

## VENERABLE ARSENIUS THE GREAT

St. Arsenius the Great was born in 354 at Rome into a pious Christian family, which provided him a fine education in rhetoric and philosophy, and Latin and Greek languages. He gave up his worldly life and became a deacon in one of the Roman churches.

The emperor Theodosius heard of Arsenius' piety and he wished Arsenius to educate his sons. Arsenius moved to Constantinople and devoted himself to the education of the youths, but the high esteem in which he was held troubled his spirit, which yearned for the quietude of monastic life. He prayed and the Lord heard his prayer; a voice told him, "Arsenius, flee from men and you shall be saved." Arsenius removed his rich clothing, replaced it with tatters and made his way to Sketis, a monastery in the midst of the desert, where he settled in a solitary cell.

Arsenius came to church only on Sundays and Feast days, observing complete silence. Abba Moses asked him why he hid himself from people, and the saint replied, "God knows that I love you, but I cannot remain with God and with men at the same time. The Heavenly Powers all have one will and praise God together. On earth, however, there are many human wills, and each man has his own thoughts. I cannot leave God in order to live with people."

Though absorbed in constant prayer, the saint did not refuse visiting monks with his counsel and guidance, giving short, perceptive answers. His fame spread far, and many wanted to see him. As a result, he was forced to move from place to place, in order to preserve his tranquility. Still, many found him. He taught that many take upon themselves great deeds of repentance, fasting and vigil; but it is rare for someone to guard his soul from pride, greed, jealousy, hatred and judgment. In this, people resemble graves, which are decorated outwardly but filled with stinking bones inside.

The monks often heard the saint urge himself: "Rouse yourself, Arsenius, work! Do not remain idle! You have not come here to rest, but to labor." He also said, "I have often regretted the words I have spoken, but I have never regretted my silence."

St. Arsenius spent 55 years at monastic labors and struggles. He fell asleep in the Lord when he was nearly 100 years old, in the year 449 or 450.

*As for me  
and my house,  
we will serve the Lord*



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

*Holy Myrrhbearing Women*

*Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian*

*Ven. Arsenius the Great;*

*Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor and Pimen, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves*

“Listen, women, to the voice of gladness, for hell, the tormentor, I have crushed once and for all, lifting the world from the mire of corruption. Hurry, then, and tell the news to My friends, that joy may break forth upon this creation, wherein grief and sorrow first appeared.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

“O beloved Apostle of Christ God, come quick to save a people with no other recourse. He Who let you rest your head on His breast will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him, then, O wise and holy Theologian, to dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of unbelief, and grant us all His peace and great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7  
I JOHN 1:1-7

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-16:8  
JOHN 19:25-27; 21:24-25

## HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, May 14

1:00 p.m. Baptism of Evan Philip Nikodinovski  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

## Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 9

Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60

John 4:46-54

Tuesday, May 10

Acts 8:5-17

John 6:27-33

(St. Simon)

I Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 13:54-58

Wednesday, May 11

Acts 8:18-25

John 6:35-39

(Sts. Cyril and Methodius)

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Matthew 5:14-19

Thursday, May 12

Acts 8:26-39

John 6:40-44

Friday, May 13

Acts 8:40-9:19

John 6:48-54

Saturday, May 14

Acts 9:20-31

John 15:17-16:2

**GOD'S BLESSINGS UPON THE MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AND GODMOTHERS OF OUR PARISH!**

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY:

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| 14, Saturday | Noon EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon             |
| 15, Sunday   | Parish Council meeting after Divine Liturgy |
| 22, Sunday   | 4:00 p.m. IOCC Anniversary Banquet          |

### **IOCC BANQUET:**

The 30th Anniversary Banquet of the IOCC is Sunday, May 22, at St. Sava Church in Broadview Hts. Doors open at 4:00, with dinner at 5:00. Your support will help families in the U.S., as well as Ukraine, Greece, Syria and Ethiopia. Tickets are \$50; see Diane Hastings or Paula Svilar. Details are in the Hall.

### **COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, May 15, following the Divine Liturgy.

### **HONORING FR. ALEXANDER:**

On Sunday, June 19, there will be a retirement luncheon for Fr. Alexander at St. Michael's Woodside, beginning at noon. Please join us. More details are posted on the attached flier.

### **TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Diane Hastings.

### **PASCHA FLOWERS:**

Many thanks to all who donated toward the lovely flowers for our Paschal season.

### **EOWG LUNCHEON:**

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild's annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon will be held at HTOC Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 14, at noon. There will be a Gift Basket Auction and door prizes as well as a delicious meal. Reservations are required; no tickets will be sold at the door. Adults-\$15; children-\$7.50; ages 6 and under are free. See Joanne Stoyka for tickets.

### **FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Pauline Smolarchuk in blessed memory of her brother, John Plavko.

### **COFFEE HOUR:**

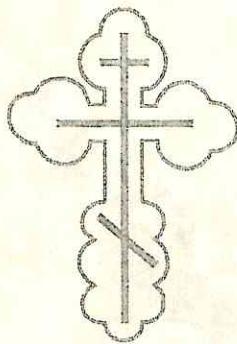
Our refreshments today are donated by the Gluntz Family.

