

VENERABLE PAUL OF THEBES

St. Paul of Thebes was born in Egypt around 227 in the Thebaid region. Left orphaned, he suffered many things from a greedy relative over his inheritance. During the persecution against Christians under the emperor Decius, St. Paul learned of his brother-in-law's insidious plan to deliver him into the hands of the persecutors, and so he fled the city into the wilderness.

Settling into a mountain cave, St. Paul dwelt there for ninety-one years, praying incessantly to God both day and night. He sustained himself on dates and bread, which a raven brought him, and he clothed himself with palm leaves.

St. Anthony the Great, who also lived as an ascetic in the Thebaid desert, had a revelation from God concerning St. Paul. St. Anthony thought that there was no other desert dweller such as he. Then God said to him, "Anthony, there is a servant of God more excellent than you, and you should go and see him."

St. Anthony went into the desert and came to St. Paul's cave. Falling to the ground before the entrance to the cave, he asked to be admitted. The Elders introduced themselves, and then embraced one another. They conversed through the night, and St. Anthony revealed how he had been led there by God. St. Paul disclosed that for 60 years a bird had brought him half a loaf of bread each day. Now the Lord had sent a double portion in honor of St. Anthony's visit. The next morning St. Paul spoke to St. Anthony of his approaching death and instructed him to bury him. He also asked St. Anthony to return to his monastery and bring back the cloak he had received from St. Athanasius. He did not really need a garment but wished to depart from his body while St. Anthony was absent.

As he was returning with the cloak, St. Anthony beheld the soul of St. Paul surrounded by angels, prophets, and apostles, shining like the sun and ascending to God. He entered the cave and found Abba Paul on his knees with his arms outstretched. St. Anthony mourned for him and wrapped him in the cloak. He wondered how to bury the body, as he had not remembered to bring a shovel; but 2 lions came running from the wilderness and dug a grave with their claws.

St. Paul died in the year 341, when he was 113 years old. He did not establish a single monastery, but soon after his end there were many imitators of his life, and they filled the desert with monasteries. St. Paul is honored as the first desert-dweller and hermit.

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ven Paul of Thebes and Ven. John Calabytes, "the Hut-dweller"
Ven. Monk-Martyr Pansophius of Alexandria;
Ven Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski wilderness on the River Pshina in Bulgaria;
Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria

"Inspired by the Spirit, you were the first to dwell in the desert in emulation of Elijah the zealot; as one who imitated the angels, you were made known to the world by Saint Anthony the Great. Righteous Paul, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy."

Troparion, Tone III

"From your early youth, you longed with fervor for the things of the Lord. Leaving the world and its pleasures, you became an example of monastic life. Most blessed John, you built your hut at the door of your parents' house and overcame the devil's guiles. Therefore Christ Himself has worthily glorified you."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: I TIMOTHY 1:15-17

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:18-27

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers General Confession

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, January 16

James 2:14-26

Mark 9:42-10:1

Tuesday, January 17

Hebrews 13:17-21

Luke 6:17-23

Wednesday, January 18

James 3:1-10

Mark 10:2-12

James 3:11-4:6

Mark 10:11-16

Thursday, January 19

James 4:7-5:9

Mark 10:17-27

Friday, January 20

Hebrews 13:17-21

Luke 6:17-23

Saturday, January 21

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

Mark 10:23-32

I Thessalonians 5:14-23

Luke 16:10-15

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 15, TODAY Retirement Party for Michael Pilat
- 22, Sunday Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service for the Unborn Children at St. Michael Church
- 23, Monday Cooking meals for St. Herman’s House
- 25, Wednesday Delivering meals to St. Herman’s House

