

Saintly Notes

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (March 22)

Under Emperor Constantius, Basil endured and suffered much at the hands of the Arians. At that time he was renowned as a great zealot of Orthodoxy and a true shepherd of his entrusted flock in Ancyra.

When Julian the Apostate ascended the throne, he began to persecute Christians. Because Basil openly unmasked this latest impurity and strengthened his people in the Faith, he was cast into prison. When Emperor Julian came to Ancyra, Basil was brought before him and the emperor tried to persuade him to abandon his faith in Christ, promising him honors and riches. Basil answered the emperor; "I believe in my Christ, Whom you denied and Who gave you this earthly kingdom; but, that will be taken away from you, shortly. Have you no shame of the sacred altar under which you were saved when they sought to kill you as an eight year old child? That is why this temporary kingdom will be taken from you shortly and your body will not be buried when your soul is violently wrested from you in bitter pains."

Julian became enraged and ordered that seven strips of skin be peeled from his body every day. The tormentors did this for several days. When Basil appeared again before the emperor, he took a belt of his own skin and threw it into the face of Julian and crying out to him said, "Take it, Julian, and eat if this kind of food is sweet to you but, for me, Christ is Life."

This incident was proclaimed throughout the towns, and the emperor, out of shame, secretly departed from Ancyra to Antioch. They continued to torture Basil with red hot irons until he gave up his soul to God, for Whom he suffered in the year 363 A.D.

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra; Martyr Kallinika of Rome;
Venerable-Martyr Euthymios of Prodromou Skete on Athos

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 Vespersal Liturgy for
Annunciation; 8:00p Lenten Supper
Friday: 6:30p Akathist
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Tone 1

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.

Troparion of the Holy Cross: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine Estate.

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 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.

Troparion

for the Holy Cross—Tone 1

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 Anti-Trisagion

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Dynamis!

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Epistle and Gospel

Today and Next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Heb. 6:13–20

Gospel: Mark 9:16–30

Alegalyrnarion

Tone 8

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and super-sensual paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In

thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia.

After Communion

Troparion of the Holy Cross (See above)

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

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

Special Attention

- **Procession of the Holy Cross will Take Place This Morning After the Prayer Behind the Ambo.**
- **2009 Parish Life Conference.** We want to encourage our members to support our sister parish in Mississippi by planning now to attend the 2009 Parish Life Conference in Jackson, MS., June 10–14. **Teens and adults: we need two Bible Bowl teams this year to represent All Saints.** Registration forms and information are available in the Narthex as well as on the 2009 PLC website: www.saintpeterorthodox.com/PLC2009 On the website you may register and pay (by credit card) for the conference and for the meals as well as for the hotel.
- **Remember The Food for Hungry People Collection Boxes Available in the Narthex.** He who oppresses the poor man insults his Maker, but he who is kind to the needy honors Him. (Prov. 14:31)

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

O Lord, save Thy people and
bless Thine inheritance.

*To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O
my God.*

†**Epistle: Heb. 4:14—5:6 (RSV)**

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place,

"Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

†**Gospel: Mark 8:34—9:1 (RSV)**

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

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