

HOLY MARTYRS LEONTIUS, HYPATIUS AND THEODULUS

The Holy Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus were Roman soldiers. Leontius was military-chief in the imperial army of Tripoli during the first century. He was distinguished for his bravery and good sense, respected by the people of Tripoli for his virtue.

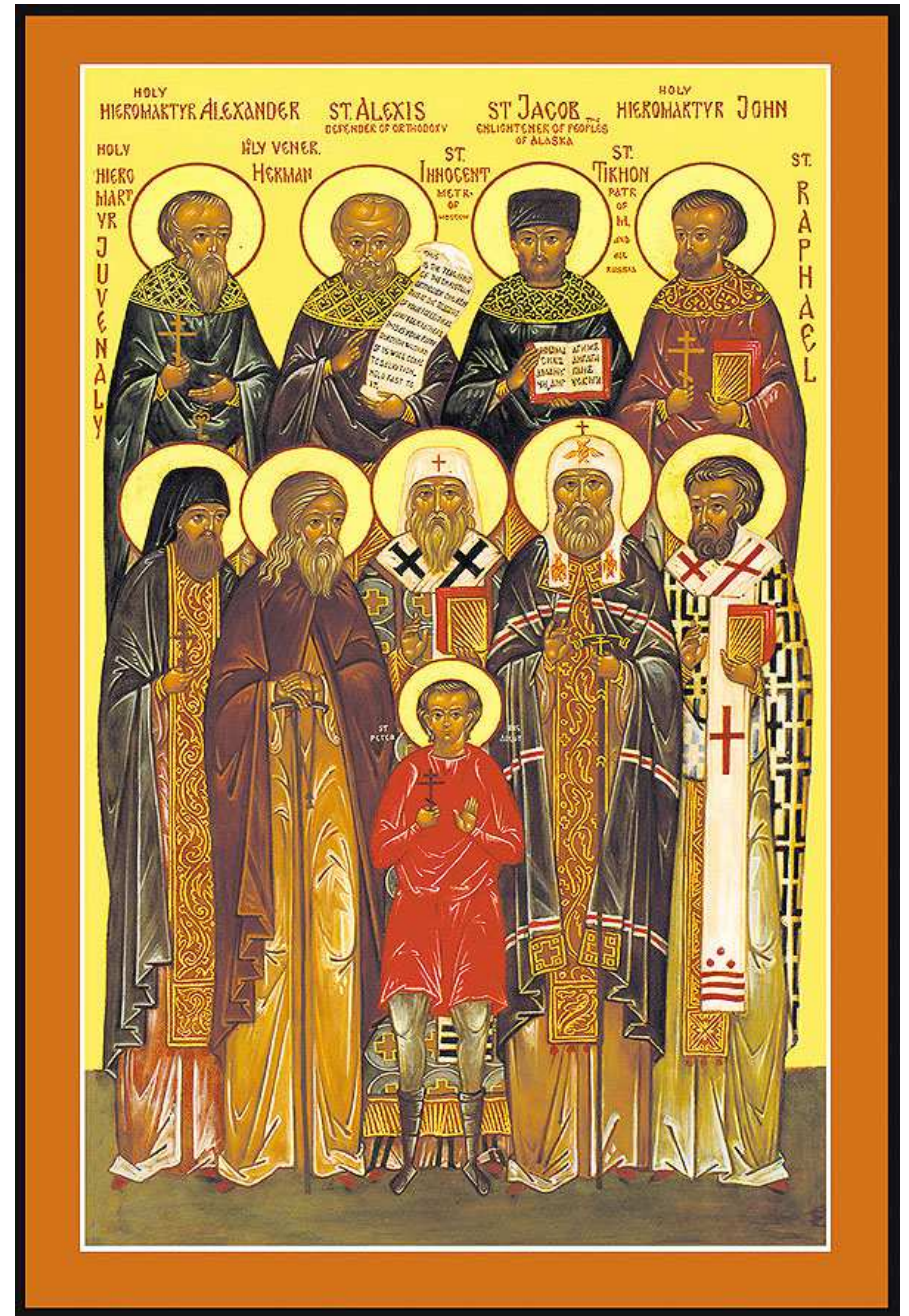
Governor of the Phoenician district, Adrian, had full power to hunt Christians and give them over to torture and death. He heard that Leontius had turned many away from worshipping the pagan gods. He sent the tribune Hypatius with a detachment of soldiers to Tripoli to find and arrest Leontius. Hypatius fell ill, near death, and saw in a dream an angel telling him to appeal to the God of Leontius. Hypatius told his friend Theodulus and the other soldiers of his dream; together they asked for help from the God Whom St. Leontius confessed, and Hypatius was immediately healed.

