

HIEROMARTYR ARTEMON OF LAODICEA

St. Artemon was born of Christian parents in the 3rd century. He devoted himself to the service of the Church, as a reader for 16 years, a deacon for 28 years and a priest for 33 years. When emperor Diocletian began persecuting Christians, St. Artemon was already quite old.

The military commander Patricius was due to arrive in Laodicea. St. Artemon, St. Sisinnius and other faithful entered the pagan temple and smashed the idols. When Patricius learned of this, he went with soldiers to the church where the Christians were praying. As he approached, Patricius fell deathly ill; he was carried home and put to bed. He prayed to his idols, but they did not help. He sent for Bishop Sisinnius asking for his help and promising a gold statue of the hierarch in the middle of the city. The saint replied, "Keep your gold, but if you believe in Christ, He will heal you." Patricius declared his belief, and the affliction left him. But he soon began to persecute Christians again.

He met St. Artemon, who was followed by six donkeys and two deer. When Patricius asked how he was able to control these wild beasts, St. Artemon replied that he held them with the Word of Christ. When Patricius arrested Artemon, the saint told the animals to go to St. Sisinnius. The doe received the gift of speech from God and told St. Sisinnius that Artemon was arrested and being taken to Caesarea in chains and had commanded the animals to give Sisinnius the news.

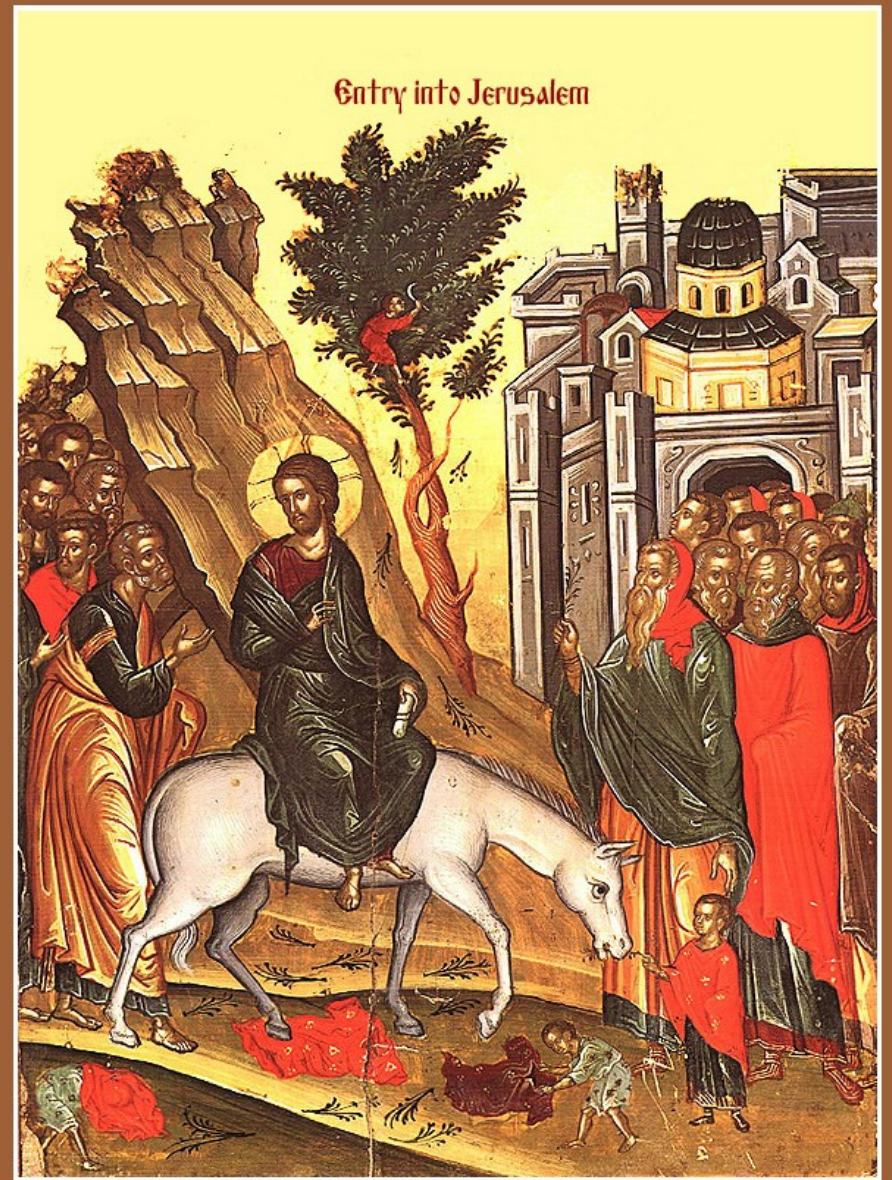
Patricius brought St. Artemon to trial and tried to force him to sacrifice in the temple of Asclepius. In that temple there were many poisonous vipers. The pagan priest never opened the doors. But St. Artemon, calling on the Name of Christ, went into the temple and drove the snakes out. The pagans fled, but the saint stopped them and killed the snakes by his breath.

