

## Saintly Notes

### Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily (February 20)

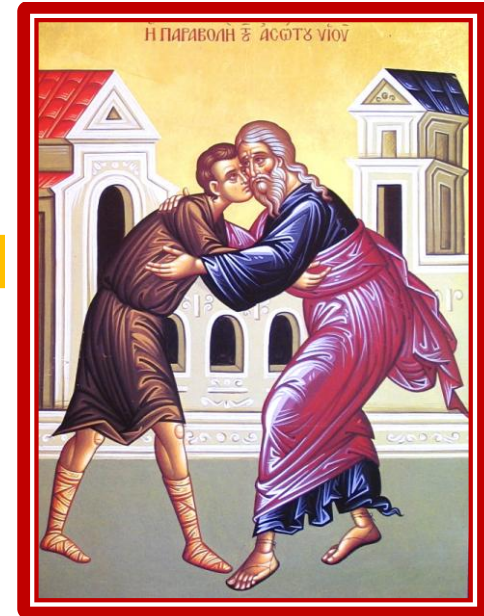
**U**nderneath the volcanic Mount Etna in the town of Catania lived Leo the saint, a good shepherd and compassionate teacher of the people. He had great concern for the sick and the poor. His zeal for the Faith was as great as his charity toward the less fortunate.

Appearing in Catania was a magician named Heliodorus who deluded the people with various illusions and greatly demoralized the youth. At one time during the Divine Services, Heliodorus entered the church of God and began his obscenities. St. Leo approached him, tied him to one end of his pallium and led him to the market place of the city. Here, Leo ordered that a large fire be built and when the fire was burning, he stood in the middle of the fire and pulled Heliodorus into the fire. Heliodorus was completely consumed and Leo remained alive and unscathed. All who were bewitched by Heliodorus, and who looked upon him as someone divine, were ashamed. The compassionate and the zealous Leo was proclaimed throughout the entire kingdom as a great miracle-worker who, by his shining miracles, helps men.

When Leo ended his course, he took up habitation with the Lord and from his relics flowed healing myrrh [Chrism]. He died in the eighth century.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

Glory Be to God for All Things



## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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February 20, 2011

### The Saints Whom We Remember

Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily;  
Venerable Vissarion the Great of Egypt; Agathon, pope of Rome

### This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers  
**Saturday:** 10:00a Soul Saturday Div. Liturgy; 5:30p Great Vespers  
**Sunday:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

## First Antiphon

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## Second Antiphon

*Refrain:* O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead*; save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## Third Antiphon

### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6):* 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 Prodigal Son (Tone 3):* When I disobeyed in ignorance Thy Fatherly glory, I wasted in iniquities the riches that Thou gavest me. Wherefore, I cry to Thee with the voice of the prodigal son, saying, I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father, receive me repentant, and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal . . .

## Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8—9:2

Gospel: Matt. 25:31—46

## Agalynarion (Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee . . .

## Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise ye the Lord. . . . Alleluia.

## Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

### Special Attention

- **Proper Reception of Christ's Body and Blood.** Just a reminder that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with fasting (*if physically and medically able—from 12 midnight until receiving communion*) and with a recent confession (*this must be determined between you and your spiritual father*) may receive the Body and Blood of Christ from the chalice. Also it is our practice that no one should receive communion if they come into the Divine Liturgy after the reading of the Gospel.

- **Remember: No Food or Drink In the Narthex or Nave of the New Temple.**
- **Adult Class on Sunday.** Every adult in our parish is welcome to attend the adult class that meets with Fr. Nicholas at 9:00am on Sunday morning in the nave. The class is currently studying some of the Psalms.
- **Church Etiquette—Cell phones.** Using cell phones and texting are never allowed in the church. If you have a professional reason to carry a phone for emergencies, keep it on mute or vibrate, and sit near the exit so that leaving for an emergency will not be a distraction to others. **Otherwise, turn off your phone before entering the nave.**
- **Soul Saturday.** Saturday of Souls (or Soul Saturday) is a day set aside for commemoration of the dead within the liturgical year of the Orthodox Churches. Saturday is a traditional day for prayer for the dead, because Christ lay dead in the tomb on Saturday. The day is devoted to prayer for departed relatives and others among the faithful who might not be commemorated specifically as Saints. The Divine Services on this day have special hymns to commemorate the departed. There is normally a Panikhida (memorial service) served either after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning, or after Vespers on Friday evening, for which Koliva (a dish made of boiled wheatberries and honey) is prepared and placed in front of the cross or icon before which the Panikhida is served. After the service, the priest blesses the koliva and it is then eaten as a memorial by all present. (*taken from Wikipedia.org*)
- **February and March Calendars Are Available in Narthex and Online** ([allsaintsnc.org](http://allsaintsnc.org)—click on Parish Hall then Monthly Parish Calendar)

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### **Prokeimenon:**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

### **†Epistle: 1 Cor. 6:12–20 (RSV)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price.

So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

### **†Gospel: Luke 15:11–32 (RSV)**

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