<p><u>HOME BLESSINGS:</u> House blessings are ongoing now through February 26. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule. Father will get in touch with all who want homes blessed to set up dates and times. If you are unable to sign up on the sheet, please call the church and leave your name, address and phone number.</p> <p><u>PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN:</u> ZOE for Life! invites all to pray for unborn children on Sunday, January 22, at Archangel Michael Church. The service will take place at 6:00 pm; Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate will be the guest speaker at the presentation following the worship. The event will be live streamed; registration is free but required to receive a Zoom link. Please register by the end of today for this link: https://forms.gle/MTqZdA4QkXMAF3wr8</p> <p><u>ST. MARY OF EGYPT MISSION:</u> We will hold a Food Collection in February for St. Mary of Egypt Mission Center. Please plan to bring your donation on Feb. 5, 12, or 19. Specific items are being requested: Canned meats and tuna; dry and canned milk; coffee and boxed tea bags; oatmeal and cereals; rice; cooking ingredients such as spices, baking soda, cornstarch, baking powder.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by the Bellack Family in memory of Richard Roark.</p>	<p><u>TIME, TALENT, TREASURE:</u> Please return your Time, Talent, Treasure forms by today, if possible. There is a box available in the vestibule. Extra forms are also available on the table. Please fill out and return as soon as you are able.</p> <p><u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</u> The Parish Council will meet next Sunday following the Liturgy.</p> <p><u>OFFERING ENVELOPES:</u> Offering envelopes for 2023 are available in the vestibule. If you do not have a box with your name on it and would like to obtain offering envelopes, please see Father Christopher. If you can deliver a box to someone who is shut-in, please do so.</p> <p><u>2023 CALENDARS:</u> Lectionary wall calendars for 2023 are also available in the vestibule.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Pauline Smolarchuk. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to offer covers in 2023. Your donation goes toward the printing costs of our weekly Trinitarian. Cost is \$10, or \$20 for Pascha and Christmas covers.</p> <p><u>MEMORIAL PRAYERS:</u> There will be a Memorial Prayer Service for David Howe on Sunday, January 29, following Church School.</p>
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*“God will sometimes inflame the senses of His devout friends with unspeakable delight and consolation, even here in this life, in anticipation of eternal glory.
Not just once or twice, but perhaps very often, as He judges best.
This delight, however, does not originate outside the person, but wells up from an excess of joy and true devotion of the Spirit.”*

From “The Cloud of Unknowing”

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POINTING TO CHRIST PRESENT IN EACH CULTURE

One aspect of Christian mission that I am drawn to is enculturation. It involves how a culture or subculture receives the Gospel, the teachings, and the liturgical and ascetic practices of the Christian faith and makes them their own while maintaining the deposit of the Christ faith through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The missionary, though often an outsider and not able to be fully clued in to another's culture, seeks to gain insights into this second culture and grow into a cultural insider and ambassador. St. Nicholas of Japan comes to mind as one who made learning Japanese language and culture a lifelong pursuit. As Christians engaged in mission, it is important to be curious about what ways has God already been revealing Himself in each culture. What "seeds of the Logos" are already present in the culture, revealing an aspect of who God is? Can these be connecting points to share more with people about Christ who has worked so powerfully and deeply in my life?

The missionary also must consider what aspects of the way he or she believes, worships, or practices their faith are something that must be passed on without any changes, are something that could or should be adapted, or are something to be dispensed with entirely. In the best of situations, such decisions are not made unilaterally but approached cautiously, over time, prayerfully, and with consultation with several people.

If a missionary insists that new Christians in a different culture do everything the same as the way Christianity was practiced in their previous culture, such a method can run the risk of building a church that remains a foreigner's religion and not able to connect with the true heart of the people. On the other hand, adapting beliefs, worship, and practice too greatly to the new environment can risk losing the core of the Christian faith that has been passed down to us.

Enculturation involves cultural artistic expressions: architecture, dress, music, visual arts, language, etc. Enculturation involves blessing and baptizing cultural events when possible and appropriate. In Korea our prayer books had blessing prayers for making kimchi, for blessing children on the landmark of their 100th day and their "Dol," their first trip around the sun. In Korea, though we always used red grape wine and what bread for Eucharist, we often used sweet rice cakes and uncooked rice instead of bread loaves and grains of wheat for the Litya service at Vespers on great feasts. Rice was the "daily bread" of Korean society. These are just a few examples of how enculturation in the Korean Orthodox Church has already begun to happen in exciting ways.

