

MARTYR AGATHA OF PALERMO IN SICILY

The Holy Virgin Martyr Agatha was the 15-year-old daughter of rich and respected Christian parents from the city of Palermo in Sicily. During the persecution under the emperor Decius (249-251), the city prefect of Catania, Quintianus, having heard about Agatha's wealth and beauty, sent his soldiers after her to bring her to trial as a Christian.

At Catania they housed the saint with a certain rich woman, who had five daughters. They all attempted to tempt St. Agatha with fine clothes, amusements and entertainment, urging her to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods; but the saint disdained all these things. The more they tried to move her, the more resolute she became. She prayed that she might soon face martyrdom.

During her interrogation under Quintianus, the holy martyr was swayed neither by the flattery nor by the threats, and she was subjected to cruel torments. They also tried to remove her breasts with metal tongs, and when this failed, they used knives.

The holy Apostle Peter appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds. St. Agatha was led to torture again, and Quintianus was astonished to see her completely healed, with no trace of cutting. Then the torture began once more.

At this moment an earthquake took place in the city, and many buildings were destroyed. Among those killed were two of Quintianus' advisors. The terrified inhabitants rushed to Quintianus, demanding an end to Agatha's tortures. Fearing a revolt by the people, Quintianus sent St. Agatha back to prison. There the martyr, offering thanks to God, peacefully surrendered her soul to the Lord.

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SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 1

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Afterfeast of the Meeting

*Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily; Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov;
Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius;
Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos "Search of the Lost" and "Rescue of the Drowning"*

"Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! And learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior, have mercy on us, only merciful One!"

Kontakion, Tone IV

"By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin's womb, and did bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!"

Kontakion, Tone I

"Your lamb Agatha calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: 'I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love.' Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II TIMOTHY 3:10-15

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:10-14

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 11 11:00 a.m. Baptism of Connor James, son of Alan and Rebecca Wallace
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, February 6	II Peter 1:20-2:9	Mark 13:9-13
Tuesday, February 7	II Peter 2:9-22	Mark 13:14-23
Wednesday, February 8	II Peter 3:1-18	Mark 13:24-31
Thursday, February 9	I John 1:8-2:6	Mark 13:31-14:2
Friday, February 10	I John 2:7-17	Mark 14:3-9
Saturday, February 11	II Timothy 3:1-9	Luke 20:46-21:4

THIS IS A FAST-FREE WEEK.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY:

5-19	Food Collection for St. Mary of Egypt Mission
6, Monday	6:30 p.m. Bagging food items at St. Mary of Egypt Mission
12, Sunday	Second Sunday Food Sale
19, Sunday	Parish Council meeting
20, Monday	Cooking for St. Herman's House
22, Wednesday	Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
23, Thursday	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

<p><u>FOOD SALE:</u> Next Sunday is our Second Sunday Food Sale. Please bake and cook for this fundraiser!</p> <p><u>SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:</u> This year Holy Trinity will host the Pan-Orthodox Vespers service that is celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, which is March 5. Please plan to attend the service and offer to help with hosting duties. Details will follow as the date nears.</p> <p><u>HOME BLESSINGS:</u> House blessings are ongoing now through February 26. If you want your home blessed but did not yet sign up, please contact Father Christopher.</p> <p><u>ST. MARY OF EGYPT MISSION:</u> St. Mary of Egypt Mission is seeking individuals to help bag nonperishable food items for their monthly distributions. The next bagging event is Monday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. The Mission is located at 4345 State Road in Cleveland. Please call or text Nicholas Bodle at 216-904-8537.</p> <p><u>FOOD COLLECTION FOR MISSION:</u> We are holding a Food Collection for St. Mary of Egypt Mission Center. Please bring your donations on Feb.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 and baking powder.</p>	<p><u>TIME, TALENT, TREASURE:</u> Please return your Time, Talent, Treasure forms as soon as possible. There is a box available in the vestibule. Extra forms are also available on the table.</p> <p><u>"OUR DIOCESE" APP:</u> The Diocese of the Midwest has released an app, accessible on Apple and Android devices as well as through an internet browser, that will connect you to information from our parish and parishes throughout our Diocese. There are profile types that will be assigned to those who join the app, which will allow for different levels of use and accessibility. It is exciting to note that there is a level for our youth, which will give them an opportunity to stay connected with their church school, church camps, etc. Joining is limited to an invite from the priest of each parish. This invitation will be extended via email. Fr. Christopher would like to make sure that he has an email address for everyone in our parish that would like to be included! Please contact Father or the church office if we do not already have your email address; or email your information to: frchristopher@holy-trin.org</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered by Margie Stoyka Sabol and Helen Stoyka.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> The refreshments today are donated by Lydia Kelbach. Sign-up sheets for dates throughout the spring are available in the kitchen.</p>
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GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	2/22	1/29
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 1620.00	\$ 1624.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	900.00	1350.00
BUILDING FUND	490.00	832.00
CANDLES	128.00	118.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS		81.00
HOUSE BLESSING	100.00	20.00
COFFEE HOUR, 1/22		87.00

Please Join Us for the Church School

Coffee Hour Brunch



Sunday, February 12th

Following Liturgy

Including but not limited to ~

Frittatas – Fruit – Veggies – Sandwiches –
Scones and other breakfast pastries

Proceeds support our Church
School efforts

Freewill Offering

We hope you can join us!

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for January 29, 2023

Memory Eternal

- 1 Lois, mother of Barry Gluntz has entered into eternal rest. May her memory be eternal+
- 2 **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 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her friend George who is having serious health issues. Please also pray for his wife Joyce who is also suffering health issues.
- 2 Please offer prayers for health and healing for Rachel and Pamela.
- 3 Please offer prayers for Valerie Spoerl as she prepares for neck surgery this week. May our dear Lord guide the hands of the surgeons.
- 4 Bruce Billow asks for prayers for Roy - from Saint Herman's who fell and has been hospitalized. Please pray for his speedy and full recovery.
- 5 Joanne Stoyka asks for prayers for George Antonaklas who is recovering from surgery.
- 6 Jessie Pechuch asks for prayers for health and healing for her father George who is in ICU following surgery.
- 7 Please offer special prayers for health and healing for Ruth Flewelling.
- 8 Joanne Stoyka asks for prayers for her nephew, Patrick who is Cleveland Clinic with complicated symptoms.
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 Marsha Uziel asks for prayers for her daughter Maren as she recovers from surgery last week.
- 12 Protodeacon Anthony asks for prayers for his brother Jerry who is recovering from hip surgery.
- 13 Michele Kuhar asks for prayers for her friend Patricia N. who is recovering from surgery.

Update

Elliott McNeely's friend Ava is home from the hospital and doing well. Thank to everyone for your prayers! God is Good!

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 Emiliya 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.