Hypatius and Theodulus hastened to Tripoli in search of St. Leontius. Upon their arrival in the city, a stranger met them and invited them to his house, where he lavishly hosted the travelers. Learning that this was St. Leontius, they fell on their knees and asked him to enlighten them with faith in the True God. They were baptized there, and when St. Leontius prayed over them, a luminous cloud overshadowed the newly-baptized and poured forth rain.

The remaining soldiers, in search of their commander, arrived in Tripoli, where the governor Adrian had also arrived. Learning what had happened, he ordered Sts. Leontius, Hypatius and Theodulus be brought to him. After threatening them with torture and death, he demanded that they renounce Christ and offer sacrifice to the Roman gods.

The martyrs firmly confessed their faith in Christ. So St. Hypatius was put under a column and raked with iron claws, and St. Theodulus was mercilessly beaten with rods. They remained steadfast in their faith and were beheaded.

After torture, St. Leontius was imprisoned. Adrian enticed him with honors and rewards, but continued tortures when that failed. The martyr was suspended head down from a pillar with a heavy stone about his neck, but nothing could make him renounce Christ. He was then beaten with rods until he died. His body was thrown outside the city, but Christians reverently gave him a burial near Tripoli. The deaths of these martyrs occurred between 70-79 AD.



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints Of America

**Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria;
Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves; Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite;
The "BOGOLIÚBSKAYA" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos**

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. With them the angels glorify Him, and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.

Kontakion, Tone III

You confounded the wicked plans of tyrants and exposed the godless worship of the pagan Greeks. You illumined all mankind with the knowledge of God by your teachings of true piety, divinely-wise martyr. Therefore, Leontius, we lovingly honor your memory.

Kontakion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 2:10-16
HEBREWS 11:33-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:18-23
MATTHEW 4:25-5:12

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Friday, June 23	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Saturday, June 24	9:00 a.m. Baptismal Divine Liturgy - Anika and Elise Oetama-Paul
	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession

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, June 19 (Apostle Jude)	Romans 7:1-13 Jude 1:1-10	Matthew 9:36-10:8 John 14:21-24
Tuesday, June 20	Romans 7:14-8:2	Matthew 10:9-15
Wednesday, June 21	Romans 8:2-13	Matthew 10:16-22
Thursday, June 22	Romans 8:22-27	Matthew 10:23-31
Friday, June 23	Romans 9:6-19 Romans 3:28-4:3	Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1 Matthew 7:24-8:4
Saturday, June 24	Romans 13:11-14:4	Luke 1:1-25,57-68,76,80

God's Blessings upon the Fathers, Grandfathers and Godfathers of our Parish!

COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

19-26 Online Auction to support St. Herman's House
23, Friday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers, followed by Bonfire/Supper
24, Saturday 9:00 a.m. Baptismal Divine Liturgy of Anika and Elise Oetama-Paul
26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
10:00 a.m. 10th Annual Golf Classic and Auction, supporting St. Herman's House
28, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
30, Friday 6:00 p.m. Church Campout

JULY:

13-15 10th Parish Development Forum, at HTOC

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION:

FOCUS - St. Herman's House will hold their annual golf classic on June 26 at Tanglewood Golf Club in Chagrin Falls. Registration and lunch is 10:00-11:15; golf starts at 11:30. To donate or register visit: www.sainthermans.org/golf

An online auction to support the day-to-day operations of St. Herman's House will run June 19-June 26. Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/sthermans2023>

CHURCH CAMPOUT:

Join the HTOC community for a campout on Friday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. Bring your tent and camping gear to spend the night on our church property. Bring yard games to share and snacks if you like; S'mores will be provided. Parishioners are welcome to attend the bonfire without spending the night.

