

MARTYRS CHRYSANTHUS AND DARIA, AND THOSE WITH THEM AT ROME

St. Chrysanthus came from a pagan family who had moved to Rome from Alexandria. He received a fine education and had read books in which pagans discussed Christianity. However, the young man wanted to read books written by Christians themselves. He found a copy of the New Testament and was greatly enlightened.

Seeking someone to instruct him in the Holy Scriptures, he found the presbyter Carpophoros hiding from persecution, and received Holy Baptism from him. After this, he began to preach the Gospel. Chrysanthus' father tried to turn his son from Christianity and finally married him to Daria, a priestess of Minerva.

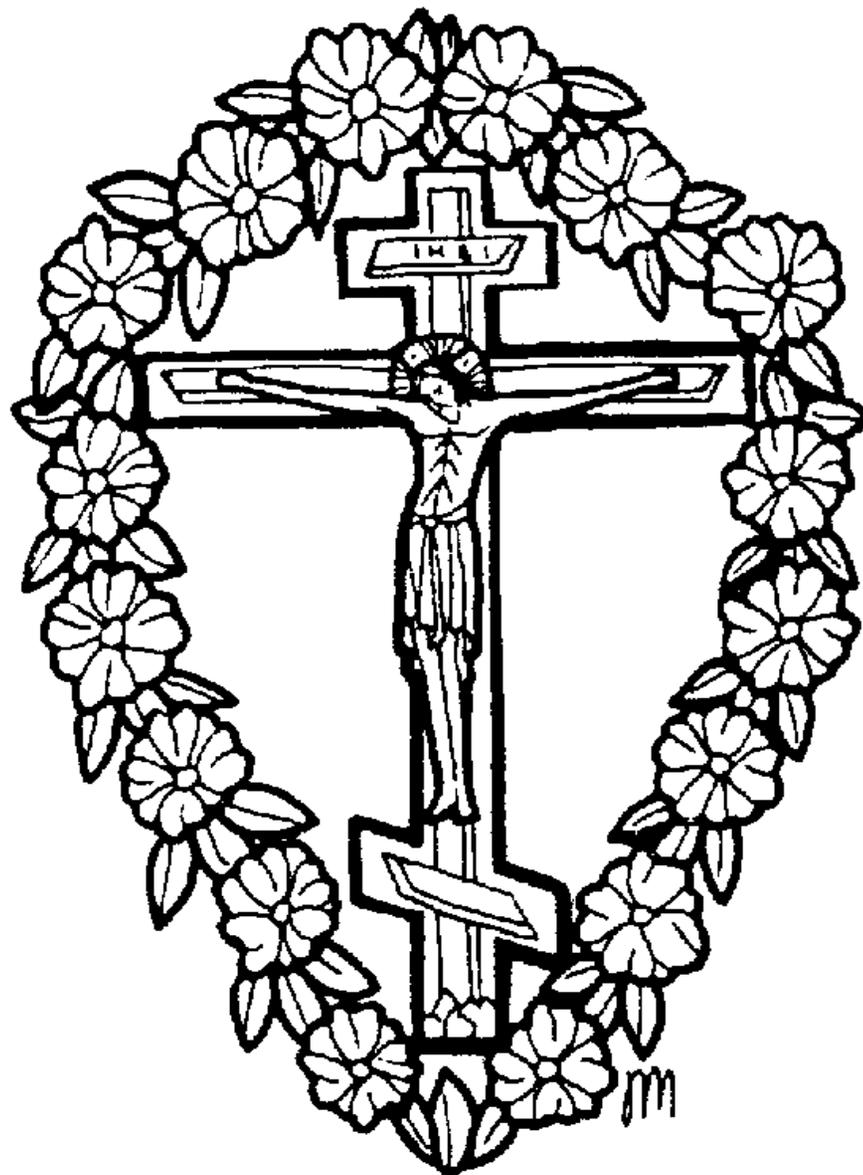
St. Chrysanthus managed to convert his wife to Christ, and the young couple mutually agreed to lead celibate lives. After the death of the father, they lived in separate houses. St. Chrysanthus converted several young men to Christ, and many pious women gathered around St. Daria. But the people of Rome complained to the eparch Celerinus that the saints were preaching celibacy and attracting too many young men and women to monasticism. St. Chrysanthus was sent to the tribune Claudius for torture.

The torments, however, did not shake the bravery of the young martyr, since the power of God clearly aided him. Struck by this, Claudius himself came to believe in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism together with his wife Hilaria, his sons, household, and soldiers. When news of this reached the emperor Numerian, he commanded them all to be executed. Martyr Claudius was drowned in the sea, and his sons and soldiers were beheaded. Hilaria went to pray where Christians had buried their bodies, and the torturers led her off for torture. She asked for a few minutes to pray, and as soon as she finished, she gave up her soul to God.

