

Saintly Notes

Sunday of Orthodoxy (March 8)

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew.

This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband.

After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Theophylaktos, bishop of Nicomedia; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy

This Week's Schedule

- Today:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 5:30p Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers (All Saints)
- Monday:** **Church Office Closed;** 6:30p Presanctified Lit. for 40 Martyrs
- Tuesday:** 7:00 Parish Council
- Wednesday:** 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Presanctified Lit; 8:00p Lenten Supper
- Thursday:** 7:00p St. Thekla (Ibanescu Home); 7:00p Building Committee
- Friday:** 6:30p Akathist
- Saturday:** 9:00a Lenten Soup Making; 5:30p Great Vespers
- Sunday:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

1st Sunday in Lent—Tone 2

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Troparion for the First Sunday of Great Lent: Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art

risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion

of the Resurrection—Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion

for 1st Sunday in Lent—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 Annunciation and Great Lent
Tone 8

To thee, our captain, Queen of war, the battle trophies won, thy people rescued by thine aid from peril, dedicate as our offering of thanksgiving, O Theotokos. As thou hast might which none by war can overcome from all forms of danger hast thou delivered me, that I may cry unto thee: O Virgin unwedded bride.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal . . .

Epistle and Gospel

Today and Next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Heb. 1:10—2:3

Gospel: Mark 2:1—12

Alegalynarion

Tone 8

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

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

After Communion

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

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

Special Attention

- **Estimated Giving Forms.** Please complete your **Estimated Giving Form**. The completed form can be given to Ron Evancho (All Saints Financial Secretary), or to Ray Azrak, or may be left in the weekly offering in an envelope labeled "Estimated Giving Form."
- **Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers.** This year All Saints will host the Sunday evening Vespers for Orthodoxy Sunday. All the Orthodox parishes and people in the Raleigh/Durham area will be invited. The service will start at 5:30pm tonight and be followed by a coffee/snack time (our St. Thekla group will be in charge).
- **PLC Website Now Available.** The website for the 2009 Parish Life Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, June 10–14, is now up and running: www.saintpeterorthodox.com/PLC2009 You may register and pay (by credit card) for the conference and for the meals as well as for the hotel online. Alternately, you may want to download the forms and send them in the mail with your check. Either way, all the information and materials for the PLC are now available online. Early registration has its reward. Also early registration will greatly help the host parish better plan for meals and room space.
- **Procession With the Icons.** This morning all the children and adults who have brought icons with them are invited to process with the clergy and altar assistants around the nave.
- **Remember The Food for Hungry People Collection Boxes Available in the Narthex.**

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

†Epistle: Heb. 11:24–26, 32–40 (RSV)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had

foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

†Gospel: John 1:43–51 (RSV)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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“As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration.

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