, emptiness and meaninglessness, for in Him and only in Him is the cause, the meaning, the goal and the joy of all existence. This means further to love Him with one’s whole heart, one’s whole being. And this means, finally, to feel and to recognize our complete and boundless alienations from Him, our frightful guile and loneliness in this rupture – to know that ultimately there is only one human tragedy: not wanting God and being separated from Him; and there is only one sorrow, “not being a saint,” as a poet put it, that is, not having *sanctification*, the unity with the One who is holy.

But where there is this thirst for God, this consciousness of sin and this yearning for genuine life, there is necessarily sacrifice. In the sacrifice man gives himself and his own over to God, because, knowing God, he cannot but love Him, and loving Him, he cannot but strive toward God and toward unity with Him. But as sins stand on this road and encumber him, in his sacrifice man likewise seeks wisdom and atonement; he offers it as a propitiation for sin, he fills it with all the pain and torment of his life, so that through suffering, blood and death he may finally *expiate* his guilt and be reunited with God. However darkened and coarse our religious consciousness may be, at its basis it remains man’s primordial, indestructible thirst for God.

From the writings of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

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NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions Time change: Turn clocks back one hour tonight
7 20th Sunday after Pentecost Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene	8 6:30 p.m. “Make A Joyful Noise” St. Herman House benefit at Sts. Constan- tine & Helen Church	9	10	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
14 21st Sunday after Pentecost Apostle Philip Second Sunday Food Sale Parish Council meeting	15 Beginning of the Nativity Fast	16	17	18	19	20 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Buna Vestire Church 5:00 p.m. Vigil of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
21 22d Sunday after Pentecost The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 1:00 p.m. ZOOM Virtual Youth Retreat and Tour of St. Tikhon’s Monastery	27 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
28 23d Sunday after Pentecost Monk-Martyr Stephen the New	29	30				