

## **MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA**

Martyr Orestes lived in the city of Tyana in Cappadocia during the reign of Emperor Diocletian (284-311). He was said to be a learned and skillful physician; he was also an illustrious and capable soldier. From childhood he had been a devoted servant of Christ, offering a sacrifice of praise to God with a pure heart, and refusing to worship the demons which the pagans called “gods.”

The military officer Maximinus was sent to Tyana to stamp out Christianity. Orestes was among the first brought to trial before Maximinus. Courageously, he confessed his faith in Christ. The prosecutor offered the saint riches, honors and fame if he would become an idolater, but St. Orestes would not agree to this. Maximinus tried in many ways to force Orestes to deny Christ, but he would not. Then they stripped him naked, beat him, flogged him and put him in jail for seven days.

At the end of the seventh day, he was taken to a pagan temple to offer sacrifice and worship to the idols. Maximinus asked him, “Do you still refuse to convert to the worship which is offered with such reverence by our august emperors?”

Orestes replied that he was a willing subject when it came to political and earthly matters. Apart from that, however, he would not recognize any king except the one true God.

When he continued his refusal to worship pagan gods, forty soldiers took turns beating him with lashes, rods, and rawhide, and then tormenting him with fire. St. Orestes cried out to God, “Establish with me a sign for good, let those who hate me see it and be put to shame” (Psalm 85/86:17). The Lord heard and the earth began to tremble; the idols toppled and were smashed. Everyone rushed out of the temple, and when St. Orestes came out, the entire temple collapsed.

Infuriated, Maximinus ordered the martyr locked up for seven days with neither food nor drink. Torture resumed on the eighth day. They hammered 20 nails into his legs and then tied him to a wild horse. Dragged over the stones, the holy martyr departed to the Lord in the year 304, and his relics were thrown into the sea.



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## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertius;  
Martyr Orestes of Cappadocia; Hieromartyr Milles, Bp. in Persia, and two disciples;  
Ven. Theocteristus, Abbot of Symbola on Mt. Olympus;  
Martyr Constantine, Prince of Georgia*

Illumined by divine light, O holy apostles, you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry. When you caught all the pagans, you brought them to the Master and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Kontakion for Apostles of the Seventy, Tone II

You confessed Christ, O prize winner, and humbled the madness of the impious idolators, and became a partaker of glory by enduring the contest of martyrdom. For this reason, we honor you, Orestes, as one victorious, and we cry out to you: "Glory to Him Who has given you strength. Glory to Him Who has given you a crown. Glory to Him Who, through you, works healing for all.

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 1:11-19

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, November 10	Panikhida for the Veterans of Holy Trinity Orthodox Parish Dedication of the Commemorative Stone
Thursday, November 14	6:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service <b>at St. Innocent Church</b>
Saturday, November 16	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](http://www.oca.org/readings).

***The Nativity Fast begins Friday, November 15.***

**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:**

- 10, TODAY      Second Sunday Food Sale
- 13, Wednesday    7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 14, Thursday    6:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service at St. Innocent Church
- 17, Sunday      Noon - HTOC Greeters' meeting
- 24, Sunday      Parish Council meeting

<p><b><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u></b> Please remember our Food Sale today. Shop at the tables in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p><b><u>SPRUCE ISLAND HONEY:</u></b> Locally-produced honey from the beekeepers at St. Herman's House is available in the La Coupole bookstore. All proceeds benefit St. Herman's FOCUS Cleveland.</p> <p><b><u>UNCTION SERVICE:</u></b> The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy invites all to worship together at a Pan-Orthodox service of Holy Unction. The parish of St. Innocent Church, 8526 Usher Rd, Olmsted Twp., will host the service on Thursday, November 14, at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>BAPTISMS:</u></b> The initial prayers for the baptism of Michael Myers will begin at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, Tessa Griebel will be baptized on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b><u>NATIVITY CONCERT:</u></b> The Greater Cleveland churches will once again perform a Nativity concert. It will be hosted by St. Demetrios Church on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 p.m. The church is located at 22909 Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River.</p> <p><b><u>ST. MATTHEW FEAST DAY:</u></b> St. Matthew Church in North Royalton invites all to celebrate the feast of Apostle Matthew with services on Friday, Nov. 15—Great Vespers with Litya at 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 16—Orthos followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b><u>GREETERS:</u></b> The HTOC Greeters will meet with Fr. Christopher next Sunday, Nov. 17, at noon. Anyone interested in becoming a greeter is welcome.</p> <p><b><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u></b> Our refreshments today are hosted by the Table of Eight.</p>
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*A work correctly, religiously organized cannot lead to fatigue, nervousness or heart trouble. If these symptoms exist, it is proof that a man works "in his own name" — trusting his own strength, his own charm, eloquence, and not the grace of God.*