The torturers sent Daria to a brothel, where she was protected by a lion sent by God. A man tried to defile her, but the lion pinned him down. She preached to them all about Christ and set them on the path to salvation. St. Chrysanthus was thrown into a foul-smelling pit where the city's filth flowed. But a heavenly light shone on him, and the pit was filled with a sweet fragrance.

Then Numerian ordered Sts. Chrysanthus and Daria to be turned over to the executioners. After many cruel tortures, the martyrs were buried alive in the ground. Christians gathered at a nearby cave to honor them with Church services. Learning of this, the pagan authorities ordered the entrance to the cave sealed, and those within were martyred.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Veneration of the Cross

*Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome:
Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon;
Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia; St. Innocent of Komel', disciple of St. Nilus of Sora;
The Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos "OUR LADY OF TENDERNESS" at Smolensk*

"Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross! The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell: 'Enter again into Paradise.'"

Kontakion, Tone VII

"Let us honor the like-minded pair of martyrs Chrysanthus, scion of purity, and supremely modest Daria. United in holiness of faith, they shone forth as communicants of God the Word. They fought lawfully for Him and now save those who sing: 'Glory to Him who has strengthened you! Glory to Him who has crowned you! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!'"

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-5:6

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, March 19	5:00 p.m. Akathist for Sunday of the Cross at Archangel Michael Church
Wednesday, March 22	6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 24	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Annunciation
Saturday, March 25	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Annunciation of the Theotokos
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

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, March 20	Isaiah 14:24-32	Genesis 8:21-9:7	Proverbs 11:19-12:6
Tuesday, March 21	Isaiah 25:1-9	Genesis 9:8-17	Proverbs 12:8-22
Wednesday, March 22	Isaiah 26:21-27:9	Genesis 9:18-10:1	Proverbs 12:23-13:9
Thursday, March 23	Isaiah 28:14-22	Genesis 10:32-11:9	Proverbs 13:19-14:6
Friday, March 24	Isaiah 29:13-23	Genesis 12:1-7	Proverbs 14:15-26
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Saturday, March 25	Hebrews 2:11-18	Luke 1:24-38	

COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

- 19, TODAY 5:00 p.m. Sunday of the Cross Akathist at Archangel Michael Church
- 22, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy
- 26, Sunday Parish Council meeting
- 27, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 28, Tuesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 29, Wednesday Soup Supper following Presanctified Liturgy

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR FIRST CONFESSION CLASS

VIVIAN BOBULSKY JANHAVI CHANDURKAR
 SAGAR CHANDURKAR ANDREW MOORE
 ELIAS OETAMA-PAUL
MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY MANY YEARS!

OUTREACH PASCHA BASKETS:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with preparing baskets as well as delivering them on Holy Friday. Please see Laura Gluntz after the Liturgy on any Sunday, or call 216-396-6255 to offer your help.

GREETERS:

We are looking for more people to join our team of Greeters. If you are interested, please contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980; or ajcundik@cox.net

CLEANING DAY:

Volunteers are needed for our annual HTOC Spring Cleaning. Come to church on Saturday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m. There are jobs for every skill and energy level. Everyone is welcome and needed! There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS:

The wreath of flowers adorning the Cross today is offered by Gregory and Lydia Kelbach.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Our Parish Council will meet next Sunday, March 26.

LENTEN SERVICE:

On April 2 there will be a Holy Unction Service at St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore, 5:00 p.m.

KURSK ROOT ICON:

The Kursk Root Icon of the Holy Theotokos will visit St. Sergius Cathedral next Wednesday and Thursday. There will be an Akathist before the Icon Wednesday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m.; and the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete will be at 6:30 p.m.

IOCC BANQUET:

Ticket sales are ongoing for the annual IOCC Banquet, which is Monday, May 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Woodside. Your support will help families around the world. See Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated in honor of the First Confession Class by their teachers and families.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION	3/5	3/12
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	\$ 1973.00	\$ 4186.00
BUILDING FUND	1350.00	300.00
CANDLES	947.00	1684.00
DEANERY	158.00	269.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	15.00	245.00
IN MEMORY OF RICHARD HOLL	7.00	57.00
FOR ST. HERMAN'S DINNERS	200.00	
SOUP SUPPER 3/8		20.00
COFFEE HOUR, 2/26, 3/5		125.00
	131.00	31.00

Maxims On The Cross

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba (Isper)

Metropolitan Saba is the newly elected Metropolitan of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

