

***THE HOLY MARTYRS
STEPHEN AND PETER OF KAZAN***

The Holy Martyr Stephen of Kazan was a Tatar. For more than 20 years, he suffered from a weakness of the legs. After the capture of Kazan by Ivan the Terrible (1522), he believed in Christ and received healing. The saint was baptized by Archpriest Menignus of the Moscow cathedral, who had brought a letter from the Metropolitan Macarius to the Russian army.

After the Russian army withdrew from Kazan, the Tatars chopped the martyr Stephen into pieces, scattered his body and plundered his house, because he remained faithful to Christ.

The Holy Martyr Peter of Kazan was a newly-baptized Tatar who suffered because he converted to Christianity from Islam.

After the Russian army left Kazan, the inhabitants dragged Peter from his home by force, and addressed him by his former Moslem name, hoping he would deny Christ. But to all flattery and persuasion, St. Peter answered, "My father and mother is God Who is glorified in Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you believe in the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, then you are my family. I was named Peter in holy Baptism, and I will not answer to the name by which you address me."

Seeing that he would remain steadfast in the Faith, his family had him tortured. He endured fierce torments, but he did not cease to confess the Name of Christ, saying, "I am a Christian." The holy martyr was buried in Kazan on the site where the church of the Resurrection of Christ later stood, at the Zhitny-Grain marketplace.

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TONE 1

MARCH 24, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Forefeast of the Annunciation

*Ven. Zachariah the Recluse; St. Artemius, Bishop of Seleucia;
Ven. Zachariah, Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves; Martyrs Stephen and Peter of Kazan';
St. James the Confessor, Bishop of Catania*

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh to deliver Your creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Troparion, Tone II

At the great Archangel's voice, O Theotokos, the All-holy Spirit came upon you, and you did conceive Him who is one in essence and co-enthroned with God the Father, O you who are the recall of Adam.

Kontakion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: HEBREWS 11:24-26,32-12:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, March 24	4:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Theodosius
Monday, March 25	6:00 p.m. Vespertal Liturgy - Annuciation of the Theotokos
Friday, March 29	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 30	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. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and 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!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

Daily Scripture Readings can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at www.oca.org/readings.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH:

24, TODAY	4:00 p.m. Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at St. Theodosius
25, Monday	Cooking for St. Herman's House Soup Supper following Vespersal Liturgy
26, Tuesday	Serving dinner at St. Herman's House
28, Thursday	7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

NEW ICONOGRAPHY

Renowned iconographer and painter of our church, Fr. Theodore Jurewicz, by God's grace will be arriving at our parish tomorrow to paint new icons this week. With donations in memory of our departed sister, Olga Lobas, her surviving family has requested an icon of the newly-named Saint Olga of Alaska be painted. By Fr. Theodore's skilled hand, St. Olga will be placed among the saints of the North American Saints icon in our church. The parish council has also requested Fr. Theodore to paint two more saints on the panels in the narthex that face toward the church. Saint Moses the Ethiopian and Saint Ia of the Chinese Martyrs will be a sign for us to remember to follow Christ's command to share His Gospel to all people, even to the "end of the earth" (Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8).

MISSION SUNDAY:

Special collections for the work of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center are being taken today. Be a part of the movement that began with Christ's last command to His disciples to "make disciples of all nations." Orthodox missionaries and mission teams are active all over the world. Please be generous.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY:

Today at 4:00, Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers will be hosted by St. Theodosius Cathedral, Children are encouraged to bring an icon and join the procession during the service. A reception will follow the service.

Donations from the evening will aid humanitarian relief in Gaza. Write checks to "GCCOC."

GREAT LENT CONFESSIONS:

Fr. Chris has posted a sign-up sheet at his office with available times for Lenten confessions. If you are unable to make any of the listed times, contact Fr. Chris; he will work to schedule a time for you.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for our Soup Suppers that customarily follow Presanctified Liturgy. Our first meal will be Monday, March 25, after the Annunciation Vespersal Liturgy. Please offer your help.

COFFEE HOUR:

The refreshments today are hosted by the Stone Soup Group.

PASCHA BAKE SALE:

Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall to order Nut, Poppysed, and Apricot rolls. Rolls are \$15 each and orders will be taken through April 14. Rolls will be distributed on Palm Sunday, April 28; and payment is due at that time. Questions? Contact Rita Bellack - phone 330-204-9513; or email reetbellack@hotmail.com

SPECIAL LENTEN LITURGIES:

On Wednesday, April 3, HTOC parishioners are invited to the Presanctified Liturgy at St. Innocent Church at 6:00 p.m.; 8526 Usher Road in Olmsted Falls. The following week, April 10, we will host St. Innocent parishioners at our service. Both services will be followed by a Lenten Potluck meal.

