

VIRGIN MARTYR THEODOSIA OF TYRE

Saint Theodosia of Tyre lived during the third and fourth centuries. Once, during a persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, the 17-year-old Theodosia went up to condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium in Caesarea, Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the martyrs spoke about the Kingdom of God. St. Theodosia asked them to remember her before the Lord, when they should come to stand before Him.

Soldiers saw that the maiden bowed to the prisoners, and they seized her and led her before the governor, Urban. He advised the maiden to offer sacrifice to the idols, but she refused, confessing her faith in Christ. Then they subjected her to cruel tortures, raking her body with iron claws until her bones were exposed.

The martyr was silent and endured the sufferings with a happy face; and to a second suggestion by the governor to offer sacrifice to the idols, she answered, "You fool, I have been granted to join the martyrs!" They threw the maiden with a stone about her neck into the sea, but angels drew her out from the depths. Then they threw the martyr to the wild beasts to be eaten by them. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, they cut off her head.

By night St. Theodosia appeared to her parents, who had tried to talk their daughter into not going to the sufferings. She was in bright garb with a crown upon her head and a luminous gold cross in her hand, and she said, "Behold the great glory of which you wanted to deprive me!"

The Holy Martyr Theodosia of Tyre suffered for Christ in the year 307 or 308. On May 29 we commemorate the transfer of her relics to Constantinople and Venice. She is also commemorated on April 3.

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TONE 5

MAY 29, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA

Blind Man

***Virgin-Martyr Theodosia of Tyre;
Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council;
Virgin-Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople;
Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ;
Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "Surety of Sinners"***

"The eyes of my inner life, O Lord and Savior, are blind from the darkness of sin. In Your deep and loving kindness, anoint them with humility, and bathe them in the tears of repentance."
Exapostilarion, Tone II

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, June 2

"When You had joined earth to heaven and fulfilled Your plan of redemption, O Christ, our God, You ascended into heaven while remaining in our midst. For You assured us who love You that no one has any power over us, for You Yourself are with us."

Kontakion, Tone VI

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 16:16-34

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-38

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 30	8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Blessing of Graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery
Wednesday, June 1	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension
Thursday, June 2	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - The Ascension of our Lord
Saturday, June 4	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 30	Acts 17:1-15	John 11:47-57
Tuesday, May 31	Acts 17:19-28	John 12:19-36
Wednesday, June 1	Acts 18:22-28	John 12:36-47
Thursday, June 2	Acts 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
Friday, June 3	Acts 19:1-8	John 14:1-11
Saturday, June 4	Acts 20:7-12	John 14:10-21

COMING EVENTS

MAY:

30, Monday 8:30 a.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

JUNE:

11, Saturday 11:30 a.m. Community BBQ/Bake Sale for Ukraine

12, Sunday Pentecost Luncheon

19, Sunday Noon Luncheon in honor of Fr. Alexander at Woodside

27, Monday 11:30 a.m. St. Herman House 9th Annual Golf Classic

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Sunday, May 22, Diane Hastings received the Diane Zamiska Award at the Cleveland IOCC Banquet. The award is given to those individuals who offer exemplary service and support for the work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities. Several Holy Trinity parishioners have been recipients in the past. The award will be on display in our church for the entire year, near the candle desk.

MANY THANKS!

Special acknowledgement and thanks to John Gaydos, Ted Bellack and Ron Chandler. Since the beginning of the calendar year, our regular custodian Mark Karpowicz has been out on sick leave, which necessitated finding some good-willed parishioners to do the cleaning and general upkeep at the church. John, Ted and Ron have stepped up to the task and done a terrific job.

Going forward, the Parish Council has decided to seek someone who can function as a part-time custodian and property manager; job description and compensation would be negotiable. If interested, or if you know of someone who is interested, please speak with Council President MaryAnn Bobulsky.

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:

Fr. Alexander will be at St. Theodosius Cemetery beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. If you like the grave of a departed family member blessed, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE HOUR:

We are in need of donors for Coffee Hour on June 5 and June 26.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The covers and flowers today are offered by the Bellack Family in blessed memory of Bernice Roark.

PENTECOST LUNCHEON:

In honor of our parish Feast Day on Pentecost. June 12, reservations will be taken during Coffee Hour for a luncheon featuring Beef Tenderloin, salad, potatoes and Brussel sprouts. \$20/person includes appetizers, wine and dessert. Reservations must be made in advance in the Fellowship Hall or by calling Paula Svilar (216-372-1862) or Rita Bellack (330-204-9513).

HONORING FR. ALEXANDER:

On Sunday, June 19, there will be a retirement luncheon for Fr. Alexander at St. Michael's Woodside, beginning at noon. The menu features your choice of Beef Tips or Champagne Chicken. Tickets are \$40, with no charge for children under 10; they are on sale today during Coffee Hour, or contact Jewelann Stefanar (216-402-8599); or Rita Bellack (330-204-9513).

ST. HERMAN HOUSE:

The St. Herman House 9th Annual Gold Classic is Monday, June 27, at Tanglewood Club in Chagrin Falls. All proceeds benefit St. Herman House. Tee time is 11:30 a.m., and lunch and dinner are provided. The Individual Golfer donation is \$175; a Foursome is \$650 (\$700 after June 10). Last year more than \$75,000 was raised! To register or to support with a sponsorship, go to: www.sainthermans.org/golf

St. Herman House is now seeking a new Local Director. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall. For a complete job description, visit: <https://focusnorthamerica.org/about-us/careers/> Apply via email to: finance@focusna.org by June 17.

COMMUNITY HELP FOR UKRAINE:

On Saturday, June 11, Good Shepherd Methodist Church is sponsoring a BBQ and Bake Sale, 11:30-6:30, raising funds to aid Ukraine. Various churches and organizations are participating. Details are posted in the Fellowship Hall.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 5/22/2022	\$ 1429.00
BUILDING FUND	190.00
CANDLES	147.00
ROOF REPAIRS	185.00
IN MEMORY OF DEAN GONZALEZ	500.00
IN MEMORY OF SOPHIE LYNK	10.00
COFFEE HOUR, 5/15/22	94.00

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**JESUS CHRIST'S SIGNS OF SALVATION –
BELIEVING IS SEEING**

*“I am the light of the world; they who follow Me will not walk in darkness.”
(John 8:12)*

We often say, “seeing is believing.” It means that when we see things and events with our bodily eyes, we accept them as fact, that such things are true. This is a logical and universally-recognized truth. However, as Christians, our beliefs and acceptance of facts are not limited to what we see with our physical eyes. When Jesus appeared to the doubting Apostle Thomas, He said, “Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe” (John 20:29). The Christian concept of seeing involves more than having 20-20 vision, corrective glasses, or eye surgery to improve our vision; it involves faith. Thus, we can say with assurance that “believing is seeing”!

Today, on the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, we hear how Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind from birth (John 9:1-38). This is the sixth of the seven defining signs in the Gospel of John. In response to the question, “Was the blind man’s condition caused by his sins or that of his parents,” Jesus answered that it was neither the man nor his parents that caused the blindness, “but that the works of God would be made manifest” (John 9:3). The Lord’s answer begs another question, “How is it that human misery becomes the cause of manifesting God’s works?” The answer to that question is not easy to accept, because it implies that God’s creation may have been imperfect, as our human condition is subject to misery because of our “natural” fallen state. The fact is that it is not God’s creation that is imperfect, but our inability to accept God’s love for humanity, His great gift of free-will. By abusing that God-given freedom, we in effect reject God’s love. But inasmuch as “God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish,” Jesus abides with us even when we forget Him. He redeems us from sins, and heals our physical and spiritual infirmities. Although many of life’s mysteries are beyond our comprehension, with faith, through repentance and with God’s grace, we are restored to physical and spiritual well-being by Christ, with Whom we walk in “light and not darkness.”

To understand how Jesus Christ’s salvation is effected in our lives, we need to develop our spiritual sense of sight. Of course, “sight” is the physiological sense of “seeing.” But sight is also the ability to comprehend and understand what we see. Our human instincts and will are involved in the process. So, for example, we may be drawn to look at things that are appealing, but not good for us to see. Also, as we look and see people and things around us, we evaluate and judge on the basis of preconceived human notions. When we see a person of another race or ethnic group, do we see them as a fellow human being, or as someone who we regard as inferior? When we look at things in this world, do we see objects that we crave or desire that we wish to exploit, or are they acts of God’s creation that we admire and appreciate? When Jesus Christ becomes our “light,” we are enlightened and see the truth. In that divine light, we behold the beauty of God’s creation, especially in the fellowship of humanity, the created family of God’s children, brothers and sisters of which we are.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Ascension	2 The Ascension of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	3	4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
5 7th Sunday of Pascha Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council	6	7	8	9	10	11 5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost
12 8th Sunday of Pascha Holy Pentecost Feast of the Holy Trinity Parish Luncheon	13 T H I S	14 I S	15 A	16 F A S T -	17 F R E E	18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions W E E K .
19 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Noon - Luncheon in honor of Fr. Alexander	20 Beginning of the Apostles' Fast	21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Vespers	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	25 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Akathist
26 2nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints of America Parish Council meeting	27 11:30 a.m. St. Herman House Golf Classic	28 6:00 p.m. Vespers	29 Holy and All- Praised Sts. Peter and Paul 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	30		