Patricius thought that St. Artemon killed the snakes by sorcery; he had him tortured. Then the doe which had spoken arrived and she lay down at the Martyr's feet, licking his wounds. She spoke again, denouncing the impious pagans. She then predicted the death of Patricius. He was enraged and commanded his soldiers to shoot the doe, but she escaped. Afraid that St. Artemon was gathering more followers due to his miracles, Patricius ordered the execution of St. Artemon. A cauldron was filled with boiling pitch. When Patricius approached it to see if the pitch was indeed boiling, two angels in the form of eagles seized him and dropped him into the cauldron, as the doe had foreseen.

Seeing this, everyone ran away except St. Artemon, who glorified God. When the Saint finished his prayer, a spring of water gushed forth from the ground. Many pagans who had come to believe in Christ were then baptized by St. Artemon.

St. Artemon preached the Gospel in Asia Minor. An angel transported him to a place where he converted many to Christ. It was there that the pagans arrested him and beheaded the Saint. (+303).

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday

***Hieromartyr Artemon, Presbyter, of Laodicea in Syria;
Martyr Crescens, of Myra in Lycia; Woman Martyr Thomais, of Alexandria***

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!

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, April 13	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 14	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 15	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, April 16	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 17	9:00 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy - Mystical Supper 6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Friday - Crucifixion and 12 Gospels
Friday, April 18	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours before the Cross 2:30 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 6:30 p.m. Matins of Holy Saturday - Lamentations before the Tomb
Saturday, April 19	9:00 a.m. Vespertal Liturgy - Harrowing of Hades 11:00 p.m. Services of Pascha

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, April 20: Vespers of Pascha 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. 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.

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APRIL:

13, TODAY Pick-up of Nut, Poppyseed Rolls
18, Friday Delivering Pascha baskets to shut-ins
20, Sunday Pascha Day Egg Hunt

MAY:

17, Saturday Noon Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild Luncheon
19, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at Woodside Event Center

PASCHA BASKETS FOR SHUT-INS:

Pascha baskets for shut-ins will be prepared during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with preparing food items as well as delivering baskets on Holy Friday. Please see Laura Gluntz after church on Sunday or call 216-396-6255 to offer your help.

EGG HUNT:

Kids, bring your Easter baskets to Agape Vespers to gather eggs during our annual egg hunt! We have a lot of eggs to find! If you don’t have a basket, we will have some bags on hand for you to use.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES:

The Committee would like to send packages to students for the spring semester. Cash donations are needed. Please see Valerie Spoerl or drop your gift into one of the baskets in the nave of the church.

EOWG:

The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will have a luncheon on Saturday, May 17, at noon. Tickets are \$15. Please see Joanne Stoyka.

“SUPER SAINTS: HEROES OF OUR FAITH”

“Super Saints” is the theme for a free Vacation Bible School offered by St. Matthew Church the week of June 2-6, for children K-5th grade; 9:00 a.m. through noon each day. Email oharmon15@gmail.com for further information, to register a child, or to volunteer your help.

HELP DURING HOLY WEEK:

There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for various responsibilities during Holy Week and Pascha weekend. Please see where you can help.