The spiritual world is open to him who lives within himself. By remaining within and gazing upon this vision of the other world, we arouse a sense of warmth in our spiritual feelings; and conversely, this same sense of spiritual warmth enables us to dwell within, and awakens our awareness of the inner spiritual realm. The spiritual life matures by the mutual action of both of these things - inwardness and warmth. He who lives in spiritual feeling and warmth of heart has his spirit bound and tied; but the spirit of a man who lacks this warmth will wander. Therefore, so as to further constant inwardness, strive after warmth of heart; but strive also, through intense effort, to enter and remain within. That is why he who seeks to remain collected only in the mind—without warmth of heart—strives in vain: In a moment everything is dispersed. And so it is no wonder that, in spite of all their education, scientists constantly miss the truth - it is because they work only with their head.

Theophan the Recluse

## GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	4/24	5/1
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$10,957.00	\$ 690.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	800.00	
BUILDING FUND	175.00	210.00
CANDLES	274.00	124.00
PASCHA	875.00	
PASCHA FLOWERS	65.00	
BASKET BLESSING	105.00	
ROOF REPAIRS	1,025.00	170.00
COFFEE HOUR 4/17	71.00	



In Honor of

## **The Very Reverend Alexander Garklavs**

Please join in his  
Retirement Celebration

Sunday, the nineteenth of June 2022  
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Woodside Event Center at St. Michael's  
5025 E. Mill Rd. Broadview Heights, Ohio

Choice of Champagne Chicken or Beef Tips  
Tickets \$40.00 includes luncheon & cocktails  
(No charge for children under 10)

Tickets available beginning May 15th during coffee hour or  
Contact Jewelann Stefanar (216-402-8599) or  
Rita Bellack (330-204-9513)

## **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

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### **REMEMBERING ARCHBISHOP PAUL ON THE DAY OF REJOICING**

The Tuesday after St. Thomas Sunday is known among some Orthodox Christians as the “Day of Rejoicing,” in Slavonic “Radonitsa.” Regular memorial prayers are not said in churches beginning on Lazarus Saturday and through Bright Week. That is to say, while funerals obviously can take place whenever they occur, memorial panikhida services are not to be conducted during the time when we are to focus our attention on the Passion of Christ and on celebrating the Feast of Resurrection. Only beginning with the week of St. Thomas Sunday does the Church allow regular memorial prayers to take place. Traditions developed in Russia, Ukraine and in Carpatho-Russia to continue the Pascha spirit of rejoicing by going to cemeteries to pray at the graves of departed loved ones. At some places, people go to the cemeteries on St. Thomas Sunday to offer prayers at family gravesides. Following this tradition, I was at St. Theodosius Cemetery this past Sunday. There is also the locally-established custom to make cemetery visitations on Memorial Day.

I was not able to go to the funeral of Archbishop Paul. But as I was thinking about him today, on this “Day of Rejoicing,” I decided to use this page to honor our recently departed Diocesan Hierarch. His Eminence passed away on the Feast of Feasts, Pascha, April 24. He had been afflicted with a grave medical condition for some time, but it was only diagnosed shortly before Great Lent. A brief period of treatment did nothing to alleviate the condition; and for the couple of weeks before his death, the Archbishop resigned himself to peacefully prepare to enter the Kingdom of God. As a reward for his patience, courage and great faith, he was called by the Lord on the Day of Resurrection.

Biographical information about Archbishop Paul is easily available on the OCA website (<https://www.oca.org/in-memoriam/his-eminence-archbishop-paul>). Here I would like to offer a few personal reflections about the man who was our Diocesan bishop for the past eight years. He was a most unique hierarch! He lacked haughty mannerisms that bishops often affect. Archbishop Paul was a person without guile, without pretensions, and without affectations. He was a Social Worker by training, and was forty years old when he was ordained to the priesthood. For twenty years he served diligently as a parish priest, becoming Bishop of Chicago in 2014. In a way, he retained his Social Worker style as a churchman, always being engaged with people in conversations on both high and lowbrow issues. He made a point of learning peoples’ names, their backgrounds and about their lives as Orthodox Christians. Among the many facets of his archpastoral ministry, there were several areas that stood out: his concern about family life, about the rearing of young people in the faith, and about nurturing vocations. He enjoyed yearly visitations to the seminaries to meet with diocesan students.

Archbishop Paul frequently came to Cleveland and visited our Holy Trinity Church many times. His usual pattern here as elsewhere was to visit the parish priest and his family on Friday evening, meet with Parish Council on Saturday, then evening Vespers, and on Sunday after Liturgy he always went to Coffee Hour to mingle. Archbishop’s sermons were marked by thoughtfulness and sincerity. He spoke from the heart, expressing his deep faith and convictions, but he was not afraid to share his being bewildered by the complexities and challenges of being an Orthodox Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Although his diocesan tenure was rather short, he left a legacy of what a true hierarch is: a man of prayer, a leader with integrity, and a loving spiritual father. May Our Lord, Jesus Christ, give to His noble servant, the ever-memorable Archbishop Paul, rest with the saints, and make his memory to be eternal.

*Fr. Alexander Garklau*