It behooves all of us to mediated on how our Orthodox Church and Orthodox Faith, brought here from different parts of the world by faithful parents and grandparents can continue to the process of enculturation which has already greatly begun in this land and in our parish to be a bearer of the light of Christ that connects with the world around us. Next week I'll plan to share more thoughts on this theme.

Fr. Christopher Moore

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for January 11, 2023 Updated

Memory Eternal

Very Reverend Sergius S. Kuharsky fell asleep in the Lord on Jan 5. Please pray for comfort for his family. May his memory be eternal+

Specific Prayer Requests

- 1 Joanne Stoyka asks for prayers for her nephew, Patrick who has blood clot in his leg and is in Cleveland Clinic.
- 2 Frank and Joanne Stoyka ask for prayers of health and healing for their friend, Neil, who was life flighted to UH for aortic valve surgery.
- 3 Jessie Pecuch asks for prayers for health and healing for her father George who is in ICU following surgery.
- 4 Please offer prayers for Valerie Spoerl as she prepares for neck surgery at the end of the month.
- 5 Karen Sherwood asks for prayers for her cousins Don and Joanne. They are suffering from covid and Don is also in the hospital with a broken arm.
- 6 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her daughter Maren as she recovers from surgery last week.
- 7 Barry and Laura Gluntz ask for prayers for health and healing for Barry's mother Lois.
- 8 Protodeacon Anthony asks for prayers for his brother Jerry who is recovering from hip surgery.
- 9 Michele Kuhar asks for prayers for her friend Patricia N. who is recovering from surgery.
- 10 Grace Svilar asks for prayers for her friend Vickie Garcia who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.
- 11 Katie Griebel asks for prayers for her friend Priya who is recovering from surgery.
- 12 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her friend Debbie who is recovering from surgery.
- 13 Popadija Kathy Babich asks for prayers for her friends Lois Wolf and Emma Morris.

Continued prayers for the health, peace and well-being of:

- 1 Becky and Evie
- 2 V. Reverend Father Vladimir and Margarita Berzonsky
- 3 Carol Bohurjak
- 4 Tommy Bohurjak
- 5 Marie Borland
- 6 Christine who is undergoing cancer treatment
- 7 Jennie Cundik
- 8 Baby Emilija Markov, granddaughter of Ana Billow
- 9 Anna DiDonato
- 10 Eva, daughter of Nadine Svilar's cousin
- 11 Barb Fillipow
- 12 Ruth Flewelling
- 13 Gil and Pat George
- 14 Pauline Smolarchuk's friend's son Jimmy
- 15 Mark Karpowicz
- 16 Lydia Kelbach

- 17 **Liam James Kepner**
18 **John Kules**
19 **Olga Lobas**
20 **Kalle Lyytinen**
21 **George Mravitz**
22 **Michael**, Nephew of Pauline Smolarchuk
23 **Ellen Myerly**, daughter of Pat Schwartz
24 **Peter, and Rebecca**, nephew and niece of Ruth Flewelling.
25 **Jessica Pecuch**
26 **Kira Pilat**
27 **Olga Przybys**
28 **Carol Range**
29 **Betty Reis**
30 **Mark S.** friend of Michael Sabat
31 **Betty Scherry**
32 **Pat Schwartz**
33 **Gregg Sepic**
34 **Pauline Smolarchuk**
35 **Eleanor Steve**
36 **Ernie and Maryann Schmidt**
37 **Nadine Svilar**
38 **Teresa**, friend of Pauline Smolarchuk
39 **Tressa Thorpe**, friend of Jessie Pecuch
40 **Marsha Uziel**
41 **Marge Virosteck**

A Prayer for Deliverance From Illness

O most Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity undivided;
pour forth Thy mercy upon Thy sick servant (name);
take away all (his/her) pain and anguish, forgive all (his/her) sins, grant relief from all suffering,
restore health and strength to body and soul.
Grant Thy servant peace, patience and understanding of Thy will for (his/her) life, that (he/she)
may return from the bed of sickness
completely restored to health and able to praise Thy Holy Name, O Lord God and our Creator.