NUT & POPPYSEED ROLL SALE:

Today is the pick-up day for Nut and Poppyseed Rolls.

SAVE THE DATE:

May 19 is the annual IOCC Banquet - 6:00 p.m. at Woodside Event Center. Diane Hastings has tickets; \$70. The deadline is May 2. Your support helps families throughout the world.

IOCC REBUILD IN TENNESSEE:

June 15-21, volunteers will be traveling to eastern Tennessee to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Helene. A group from HTOC is being organized by Diane Hastings; cars will leave after Liturgy on June 15. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. 16 or 17 year olds must have a guardian with them. Information is posted on the bulletin board.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

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

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are hosted by Abraham, Edelbrock, Kolberg, Moore and Uziel Families.

Christ is the Bread of Life, therefore let us lay aside our care for the other bread.

The God Who gives us the Body and Blood of His Son for our food and drink, will likewise give us natural bread.

He Who clothes our soul in Christ will likewise give us material clothing.

He Who deigns to dwell in us will not deprive us of a perishable dwelling.

St. John of Kronstadt

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 4/6/2025	\$ 5498.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	737.00
CANDLES	146.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	604.00
DEANERY	250.00
IN MEMORY OF HELEN KLING	50.00
FLOWERS	515.00
COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES	325.00
COFFEE HOUR	76.00

PROCLAIMING THE RISEN CHRIST

Why do we sing and chant “Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!” in so many languages at Pascha? Why do we read the Gospel at Pascha night in multiple languages? Is it so we can have a pep rally in our church building, stay up extra late, feel good about ourselves, and then eat lots of good food? Is it because we feel compelled to preserve some layer of ethnic identity in our Church by chanting in the languages of our ancestors and forebears? Is it a competition to see who knows the most languages? No, none of these, really. We jubilantly proclaim “Christ is Risen!” and read John chapter 1 in multiple languages because the message of Christ’s victory over death, sin, and demonic powers is to be taken to all people. The risen Christ says in Mark’s Gospel: “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (16:15). We give thanks to God for changing whole nations and peoples with his light, and that many of us have ancestors who brought their Christian faith with them to this world. And we both proclaim “Christ is Risen!” in these languages of our forebears and many other languages, seeing that the Gospel has changed and continues to change lives. After we celebrate Pascha in our church, who will *you* go out to and proclaim the risen Christ?

PASCHA BASKETS AND FEASTING

On April 20th we will have fasted for 7 weeks—seven sevens—a fullness of completion of purification and an entrance into the joy of the new and holy Passover (Pascha) of Christ, his resurrection and deliverance of humanity from death. It is then truly right for us to feast, to enjoy the things of this earth that God has created as good (Gen 1). Feasting is also a necessary part of the life in Christ and often we cut it short, or are unable to sustain it and lose the deeper sense of lasting joy of feasting on the mighty works of God’s salvation. Feasting is what we will do in the kingdom of heaven.

Pascha baskets are one way we break the fast and enter into the feast. Pascha baskets are great for sharing on Pascha night and into Bright Week! Some of us like to prepare specific foods in a way we received from our families and heritage. Others of us like to bring all the yummy and good foods we’ve set aside for the last 7 weeks and look forward to again. We encourage you to bring a basket to be blessed!

A question came up in a previous year regarding what to do with items in our baskets that are inedible: When your baskets are blessed, according to the prayer offered, we are blessing the **food to be eaten**, enjoyed, and shared. Yes, you may have egg shells, bones, plastic wrap, or other things that get sprinkled with holy water in the blessing. It is not necessary then, to seek to dispose of these items in a more pious way than usual. We are blessing the food for your nourishment and health, and for a remembrance of Christ is the true nourisher of our lives.

When are baskets blessed?

The main Pascha basket blessings will be Pascha night after the liturgy (around 2am), and Pascha day after Vespers (around 12 noon) in the fellowship hall. We will have tables in the fellowship hall for you to set your baskets on. I will also be offering a basket blessing Saturday morning after the Divine Liturgy. This Saturday morning basket blessing is reserved for those who are unable to make it to the Pascha services, such as our shut-ins and their families.

Fr. Chris