UPDATES:

If your address, phone number or email changes, please remember to advise Janene in the church office so that our records remain as current as possible. You can call 216-524-4859 and leave a message; or email jmhatch8@gmail.com

IOCC:

The International Orthodox Christian Charities Banquet will be Monday, June 3, at St. Michael's Woodside. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person and must be reserved by May 20.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Judy Howe.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	3/10	3/17
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 3533.00	\$ 2975.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	700.00	300.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS	1523.00	507.00
CANDLES	108.00	241.00
IOCC	100.00	
GCCOC	150.00	
ORTHODOX MISSIONS		140.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALES		503.00
COFFEE HOUR	95.00	185.00

ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL,
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO AND THE MIDWEST,
AT THE BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT 2024

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of Life; for my spirit rises early to pray towards Thy Holy Temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled. But in Thy Compassion, purify me by the loving kindness of Thy Mercy.

Beloved Clergy, Monastics, Seminarians, and Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest,

The “Doors of Repentance” are, indeed, opened for us so that we may pass through them and enter fully into the special season of grace, the 40-day period of the Church’s year, which we know as **Great Lent**. Indeed, it is repentance, fasting, and abstinence which are the chief hallmarks of our observance of this grace-filled season. While we strive to dedicate more time to prayer and study of the Holy Scriptures, participate more fully in Church services, and reach out in charity to those in need, it is fasting of which we are most conscious in our day-to-day life. But fasting from various foods (limiting the amount we eat and drink) and abstinences from many types of food (not consuming any animal products and foregoing alcoholic beverages) is not an exercise we perform for its own sake. Rather, the fasting discipline to which the Church calls us is intended not only as a form of penance and self-denial, but to help us focus on our spiritual lives so that we might grow in holiness as we prepare to renew within us the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the mystery in which we share by virtue of our baptism unto Christ.

In one of his most memorable sermons, Saint John Chrysostom speaks on the purpose and necessity of fasting. He emphasizes that fasting is not just about eating and drinking less or abstaining from certain foods. He states, **“I have said these things, not that we may disparage fasting, but that we may honor fasting; for the honor of fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in withdrawing from sinful practices; since he who limits his fasting only to an abstinence from meats, is one who especially disparages it. Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works! Is it said by what kind of works? If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honor, envy him not! If you see a handsome woman, pass her by! For let not the mouth alone fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the hands, and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast, by being pure from loose living and avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing from running to the unlawful spectacles. Let the eyes fast, being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances, or to busy themselves with strange beauties.”** Saint John Chrysostom, the preacher with the “golden mouth,” counsels us to not only embrace fasting, but, as we embrace it, to look beyond the spiritual practice of fasting and realize that, if our fasting is to have any merit, if it is to make any difference in our lives, it must have an impact on all the areas of our life.

We are only at the beginning of the Fast, and the weeks ahead can become more challenging and more tedious with each passing day. However, despite frustration or even boredom with the fast, we strive to remain faithful to it, nonetheless. So, as we struggle to be faithful to the Church’s discipline, let us also reflect upon the impact that our daily and Lenten fasting has in our daily lives. If we are more loving, if we are caring for those around us, if we reach out to those in need, if we are curbing our tongues, if we are less tempted by the world and its enticements, we will see the fast at work within us. To the contrary, if we see ourselves slipping in these areas of virtue, we must use that self-awareness to re-focus and step back onto the path of Lent.

The Lenten journey we are about to begin can be difficult. But we do not begin this journey alone or without support. Indeed, we are surrounded and supported by our fellow-strugglers, our brothers and sisters in Christ who walk the same Lenten path we are walking. Remember, we are not alone: our fellow Orthodox Christians, our families, and our faithful clergy join us in the struggle and share the same efforts. And, with us, they look to our common goal. May our mutual support encourage us in our common effort so that together we may reach that goal and arrive at the bright, joyous, and never-ending day of Pascha.

Be assured of my prayers for you and yours. May we journey together, supporting one another in our Lenten efforts. May the Mother of God, honored and venerated in her *Tikhvin* icon as the Mother and Protectress of our beloved Diocese, intercede for us all.

With love in our Merciful and Forgiving Lord,

DANIEL, Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

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APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy <u>at St. Innocent Church</u>	4	5 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	6 5:00 p.m. Vigil for the Veneration of the Cross
7 3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Cross 5:00 p.m. Akathist to the Cross at Holy Assumption, Canton	8	9	10 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	11	12 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	13 9:00 a.m. HTOC Spring Cleaning 4:00 p.m. First Holy Confession 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
14 4th Sunday of Great Lent St. John Climacus Second Sunday Food Sale	15	16	17 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	18	19 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	20 9:00 a.m. Akathist 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
21 5th Sunday of Great Lent St. Mary of Egypt 5:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service	22 Cooking for St. Herman's House	23 Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	24 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy Soup Supper	25	26 6:00 p.m. Vespers	27 Lazarus Saturday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Vigil
28 Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins	29 Great and Holy Monday 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins	30 Great and Holy Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy	May 1 Great and Holy Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins	May 2 Great and Holy Thursday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	May 3 Great and Holy Friday 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours 2:30 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 6:30 p.m. Matins	May 4 Great and Holy Saturday 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m. Nocturnes, Paschal Matins, Liturgy Blsg. Baskets