ST. INNOCENT CHURCH:

St. Innocent parish will celebrate their 40th Anniversary this year; they are creating a photo book and request patronage. Donations are needed by June 30, and names will be listed in the book. You can mail a check to the church clearly marked for the booklet; 8526 Usher Rd; Olmsted Fall, OH 44138. Online donations are accepted at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YRN8/campaign/C-13NB3>

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Stoyka Family in honor of Jessie Pecuch's 37th birthday.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:

Holy Trinity will host the 10th Parish Development Forum from July 13-15th. The Forum will bring together Orthodox Christians sharing ideas about how to keep our parishes thriving amidst societal, cultural, demographic and technological trends. Sessions will cover clergy-laity dynamics, attracting and integrating converts, and connecting parishes with their neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for all of us to participate! A link to register is on our website.

SUMMER CAMP:

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp in Farmdale, OH, offers several sessions: July 2-8, for ages 8-12; July 9-15, for ages 10-17; and July 16-22 for ages 13-17. Photos and registration information can be found at: www.stvladimirscampohio.com

RUMMAGE SALE:

Please continue to save rummage items (no clothing or large furniture), plastic bags, and newspaper for our sale.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are donated by the Stoyka and McNeely Families.

We are in need of donors for next Sunday's refreshments. Please see the sign-up sheet in the kitchen; there are many dates in July and August that are open as well.

What is there for me to grieve at, when I am one spirit with the Lord?

I will cast all my care upon Him.

Heaven and earth exist for thousands of years through the Lord,
through His power and laws,

though they are soul-less, inert, inactive and powerless matter.

And how the grass, the flowers of the field, the birds and fishes, etc.

how all these teach us to entirely trust in God's providence!

THE FAST OF THE APOSTLES: ENTERING INTO THE SEASON

After a week of celebrating the great feast of Pentecost, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and apostles, a week of full feasting with no fasting restrictions, we now turn to one of the four extended fasting seasons of the Church, the fast of the Apostles.

The Apostles' Fast varies in length from year to year, beginning from the day after the Sunday of All Saints, which moves according to the date of Pascha, and ending with the feast of the chief apostles, Peter and Paul. And this year our fast is 17 days.

“Wait, fasting during the summer? ... And miss the best time of the year for grilling hot dogs, brats, burgers, and ribs?...” If you haven't had such a thought at some point in your journey in the life of the Church, you are a pious person indeed!

And while fasting does involve voluntary loss of good and pleasurable things, it also involves voluntary and intentional dedication and focus on the best things.

The Apostles' Fast is a time of focusing on the work of the Church. The Fast focuses our attention on the continued establishment of the church, the empowering and gifting of the Holy Spirit, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the sending out of God's people to be His physical body in the world. When we say in the Creed that we believe in the “apostolic Church,” we are not simply saying that this is a church established by the original apostles. We also are importantly saying that this church that we accept and follow is a church that is *sent*, because **apostolic means sent**. We are part of a *sent* church and in our activity, planning, and ministry, we never forget to be a church that *moves out* in love.

These days of fasting are a great time to rededicate oneself to the apostolic work of the church.

Along with fasting from certain foods as our church calendar prescribes, here are some possible ways to participate in this special season:

- Think missionally about those around you: pray for your neighbors, be open to and even intentional about spiritual conversations with people; invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to our church
- Read through the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible.
- Go on a prayer walk and ask God to bless homes, businesses, schools, and people that you pass and encounter.
- Get involved in international Orthodox Christian missions: support a missionary financially, pray for a missionary or for the Church in a particular land, sign up to go on a mission trip with OCMC.
- Pray for and support financially the mission parishes of the Diocese of the Midwest. Specifically, St. Stephen Orthodox Church in Lima, OH, is a mission parish in our state.
- Volunteer at St. Herman House or St. Mary of Egypt Mission or other important ministries in our city that seek to support those who are in need in our city.

May the Lord bless you as you deny yourself so that you may live for Him and His Gospel in these blessed days,

Fr. Chris