

## Saintly Notes

### Venerable Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis (February 27)

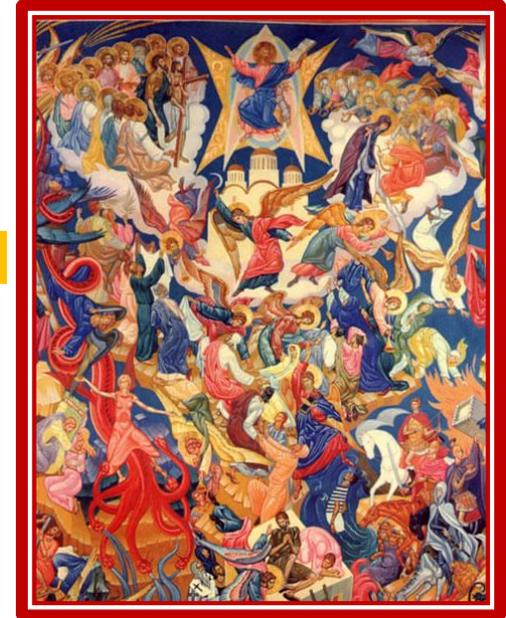
**T**his saint was from Decapolis [Ten Cities] surrounding the Sea of Galilea for which he was called “Decapolit.” In his youth, he devoted himself to a life of asceticism and accomplished all prescribed efforts, by which the heart is purified and the spirit elevated to God.

When a persecution began by the nefarious Emperor Leo Isaurian regarding icons, Procopius rose up in defense of icons showing that the veneration of icons is not idolatry; for Christians know that honoring icons they do not either bow down or honor lifeless material but rather honor living saints who are depicted on the icons. Because of that, Procopius was arrested, brutally tortured, flogged and scrapped with an iron brush.

When the wicked Emperor Leo was slain in the body, [for he had lost his soul earlier], icons were restored in the churches and Procopius returned to his monastery where he spent the remainder of his days in peace. In old age, he was translated into the kingdom of God where he gazes with joy upon the living angels and saints, whose images on icons he honored on earth. He died peacefully in the ninth century.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid)*

Glory Be to God for All Things



# Sunday of the Last Judgment

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## The Saints Whom We Remember

Venerable Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis;  
Martyrs Gelasios of Heliopolis and Nisios; Thalelaeus, hermit of Gabala in Syria;  
New-martyr Elias of Trebizond

## This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday-Fri.:** Church Office Closed; Fr. Nicholas Away  
**Wednesday:** 6:30p Daily Vespers  
**Saturday:** 5:30p Great Vespers  
**Sunday:** 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy;  
5:30p Forgiveness Vespers

## 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 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross,  
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;  
Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

## Little Entrance

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

† *Troparion of the Resurrection*  
(Tone 7): 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 . . .

## Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Rom. 13:11—14:4

Gospel: Matt. 6:14–21

## Alegalynarion (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

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim,  
Micah Keim, Roger Jones.

### 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.**
- **Akathist for Our Children.** Due to Fr. Nicholas' schedule the Akathist for our Children will not be prayed this month. It will resume in April.
- **Third Hour Prayers.** This service will be cancelled this week but resume next week.
- **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:

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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