

MONASTIC MARTYR BADEMUS OF PERSIA

Monk Martyr Archimandrite Bademus was born in the 4th century in the Persian city of Bithlapata and was descended from a rich and illustrious family. In his youth, he was enlightened with Christian teaching. The saint gave away his wealth to the poor and withdrew into the wilderness, where he founded a monastery. He would go alone up on a mountain for prayer and once was permitted to behold the glory of God.

During this period, the Persian emperor Sapor (310-381) began to persecute Christians. They arrested St. Bademus and his seven disciples and tortured them in prison, hoping they would renounce Christ and worship the sun and fire. But St. Bademus and his disciples held firmly to the Christian Faith. The confessors spent 4 months in jail. All this time Saint Bademus was a spiritual leader and support for the Christians living in Persia.

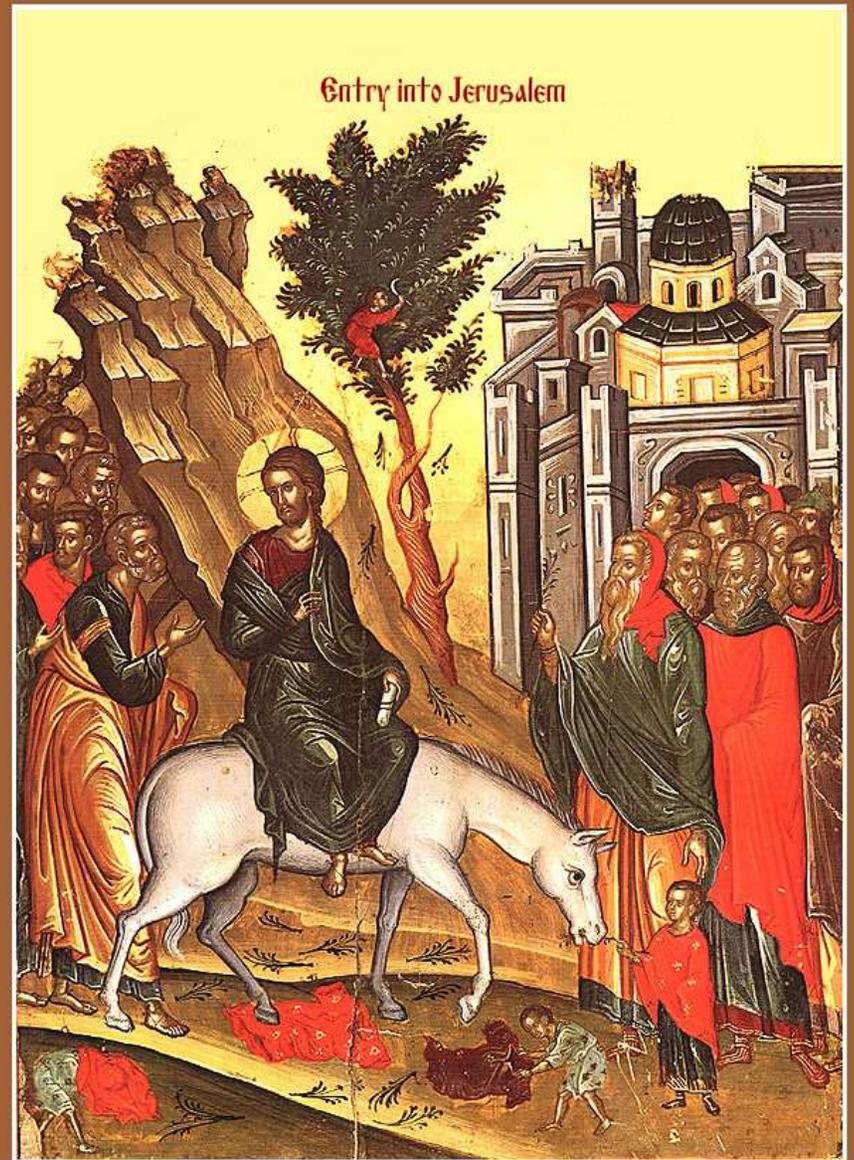
An associate of the emperor Sapor, Nirsanes, was a Christian and suffered imprisonment for this. He did not hold up under torture and denied Christ, promising to fulfill whatever the emperor commanded. Sapor demanded that Nirsanes personally cut off the head of St. Bademus. For this he was promised a reprieve and great rewards. Nirsanes was not able to overcome his fear of further tortures, and he agreed.

When they brought St. Bademus to him, he took the sword and turned toward the martyr; but overcome by conscience, he trembled and stood petrified. St. Bademus said to him, "Has your wickedness now reached this point, Nirsanes, that you should not only renounce God, but also murder His servants? Woe to you, accursed one! What will you do on that day when you stand before the Dread Judgement Seat? What answer will you give to God? I am prepared to die for Christ, but I don't want to receive death at your hands."

