

***HOLY NEW MARTYRS
AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA***

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way. (More than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints.) Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. Joh Kochurov (Oct. 31).

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JANUARY 23, 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus;

Ven. Mausimas the Syrian; Ven. Salamanes the Silent of the Euphrates;

St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola; Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council;

Ven. Gennádii of Kostromá; Translation of the Relics of St. Theóctist, Archbishop of Novgorod

“Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising her New Martyrs and Confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy until the end of the age.”

Troparion, Tone IV

“You have become an honored branch of the vine of Christ, revealed as one of many many struggles, all-praised Clement; with your fellow champion you cried out: “Christ is the shining joy of martyrs.”

Kontakion, Tone IV

“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 Mausimas, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY’S EPISTLE: I TIMOTHY 1:15-17
ROMANS 8:28-39

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:35-43
LUKE 21:8-19

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 23

Saturday, January 29

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Tom Bohurjak

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 24

Tuesday, January 25

(St. Gregory the Theologian)

Wednesday, January 26

Thursday, January 27

(St. John Chrysostom)

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

James 2:14-26

James 3:1-10

I Corinthians 12:7-11

James 3:11-4:6

James 4:7-5:9

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

I Peter 1:1-2,10-12, 2:6-10

I Thessalonians 5:14-23

Mark 9:42-10:1

Mark 10:2-12

John 10:9-16

Mark 10:11-16

Mark 10:17-27

John 10:9-16

Mark 10:23-32

Luke 16:10-15

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

24, Monday Cooking for St. Herman’s House

FEBRUARY:

13, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale

PARISH COUNCIL:

Congratulations to the new members of our Parish Council:

Ted Bellack	MaryAnn Bobulsky	Marjorie Evanoff
Barry Gluntz	Jared Griebel	Jason Howe
Robert Kapitan	Stephanie McNeely	Michael Sabat
Rebecca Spak	Frank Stoyka	Paula Svilar

HOLY WATER:

This will be the last day for Holy Water that was blessed on Theophany to remain in the vestibule. Please take what you would like.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Carol Bohurjak in blessed memory of Tom Bohurjak.

PLAN AHEAD!

Rummage Sale dates are July 28, 29, and 30, 2022. Please start saving items to donate. Just as last year, everything should be in good condition; no clothes, shoes, or upholstered furniture. Let’s make this sale another great sale! Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR:

The Coffee Hour today is donated by the Bohurjak Family.

2022 COVERS:

If you would like to make an offering for Trinitarians in 2022, there is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Or call Janene at the church office on Monday or Thursday mornings (216-524-4859) to select a date.

FOR HOUSE BLESSINGS

While sprinkling Holy Water through the home, the Tropar can be sung or said:

When in Jordan, You were baptized, O Lord,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest,
for the voice of the Father bore witness to You,
calling You His beloved Son,
and the Spirit in the form of a dove,
confirming the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ, our God, having revealed Yourself,
and having enlightened the world, glory to You!

After the blessing of the house, the following prayer may be said:

O Lord, God, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who was baptized in the Jordan by John, and who entered the home of Zacchaeus bringing salvation to his habitation, do You, O Lord, bless this home, keep safe from harm all those who live here (*names can be inserted*), and also (*names*) who are absent. Fulfill their good desires, grant them Your blessings and bodily and spiritual well-being, protection from visible and invisible dangers, and all their petitions which are unto salvation and life eternal. For You are Our God, and to You we ascribe glory and honor, with Your Father, who is without beginning and the Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

“We have icons in our houses, and venerate them in order to show, among other things, that the eyes of God and of all the heavenly dwellers are constantly fixed upon us, and see not only our acts, but also our words, thoughts and desires.”

St. John of Kronstadt

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His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON'S Message on Sanctity of Life

As we witness our society becoming increasingly polarized and divided, we approach the anniversary of one of the most bitter of these divisions: the legalization of abortion in the United States of America. We grieve on this anniversary for the many lives cut short, the emotional and psychological devastation done to so many women, the numerous wounded families, and the persistent hostility embittering our society.

The Orthodox Church continues to hold fast to its ancient belief that all human life, from conception in the womb to our very last moment, is sacred to God. For the Holy Scripture tells us that “God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living. For He created all things that they might exist” (Wisdom 1:13-14). So we say, humbly but firmly, that the willful destruction of a person in the womb is an evil act and a rejection of a gift of God.

For Orthodox Christians, the darkness of abortion transcends the political. It extends even beyond morality and ethics. It cuts to the heart of our faith in the Resurrection. On that bright morning of Great and Holy Pascha, Christ forever destroyed death, the last enemy of mankind (cf. 1 Cor 15:26). The empty tomb ennobles humanity and transforms us into a people forever dedicated to life, utterly opposed to death in all its forms. All people, even those still unborn, are created for eternity with God, and it is our unshakable conviction in the Risen Christ which makes the thought of the termination of a child unimaginable.

We also know that the unequivocal message of the New Testament is that followers of Christ are to “love one another” with the same self-sacrifice with which Christ loved us (cf. John 13:34). I encourage all Orthodox Christians to show that Christ-like, self-sacrificial love in the face of this darkness. I ask that we assist mothers in every way possible to relieve them of the temptation to abortion. Likewise, support the fathers as they step up to embrace their new and blessed family responsibility.

As we “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15) we must not condemn others but leave judgment to the Lord. Our call is a call to repentance, beginning with ourselves, so that we might restore the likeness of God and become bright mirrors reflecting the light of Christ to a wounded, confused, and anxious people. Let the only thing that our society sees in us be overflowing love, piety, and forgiveness to all. We remember with gratitude that the Lord always gives us, personally and as a nation, a path out of our sin through repentance—even sin as devastating and horrific as abortion. Let our parishes and communities become beacons of that divine love and forgiveness, where all human life is valued as deeply as Christ values it, as we forever speak with a Paschal voice: “Christ is risen and life reigns.”

Yours in Christ,
+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada