

MARTYR LONGINUS THE CENTURION

Martyr Longinus, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the governor Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgatha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. The events of the final moments of our Lord's life on earth shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believe in Christ and confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound. After the Burial, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by gold and were not silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

The soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and left military service. St. Longinus went to his native land (Cappadocia) to preach about Jesus Christ, and his two comrades followed him. Their fiery words swayed the hearts and minds of Cappadocians; Christianity spread throughout the area. The Jewish elders persuaded Pilate to send soldiers to kill Longinus and his comrades. When the soldiers arrived at Longinus' village, he came out to meet them and took them to his home. After a meal, the soldiers revealed the purpose of their visit, not knowing Longinus was their host. Longinus and his friends identified themselves and told the startled soldiers to carry out their duty. The soldiers wished to let them flee, but they refused, showing their firm intention to suffer for Christ. The holy martyrs were beheaded, and their bodies were buried at the place of martyrdom. The head of Longinus, however, was sent to Pilate.

Pilate ordered the martyr's head cast upon a trash-heap outside the city walls. A blind widow from Cappadocia had arrived at the city to seek physicians about her sight, but while there her son fell ill and died. St. Longinus appeared to her in a dream, comforted her and told her she would see her son in heavenly glory. She was to find his head in the pile of refuse. She dug with her hands, and as soon as she touched the martyr's head, she received her sight. She glorified God and took up the head and washed it. Again the saint appeared to her, this time surrounded in bright light and with her son. Longinus told her not to grieve; her son was numbered with those in God's Kingdom and will rejoice forever in glory. She took the head, returned to Cappadocia, and buried it with her son, as St. Longinus had instructed her to do.

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Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 1

OCTOBER 16, 2022

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord;

St. Gall of Switzerland;

Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves;

Ven. Lóngin of Yarénsk

“Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them You have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Longinus, you beheld the King of Glory who was nailed to the Cross, yet shone on those in darkness. You were enlightened by His rays and became a martyr and save those who cry: Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 9:6-11
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15
JOHN 17:1-13

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 22 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ’s Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 17	Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday, October 18	Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 9:23-27
(Apostle Luke)	Colossians 4:5-9,14,18	Luke 10:16-21
Wednesday, October 19	Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 9:44-50
Thursday, October 20	Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:49-56
Friday, October 21	Philippians 1:27-2:4	Luke 10:1-15
Saturday, October 22	I Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 7:2-10
(Departed)	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 5:24-30

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OCTOBER:

- 23, Sunday 6:00 p.m. "The Pro-Life Christian" Program at St. Matthew Church
- 24, Monday Cooking dinner for St. Herman's House
- 6:00 p.m. IOCC Wine Tasting and Dinner at Woodside
- 26, Wednesday Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House
- 29, Saturday 10:30-12:30 Eastern Churches Seminar at St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church
- 30, Sunday Annual Parish Meeting

THANK YOU!

We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to move furniture, clean, paint, and decorate the Church School rooms, the Rest & Refocus Room, and Fr. Christopher's office. All the rooms look great! May God bless those who offered their time and efforts.

GOD'S BLESSINGS:

And Many Years to the newly-illuminated Luke Ignatius Badgett, to his parents Matthew and Sarah, and his Godparents Rebecca and Scott. Luke entered into the Orthodox Church through Holy Baptism and Chrismation yesterday, October 15, 2022.

PARISH MEETING:

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be October 30 after the Divine Liturgy. Please make sure to attend and participate in this important meeting.

100th ANNIVERSARY:

November 5-6 is the 100th Anniversary Weekend for Archangel Michael Church! Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Daniel will celebrate a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m., followed by a banquet. To RSVP for the banquet and for further details, visit the Archangel Michael Church website.

LUNCHEON AND BASKET RAFFLE:

Our Meatloaf Luncheon was a huge success. Thank you to those who purchased tickets, helped setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. A special thank you to Dianna Kall for her efforts to make the Basket Raffle a success. Our profit was \$500 from the Raffle and \$1005 from the Luncheon. We also appreciate all who donated additional funds toward our profit.

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

The annual Seminar sponsored by Notre Dame College will be October 29, 10:30-12:30, at St. Mary Church, 3256 Warren Rd. This year's presenter is Frederica Mathewes-Green. The event is free but requires registration. Please see details in the Hall.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are hosted by the Orloff Family in celebration of Hunter's birthday.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Nancy Scardon.

ATTACHED FLIER:

Please note the information for 2 important Orthodox community events on 2 sides of the attached flier: a Pro-Life program and a benefit for St. Herman's House.

WINE TASTING TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 24, 2022

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, basket raffle, and cash bar.

And learn how your gifts help families in need around the world.

St. Michael's Woodside Event Center; 5025 Mill Road in Broadview Hts.

Tickets are \$60; See our HTOC representative Diane Hastings.