Nirsanes struck with the sword, but his hands shook, and he could not behead the saint immediately; the fire-worshippers began to call him a coward. Martyr Bademus stood motionless, enduring many terrible blows, until the murderer succeeded in cutting off his head.

Tormented by his conscience, Nirsanes did away with himself, throwing himself on a sword. After the death of Sapor, the seven disciples of St. Bademus were released from prison.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 14, Friday Delivering Pascha baskets to shut-ins
- 22, Saturday 6:00 p.m. FOCUS "An Evening to Celebrate Paul Finley" at Woodside
- 24, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
- 26, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
- 30, Sunday El Camino — The Way!

MAY:

- 8, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at St. Michael's Woodside
- 13, Saturday 12:00 noon EOWG Pan-Orthodox Luncheon at HTOC

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 Sunday, or call 216-396-6255 to offer your help.

VIGIL BEFORE THE TOMB OF CHRIST:

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for one-hour slots to keep watch at the Holy Shroud throughout Holy Friday night and Holy Saturday.

PASCHA FLOWERS:

Please use your Flower Offering envelope for a generous donation to adorn our church and the Holy Shroud for the Paschal weekend.

IOCC WORKING MISSION TRIP:

Volunteers are heading to Kentucky June 18-June 21 to rebuild homes damaged during tornadoes in Dec. of 2021. The cost is \$90 per person for shelter and food during the stay. A team leader will supervise. Work hours finish at approximately 2:30 each afternoon. If you want to participate, please see Diane Hastings. Space is limited; ages 16 and older, please. Donations are also needed and appreciated.

EL CAMINO — THE WAY!

Coming to Holy Trinity on April 30th during Coffee Hour! Embark on this unique journey with our Church School students to learn more about the yearlong study of "Christ, the Light of the World." We would love to have you attend this all-parish event and show your support for our youngest parishioners.

IOCC BANQUET:

Plan to attend the IOCC Annual Banquet on Monday, May 8, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Woodside. Tickets are for sale now, \$60; but sales will end two weeks prior to the event. Please see Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings. Sponsor donations will be published in the evening's program booklet, so please donate even if you are unable attend the banquet.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by MaryAnn Bobulsky in blessed memory of Daria Petrykowski.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by the Bellack Family.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by the Table of Eight.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	3/26	4/2
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 1834.00	\$ 7399.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	600.00	600.00
BUILDING FUND	816.00	2372.00
CANDLES		136.00
PASCHA		150.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	48.00	640.00
DEANERY		5.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	82.00	11.00
HOUSE BLESSING		50.00
BASKET BLESSING		5.00
ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE		25.00
SOUP SUPPER 3/22, 3/29	105.00	107.00
COFFEE HOUR, 3/19 & 3/26		201.00

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday

*Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia;
Martyrs Desan the Bishop, Mariabus the Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia;
Monk-Martyr Bademus of Persia*

“By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, April 9	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 10	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 11	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, April 12	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Thursday with Anointing
Thursday, April 13	9:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 14	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours of Holy Friday 2:30 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 6:30 p.m. Matins of Holy Saturday with Lamentations
Saturday, April 15	9:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday 11:00 p.m. Nocturnes, Paschal Matins, Divine Liturgy Blessing of Baskets

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, PASCHA - Paschal Vespers will be at 11:00 a.m.

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, April 10	Ezekiel 1:1-20	Exodus 1:1-20	Job 1:1-12
Tuesday, April 11	Ezekiel 1:21-28	Exodus 2:5-10	Job 1:13-22
Wednesday, April 12	Ezekiel 2:3-3:3	Exodus 2:11-22	Job 2:1-10
Thursday, April 13	Exodus 19:10-19	Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5	Isaiah 50:4-11
	I Corinthians 11:23-32	Matthew 26:2-20	
Friday, April 14	Exodus 33:11-23	Job 42:12-17	Isaiah 52:13-54:1
	I Corinthians 1:18-2:2	Matthew 27:1-38	
Saturday, April 15	Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20	



ST. HERMAN HOUSE - CLEVELAND

St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland Presents



*An Evening to Celebrate
Paul Finley*
(he's retiring!)

