

VIRGIN MARTYR PELAGIA OF TARSUS

St. Pelagia lived in the third century, during the reign of Diocletian and was the daughter of illustrious pagans. When she heard about Jesus Christ from her friends, she believed in Him and desired to preserve her virginity, dedicating her whole life to the Lord.

She angered the emperor's heir, who was captivated by her beauty and wanted to marry her. She instead sought Bishop Linus, who had fled to a mountain during a persecution against Christians. Pelagia wanted to be baptized by him; she had seen the face of Bishop Linus in a dream, telling her to be baptized. She was on her way to the mountains when she met him and fell at his feet, requesting Baptism. At the bishop's prayer, a spring of water flowed from the ground. Angels appeared and covered St. Pelagia with a bright mantle. She then changed her expensive clothing for a simple white garment. She distributed her possessions to the poor, telling her servants about Christ and converting many of them.

St. Pelagia tried to convert her mother to Christ, but the woman instead sent a message to Diocletian's son that Pelagia was a Christian and would not be his wife. He fell upon his sword in despair. Pelagia's mother now feared the emperor's wrath, so she tied her daughter up and led her to the emperor's court as a Christian, who was also responsible for the death of the heir. The emperor was captivated by her beauty and tried to turn her from her faith in Christ, promising her every earthly blessing if she would become his wife.

The holy virgin refused his offer with contempt, saying that she would not do his bidding, that she loathed his vile marriage. "I do not desire your worldly crowns which last only a short while. The Lord in His heavenly Kingdom has prepared three imperishable crowns for me. The first is for faith; the second is for purity, because I have dedicated my virginity to Him; the third is for martyrdom, since I want to accept every suffering for Him and offer up my soul because of my love for Him."

Diocletian sentenced St. Pelagia to be burned in a red-hot bronze bull. Not permitting the executioners to touch her body, the holy martyr signed herself with the Sign of the Cross and went into the brazen bull. Her flesh melted like myrrh, filling the whole city with fragrance. St. Pelagia's bones remained unharmed and were removed by the pagans to a place outside the city. Four lions came out of the wilderness and sat around the bones, letting neither bird nor beast at them. The lions protected the relics until Bishop Linus came and gathered them up to be buried with honor. Later, a church was built over her holy relics.

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TONE 2

MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor;

The Albanov brethren: Sts. Nikita, Kirill, Nikifor, Clement, and Isaac, of Novgorod;

Hieromartyr Erasmus, Bishop of Formia in Campania; Hieromartyr Albian, Bishop of Anæa in Asia Minor;

Hieromartyr Silvanus, Bishop of Gaza, and with him 40 Martyrs; Ven. Nicephorus of Mt. Athos

Appearing to the Myrrh-bearing Women at the tomb, the Angel exclaimed: "Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption. So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.'"

Troparion, Tone II

The comely Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion, Tone II

You visited Christ the Lord in the night, and were born from above being received, as it were, as a secret Apostle. With good courage you disputed with the Pharisees and Scribes and followed the Savior. Taking Him dead from the Cross, you wrapped Him in cloths with myrrh and laid Him in the tomb, O fervent Nicodemus.

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 6:1-7

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 15:43-16:8

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 5

6:00 p.m. Akathist for Icon of the Mother of God "Inexhaustible Cup"

Saturday, May 10

5:00 p.m. 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.

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MAY:

- 11, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 17, Saturday Noon Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild Luncheon
- 19, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Banquet at Woodside Event Center
- 26, Monday 8:00 a.m. Grave blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery

<p><u>MEMORY ETERNAL:</u> Robert Weber, former parishioner of HTOC, has fallen asleep in the Lord. He will be buried tomorrow in St. Theodosius Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Patricia Blischak, also a former parishioner of HTOC, has fallen asleep in the Lord and was buried in Columbus, where she has resided for several years.</p> <p><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u> Please bake and cook foods for our sale next week!</p> <p><u>“SUPER SAINTS: HEROES OF OUR FAITH”</u> “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.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Marsha Uziel in blessed memory of Alex and Doris Solanics.</p>	<p><u>EOWG:</u> The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild will have a luncheon on Saturday, May 17, at noon. Tickets are \$15. Please see Joanne Stoyka.</p> <p><u>IOCC:</u> May 19 is the annual IOCC Banquet - 6:00 p.m. at Woodside Event Center. Your support helps families throughout the world.</p> <p><u>IOCC REBUILD IN TENNESSEE:</u> June 15-21, volunteers will be traveling to eastern Tennessee to help rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Helene. A group from HTOC 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.</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR:</u> Our refreshments today are hosted by the Chandler, Howe, Smolarchuk and Wislocki Families. Donors are needed for the rest of the Sundays in May.</p>
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ADOPT A ROOM AT ST. HERMAN HOUSE

Our parish has the opportunity to sponsor a resident room at St. Herman House of Hospitality. Sponsorship is \$1500 per year for three years. Funds will help provide a safe, welcoming space for a resident transitioning to stability. You are invited to contribute in \$10 increments as you see fit—one portion or many! Every bit helps. We would like to raise this year’s pledge of \$1500.

If you would like to do more than donate, you can become part of a committee to support our resident, Steven S., in more personal ways throughout the year. You can read about Steven on the following page. His birthday is July 29, and his current need is a chair for his room. More importantly, Steven asks for your prayers for everyone in the St. Herman community, as well as those still suffering on the streets.

- For Steven and other residents, you can help by:
- Offering a warm welcome and occasional cards or small gifts
 - Providing a welcome basket when a new resident moves in
 - Assisting with needs when a resident moves out
 - Building a simple, caring connection over time.

To donate or join the committee, please sign up after Divine Liturgy today in the Fellowship Hall.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

	4/20	4/27	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$12,121.00	\$ 3065.00	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS	360.00	320.00	
CANDLES	95.00	435.00	
FLOWERS	30.00		
NUTROLL SALES		1035.00	
COFFEE HOUR	144.00		

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Resident Spotlight



Hello!
My Name is Steven S.

About Me

I came to St. Herman's last fall due to some unfortunate circumstances in my life. I had just started a new job and needed a place to get my feet under me. My current job allows me to start thinking about my future once I leave St. Herman House.

I am grateful for having my own space at the transitional house. St. Herman House has given me the opportunity to grow and move forward in my life. I love talking with others and sharing my story...hoping it gives them hope to improve their situation. Thank you for sponsoring my room.

Personal Info:

Birthdate: July 29th

Pant Size: 38w x 24l

Shirt Size: XL

Hoodie/Jacket Size: XL - XXL

Shoe/Boot Size: 10.5

My Favorites:

Colors: Black/Gray

Restaurants: Chipotle, Outback

Beverage: Powerade

Snacks: Cookies, Chips...just about anything!

Author: Any

Needs:

Chair for my room

Please pray for all those in the St. Herman Family/Community as well as those still suffering on the street.