Or mail a donation for IOCC to Julie Hall; PO Box 560185; Macedonia, OH 44056

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 10/9/2022	\$ 2897.00
BUILDING FUND	1159.00
CANDLES	96.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS, ROOF REPAIRS	35.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	125.00
IN MEMORY OF JOHN MIKLOS	150.00
COFFEE HOUR, 10/2/22	85.00

INNER DISHARMONY RESOLVED
BY GROWTH IN INTEGRITY AND VIRTUE

Last Sunday my sermon sought to focus on the tension between 1) our being made God’s temple (II Cor. 6:16) by God’s grace and the reconciliation that comes through the sacrifice of Christ; and 2) knowing that in our sinful humanity, we hold the treasure of the light of God in jars of clay (II Cor. 4:7). Our call is to recognize this tension but understand that there is a transformation of our beings that still must come to fruition: “Let us purify ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God” (II Cor. 7:1). As I continue to read through “Welcoming Gifts” by Fr. Jeremy Davis, perhaps his following words might offer us a helpful perspective on this tension and moving to transformation. I encourage you to find a moment in your week to read it slowly.

“But what exactly is this purification of conscience – this removal of sin – which Christ accomplished after the Law failed to do so? Is it merely the removal of guilt? This was the position of Martin Luther, for whom “the Christian is *simul iustus et peccator* [Lat., “at the same time righteous and a sinner’], at once knowing that he is condemned by the law (the bad conscience) but also that God will judge him mercifully because of his faith in Christ (the good conscience).” For Luther (and much Protestant theology), Christians have boldness toward God because Christ has discharged our guilt by taking it upon Himself, thus changing our legal status before the Judge of the universe from guilty to innocent.

“In light of the ancient, biblical understanding of conscience, such a theory of legal expedience rings false. It ignores the deep conflict that this word signified – the torment that our ongoing hypocrisy necessarily inflicts on us. Merely being assured of merciful judgment by God cannot resolve this inner conflict, because it does not provide us a way out of that torment. It just papers over the problem and, as a result, invites one of two perverse outcomes: either pretending that one’s glaring hypocrisy doesn’t matter or numbing one’s conscience by imagining that God is indifferent to sin. Yet, whether we pretend or go numb, we cannot truly escape that hypocritical, self-betraying moral mess – that “body of death” – which is the hell within us.

“Moreover, this juridical idea of reconciliation is nothing like our actual experience of reconciliation in relationships. The mere determination to pardon someone cannot restore a relationship. Even when that pardon is sought by the offending party, something more is needed – many of us have heard our mothers say, ‘Sorry is as sorry does.’ Forgiveness can be the start of reconciliation, but it must be followed up by the hard work of reestablishing trust through actual faithfulness. Only in this way can a meaningful relationship be rebuilt. This is also true of our relationship with God: our alienation from Him cannot be resolved by merely papering over our sins, but only by a reformation of how we live with Him.

“Likewise, in terms of our relationship with ourselves (our moral consciousness or ‘co-knowing with ourselves’ – the ancient idea of conscience, as described above), the inner disharmony of a tormenting conscience cannot be resolved by a mere legal pardon but only by the restoration of integrity. Although ancient people didn’t think of the conscience as an entity in the way we do, they did think of it as an experience similar to a broken relationship: the conflict between different value systems in a person. The alienation of our will from our awareness of God’s will can only be resolved through a reintegration of our souls around a renewed commitment to faithfulness – that is, through a restoration of integrity. Thus, in his explanation of Hebrews 10:22, Chrysostom asserts that the purification of conscience – the end of inner turmoil – is accomplished by the restoration of virtue in the soul:

“‘Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.’ He shows that here not only faith but also a virtuous life is required – even the co-knowing with ourselves of nothing evil. For the holy things do not admit “with full assurance” those who are not thus disposed, for they are holy things and, indeed, holy of holies. Therefore, absolutely no impure man will enter here. Those [in the Old Testament] were sprinkled in body; we, in conscience. And so [the conscience] is even now to be sprinkled, but by virtue itself.’

“The conscience is purified through growth in virtue. Thus, a ‘good conscience’ – one purified from sin – is found in those who wholeheartedly ‘desire to behave well in all things,’ as St. Paul writes of himself in Hebrews 13:18. The conscience becomes a source of assurance and boldness toward God when virtue replaces sin in the soul and integrity reigns in place of hypocrisy.” –Davis, Jeremy. *Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life* (pp.196-198). Ancient Faith Publishing.

St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland presents

The Journey from Trauma to Healing: An Orthodox Christian Perspective



An Evening with Fr. Paul Abernathy

Orthodox priest, CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project & Author of "The Prayer of a Broken Heart: An Orthodox Christian Reflection on African American Spirituality." Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Monday, November 14, 2022

Doors Open at 6:30

6:30-7:30 - Appetizers

7:30-8:30 - Program

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Special Teaching Evening

with
Paul Finley

What does our Orthodox Faith teach concerning the currently very controversial topic of abortion? A teaching evening to explain it all will be led by Paul Finley, the director of St. Herman FOCUS Orthodox Homeless Shelter in Cleveland. Teaching, discussion, refreshments, fellowship ... Please come and invite your friends.

Topic: **The Pro-Life Christian: "Fighting Without and Fear Within"**

(2 Cor. 7:5)



Where: St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Rd, North Royalton

When: Sunday, **October 23, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

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