*Just as there are correctly trained voices, just so there are properly trained souls. Caruso sang without fatigue; Pushkin would never have said that poetry writing tired him out; the nightingale sings all night, and when day breaks, its voice is still not tired.*

*If we are exhausted by our work, by our relations with other people, by conversation or prayer, this means only that our soul is incorrectly trained. There are voices naturally "developed;" others are forced to seek the same results through prolonged effort and artificial exercises. The same can be said of the soul.*

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, 10/13/2024	\$ 3480.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	515.00
CANDLES	8.00
LOCAL CHARITIES - ST. MARY OF EGYPT	50.00
COFFEE HOUR	208.00

***You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Eph 2:19–22.***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this day, November 10th, in 1963, our parish was established. God has blessed us in so many ways over these last 61 years. Some of us have been a part of our community from the very beginning or from its very earliest years. Some of us have grown up in this parish. Many of us have spent many years of our lives serving the Lord and His people in this place. Some of us, like myself, are so very new to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, yet we are now part of its ongoing history and life.

A parish is first and foremost a community of people, called to worship the Lord together in one location, called to be united to Christ and one another. We are family. And, we are a local eucharistic community growing in being disciples of Christ, growing “into a holy temple in the Lord,” as the verse above from Ephesians states. And this discipleship continues throughout our lives and even into the next. We are becoming “a dwelling place for God.” May the Lord continue to manifest his presence in our midst and bring his life into our community and through us to the world around us.

We know and observe in this world that parishes don’t last forever. They come and they go. Their length of days is ordained by God. But God’s Church remains, his assembly of holy ones will continue throughout all time and beyond time. Keeping this in mind, let us give thanks to all the years that God has given us Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, and let us ask him to grant so many more for his glory and for our growth.

It just so happens that 60 years after our parish’s establishment came the proclamation that Matushka Olga of Alaska is to be listed among the saints and her feast day is to be established also on November 10th. We look forward to this coming All American Council in 2025 at which Matushka Olga by God’s grace will be canonized and the annual feast day will be established.

Today we get to mark our 61st anniversary in a couple of ways. After Liturgy, make your way into the parish hall and have a look at the tables that have been set up with several items from our parish archive! Many thanks to Pdn. Anthony and Mat. Dianna Kall for setting up this nice display for us today and taking us on a trip down memory lane!

Also, at around 11:30am today, we will make our way to the prayer garden to bless the commemorative stone offered in thanks for the service of veterans of the US Armed Forces of our community along with offering a memorial service for all our departed veterans. A while back, the base of the veterans’ memorial plaque in the prayer garden broke, and we are blessed to be able to replace that plaque with an outdoor engraved stone and an indoor plaque that lists our veterans, which will remain in our church with gratitude to those who have served our country, and who in their own ways have contributed to the blessings of freedoms that we all experience in our nation. On behalf of our parish community, I want to offer thanks to Frank Stoyka who has taken much care and time to restore and establish these items. Let us give thanks to God for the freedoms and blessings he provides us this country where we have temporary citizenship, looking forward to fullness of life and blessings of our eternal heavenly citizenship!

And finally, let us give thanks to Christ, our chief cornerstone, who has established our parish on the apostles and prophets, and may our parish always keep these things as an unwavering foundation in all we do.

With love in Christ,  
Fr Christopher