

Saintly Notes

St. Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos (January 31)

Parthenios was the son of a deacon from the town of Melitopolis. As a child he remembered well the words of the Gospel and endeavored to fulfill them. He settled in the area of a lake where he fished. He then sold the fish and distributed the money to the poor.

By God's Providence he was chosen as bishop of Lampsakos. He cleansed the town of paganism, closed the idolatrous temples, built many churches and strengthened the faithful in the Faith. Through prayer, he healed every manner of illness and he was particularly powerful over evil spirits.

On one occasion when he wanted to cast out an evil spirit from an insane man, the evil spirit begged him not to do so. Parthenios said to him: "I will give you another man into whom you can enter and in him, you can dwell." The evil spirit asked him: "Who is this man?" "I am that man," replied the saint, "enter and dwell in me!" Upon hearing this, the evil spirit fled as though burned by fire crying out: "How can I enter into the house of God!"

St. Parthenios lived a long time and through his work manifested an abundant love for God and man. Parthenios entered into the eternal rest of Christ in the fourth century.

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Sunday of the Last Judgment

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February 7, 2010

The Saints Whom We Remember

Parthenios, bishop of Lampsakos; Venerable Luke of Hellas;
New-martyr George of Crete

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;
11:45p Meatfare Potluck
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 6:00p Building Committee; 7:00p Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;
5:30p Forgiveness Vespers

Third Antiphon

Resurrectional Troparion—Tone 2

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* “Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.”

† *Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2):* See above.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):*
As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been

adorned with Thy *martyr's* blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Tone 1):* When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Rom. 13:11—14:4

Gospel: Matt. 6:14—21

Megalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update.** This past 2 weeks we witness the placing of the sub-plumbing and the pouring of the footers. Fr. Nicholas stood at each of the four footers for the new temple and prayed, sprinkled holy water into the footers, and then placed one of the four gospels (in the original Greek and in English) in each of the footers. Our Temple is now literally built upon the four Gospels. This week Fr. Nicholas will place a chalice (that we no longer can use and was the first chalice used when All Saints started) in the cement foundation directly under the altar area of the new Temple. Pictures of these events will be available from Paul Hydock. Please keep praying for safety of the workers and for good weather and for continued and increased building fund and general fund income.

- **Haitian Relief Offering.** Our total offering over the two weeks for the Haitian Relief was \$2119.20. This was sent to the Archdiocese designated for Haitian Relief last week. May God bless all of you for your generosity.
- **Orthodoxy Sunday.** This year all Orthodox in our area have been invited by Fr. Andrew Koufopoulos to attend the Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Durham. A light Lenten supper will be served following the service. The Vespers will begin at 5:30pm. St. Barbara church is located at 8306 NC Highway 751 in Durham. Please plan now to attend.
- **Directions to St. Barbara's:** Located less than a mile south of Interstate 40, exit 274 on NC Highway 751. Turn toward Jordan Lake, the church is located on the right hand side of the road.
- **Get Ready for Great Lent.** This year Great Lent begins February 15th. As usual, we will pray Forgiveness Vespers on the evening of February 14th at 5:30pm (make attendance a priority this year). During Great Lent there will be a weekly Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays and the weekly Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos on Fridays. Other special services will be announced as well as a full liturgical schedule for Holy Week. Please plan now to attend as many of these Lenten services as you are able.
- **Holy Pascha is on April 4th this year (as is Western Easter).**
- **Ground Breaking DVD's.** Available on the Narthex table are copies of the DVD that Bill Wynne made of our ground breaking for the new temple Nov. 1, 2009. Copies can be purchased for \$20. All proceeds will be put in the building fund. If you cannot find a copy of the DVD, please talk to Fr. Nicholas.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

The Lord is my strength and my praise.

*The Lord chastising hath chastised me,
but He hath not delivered me over to
death.*

†Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8—9:2 (RSV)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

†Gospel: Matt. 25:31–46 (RSV)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the

left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at His left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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