- + The cross is my life and there is no life except through the cross.
- + Jesus will continually look down with open arms because He wants my soul, for which He died, in order to embrace it.
- + The cross is not only a place of divine justice; it is also a place for love to the point of death.
- + The cross is not a fixed point upon which Jesus was hanged on a certain day. Rather, it is the basis for the movement of the Lord's heart towards all humanity.
- + In its outward appearance, the cross was an expression of the injustice of the world, but inwardly the cross is all joy, love and surrender to the Father for the salvation of the world.
- + The cross is the place of the soul's conforming to God: "with Christ you were crucified."
- + The cross is the beacon upon which Christ places the light of the world, by which we become a light for the world.
- + Fleeing the cross is equivalent to fleeing from the glory of God.
- + The cross is a school.... to flee from it is to lose the future.
- + The cross is the sole path to the resurrection... to flee from it is to enter into eternal death.
- + He who loses his cross loses his Christianity.
- + He who loses his cross has lost his path to God.
- + If one loses his cross, his life becomes cold and tepid, without cooperation with God.
- + Constant meditation on the cross of our Lord gains for the soul freedom, peace, power and forgiveness.
- + By its nature, the cross is the strongest and deepest degree of love.
- + Inasmuch as our contemplation of the cross increases, so deepens our communion and knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- + The cross is the path of freedom from the bonds of the world and the lust of the body.
- + If one is trained to taste sweetness in the word of God and the cross, He will make the soul resent every bodily pleasure.
- + The cross is the means of liberation from the self and its crucifixion.
- + The cross is not merely a sort of beautiful spiritual meditation. It is also enduring suffering in order to stand against the sinful world.
- + The cross is our weapon during spiritual warfare.
- + Every struggle against sin in order to preserve my freedom is bearing the cross.

From the Lenten Triodion

Shine, Cross of the Lord, shine with the light of your grace upon the hearts of those that honor you. With love inspired by God, we embrace you, O desire of all the world. Through you our tears of sorrow have been wiped away; we have been delivered from the snares of death and have passed over to unending joy. Show us the glory of your beauty and grant to us your servants the reward of our abstinence, for we entreat with faith your rich protection and great mercy.

(1st Sticheron from Lord I Call at Vespers, Sunday of the Cross)

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for the week of March 12, 2023

Memory Eternal

- 1 Jim Spoerl's sister, **Diana Frebis**, fell asleep in the Lord last week. Please pray for Diana and Jim's family. May her memory be eternal+
- 2 Anica Billow asks for prayers for her beloved cousin **Milica** who entered into eternal rest. May her memory be eternal+
- 3 Sue Range asks for prayers for her cousin **Earl** who has fallen asleep in the Lord following an unsuccessful kidney transplant. Please pray also for peace and comfort for his family. May his memory be eternal+
- 4 **Richard Holl** has entered into eternal rest. May his memory be eternal+
- 5 Former parishioner **Arlene (Budko) Neale** has fallen asleep in the Lord. May her memory be eternal+
- 6 May the Lord God receive the soul of His servant, the newly-departed **Archpriest Daniel Rentel**, into the mansions of the righteous. Memory Eternal+
- 7 **Matthew**, 54, cousin of Laura Gluntz has fallen asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal+

Specific Prayer Requests

- 1 Please offer prayers for **Katie Griebel** who is undergoing thyroid surgery this week. May our dear Lord guide the hands of the surgeons.
- 2 Jessie Pecuch 's dad, **George**, needs continued prayers for his health following a long illness and surgery.
- 3 Danielle Bohurjak is requesting prayers for her cousin, **Rhiannon** who is in immediate need of a liver transplant
- 4 Paula Svilar asks for prayers for health and healing for her coworker **Agata**.
- 5 Maren and Adam Uziel ask for prayers for health and healing of their mother **Marsha** recovering from surgery and other hospitalization.
- 6 Laura Chandurkar asks for prayers for health and healing for her father-in-law **Sudhakar**.
- 7 Paula Svilar asks for prayers for health and healing for her cousin **Amy**.
- 8 Joanne Stoyka asks for prayers for her cousin **Jeanie** who is recovering from surgery.
- 9 Joanne and Frank Stoyka ask for prayers for health and healing for their friend **Neil Quint**.
- 10 Joanne and Frank Stoyka ask for prayers for health and healing for their friend **George**.

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 Phillipow**
- 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 **Valerie Spoerl**
- 36 **Eleanor Steve**
- 37 **Ernie and Maryann Schmidt**
- 38 **Nadine Svilar**
- 39 **Teresa**, friend of Pauline Smolarchuk
- 40 **Tressa Thorpe**, friend of Jessie Pecuch
- 41 **Marsha Uziel**
- 42 **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.