Saturday, April 22nd 6 pm

Woodside Event Center at St Michael's, Broadview Heights

Buffet dinner/open bar—Tickets \$125 per person

Net proceeds from the event will go to establish an endowment to benefit St Herman's in Paul's honor that will continue his legacy of service to the residents of St. Herman House and the ministries of FOCUS Cleveland

Become a Sponsor/Purchase an Ad/Monetary Contribution

*** Sponsorship Benefits**

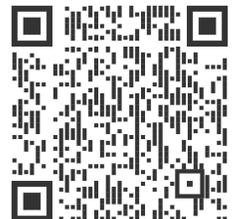
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- ◆ **Bronze Sponsor (\$1,000)** - Bronze Listing in Banquet Program

*** Place an ad in the Commemorative Album**

- ◆ Half page—\$50.00 (4x5.5)
- ◆ Full page—\$90.00 (8x5.5)

*** Monetary Contribution**

Purchase dinner tickets, sponsorships, ads and donations at sainthermans.org or use your mobile camera to the right



REFLECTIONS FROM “THE INCARNATE GOD”
ON THE FEAST OF THE LORD’S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

“Taking up your cross...”

Although we hold branches and palms in our hands as a sign of victory, we also know that we must, from here on, take up the cross to experience the passion. Each year it is a new experience, for living the cross with Christ implies our giving our entire life, right up to the point of death.

Our Holy Week in the Orthodox Church is, indeed, very beautiful. But we must go beyond this aesthetic aspect. It is not for the beauty of the services that we come to church every day of this week. It is not a rite which reminds us of our ethnic heritage (Greek, Russian, Serbian, Romanian, Arabic, etc.). Nor is it just to develop a local Orthodoxy (modern, adapted to our times) that we translate and set to music the text of Byzantine hymns. It is our baptism that we experience at this hour, a baptism which makes us to die with Christ in order to rise with him. Without the cross we cannot share in the joy of Pascha.

*When we were buried with you in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by your resurrection!*

Now we praise you and sing:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! (Vespers of Palm Sunday, apolytikion, tone 4)

The Icon of the Feast

The celebration of this feast expresses the joy of the crowd, the joy of all creation. It is the same for the icon. On the image we see the Jewish people greet the Messiah before the gates of Jerusalem. As for the apostles, they escort their Master, who is recognized on this day as king. In church, we too, taught by the Holy Spirit, joyfully sing our “Hosanna” to the God-made man. The children, too, express their joy tumultuously (as much in the text of the gospel as on the icon, or in our parishes!). Iconographers often represent the donkey with gracious lines, showing it as though it were performing a dance, and even the tree seems to bow gently in a gesture of recognition. Yes! The entire world, the cosmos, acclaims its Creator: even the stones prepare to cry out (Luke 19:40).

The colors on the icon are very bright. The walls of the city are painted bright white, in contrast to the red roofs. The mantle of Christ is generally reddish brown, recalling the voluntary passion which will follow the triumph. The red of the cloak cuts across the white donkey. These two colors, red and white, illustrate these verses from Genesis, which are read at the office:

*Binding his foal to the vine and his ass’s colt to the choice vine, he washes his
garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes; his eyes shall be red
with wine, and his teeth white with milk.* (Genesis 49:1-2,8-12, reading at vespers)

The green of the tree and the palms attenuates the contrast between the red and the white, harmonizes the colors. The agitated branches are also a sign of joy, welcoming the vanquisher of death.

Matthew mentions the presence of the children at the Temple, yelling their “Hosanna!” The icon shows them at the gates to the city, joyfully cutting branches from the tree and busily spreading clothes on the ground at the passage of the King of Israel, following a biblical custom (2 Kings 9:13).

Jesus enters into Jerusalem to inaugurate his Kingdom. Once more, he reminds the powerful of the world that the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to the children and to those who resemble them (Mark 10:13-16). This is why the children are the first to acclaim Christ, and why he receives their homage as the most perfect praise:

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings you have brought perfect praise.

(Psalm 8:3. Cited in Matthew 21:16. Prokeimenon* of matins, tone 4)

Holy Trinity Outreach Prayer List for the week of April 2, 2023

Memory Eternal

- 1 Judy Howe asks for prayers for her cousin John, who fell asleep in the Lord. May his memory be eternal+
- 2 Rhiannon, cousin of Danielle Bohurjak as entered into eternal life. May her memory be eternal+
- 3 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+
- 4 Anica Billow asks for prayers for her beloved cousin Milica who entered into eternal rest. May her memory be eternal+
- 5 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+

Specific Prayer Requests

- 1 Maren Uziel asks for prayers for her coworker's brother Jake, who was diagnosed with cancer.
- 2 Pirjo-Riitta Lyytinen asks for prayers for her friend's daughter Elina who is suffering serious neuritis in her hand which is now partially paralyzed.
- 3 David Rodak asks for prayers as he returns to Cleveland for further medical testing.
- 4 Protodeacon Anthony asks for continued prayers for health and healing for his brother Gerard.
- 5 Jessie Pecuch 's dad, George, needs continued prayers for his health following a long illness and surgery.
- 6 Paula Svilar asks for prayers for health and healing for her coworker Agata.
- 7 Laura Chandurkar asks for prayers for health and healing for her father-in-law Sudhakar.

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 **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.