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St. Drosida

The daughter of the Emperor Trajan, she was seized with five other women when they were gathering the bodies of the martyrs who had suffered for Christ by night, and was for this cruelly mutilated by the Emperor. The five women were terribly tortured and at last thrown into molten copper, where they surrendered their souls to their Lord. But Drosida remained under strict imperial guard. However, she escaped from the court and baptised herself in a river. After eight days she gave her soul into God's hands.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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March 22, 2020
The Third Sunday of Great Lent

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Gospel Reading: St. Mark 8:34-9:1

Saints of the Day

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 18th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 20th - Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (3rd Stasis)

Saturday, March 21st - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 22nd - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 25th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 27th - Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M. (4th Stasis)

Saturday, March 28th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 29th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 1st - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 3rd - Akathist Hymn, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 4th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 5th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 8th - Presanctified Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 11th - Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 11th - Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 12th - Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 12th - Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 13th - Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Monday, April 13th - Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 14th - Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Tuesday, April 14th - Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 15th - Presanctified Liturgy, 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 15th - Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 16th - Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 16th - Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 17th - Royal Hours, 9:00 A.M.

Friday, April 17th - Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 17th - Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 18th - Vespereal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 18th - Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 19th - Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 19th - Agape Vespers, 11:00 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The possum family was excited about the Bishop's visit. We heard the whole Divine Liturgy in in our little home under the altar. Such a long but beautiful service! In the Orthodox Church, it is best to stand whenever you're in doubt about whether to stand or sit. There are directions in the prayer book about when to sit or stand. You should always stand at the beginning of the Liturgy, whenever the priest blesses the congregation, during a censuring, during the Little and Great Entrances, during the reading of the Gospel, the reciting of the Creed, the Anaphora (the consecration prayers), the Lord's Prayer and the Dismissal at the end of Liturgy. The Bishop was upset because people were sitting while Holy Communion was being distributed. It is especially important that we show respect, by standing, to all people while they are receiving the consecrated bread and wine. Of course, if you are unable to stand because of age, illness or any disability, by all means, feel free to sit in the pew. Let us attend! -Theo, the Parish Possum

Spiritual Counsels...

“The equable man is full of discernment, the hasty is more than foolish.”
– Prov. 14:29

Today’s Ushers: Bronwen. **Next Week:** ???.

Today’s Epistle Reader: Cheryl Pituch. **Next Week:** Georgette Ioup.

Today’s coffee hour: Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

As of March 12, 2020, 42 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$84,710.00. The collections for February 2020 totaled \$10,518.13. The expenses were \$11,756.17 for an end-of-month balance of \$30,747.24. Last week’s second collection totaled \$695.00. Thank you.

PLEDGE INFORMATION

The Parish Council wishes to thank the following persons for their 2020 pledge commitments:

Azeb Abera	David Abramson	Greg Abramson
Mariam Ammari	Marianna Avery	Rob Booms
Cynthia Capobianco	Rabih Chedid	Lilli Colby
Barbara Crane	Simion/Olga Donea	Mark Fleming
Dwight Gillis	Alexa Hamauei	Jim/Sophia Hashek
Phil/Rose Hrabar	Yazmin Incaprera	Elias/Sarah Ioup
Georgette Ioup	Larry Jones	George Khoury
Ghassan/Majeda Khoury	Vlajko/Paulina Kocic	Mihai Leustean
Greg/Diana Lindley	Andy Mahoney	Tefera Milko
Vera Muller	Nazih/Solange Nakhoul	Lauren Navarro
Fr. Peter/Pam Nugent	Joel/April Ocana	Gene/Cheryl Pituch
Stephen/April Pituch	Sevin/Tania Russell	Greg/Jane Shamitko
Naheel Rafeedie	Nabil Wakileh	Yordan/Maia Yordanov
Michael Zelesnik	Stephen Zelesnik	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the present, many people are concerned about COVID-19 and how the archdiocese is responding to this viral illness. The elderly, the very young and those persons who have underlying or pre-existing health conditions are particularly susceptible to this illness. Therefore, as appropriate you may wish to refrain from kissing sacred objects as well as the priests’ and bishops’ hands. You may also wish to refrain from shaking hands or hugging one another as well. Good hygiene and

sanitation practices are indispensable. The Eucharist shall be distributed in its usual manner.

Each year we begin our Archdiocese-wide **Food For Hungry People Campaign** at this time. This campaign has raised millions of dollars over the many years of its existence. Please take one of the coin boxes in the narthex home with you and place your coins in it during Great Lent and return the boxes at PASCHA. The proceeds will be collected and forwarded to the Archdiocese Chancery for distribution to the needy. May God bless your generosity and ascetic practice of almsgiving.

Lenten potluck meals shall be served after Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings during Great Lent.

The traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) is observed during the entire Great Fast, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday.

The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body. For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent.

Approximately 120 **Red Carnations** are needed for the veneration of the Holy Cross on Sunday, March 22. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Red Carnations.” Include your commemorations, donation and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

Lentil soup sales continue – \$8 each or 2 for \$15 (16 oz frozen container) See Tania, Yazmin, or Diana. Support the Ladies Guild charities. Thank you.

Pledge Forms are available in the narthex of the church.

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is postponed until further

notice. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

Today's carnations were graciously provided by the following people:

Therese Dagher for the health of **Bruno, Toufic, Ayman** and **Therese** (many years), and in memory of **Alex, Marie & Tony** (memory eternal);

Ivan Dytyuk and **Maria Puluciu** for the health of **Ivan, Maria, Sofia, Danil, Svetlana, Alexander, Viktoria, Sofia, Eudokia, Emilia, Liliya, Ekaterina, Andrey, Diana, Tatyana, Oleg & Olga** (many years), and in memory of **Nikolay, Maria, Ivan, Olga, Eudokia, Vasiliy, Ilia, Vasiliy & Semion** (memory eternal);

Vlajko and **Paulina Kocic** for the health of **Paulina, Vlajko, Ljiljana, Nikola, Ljubomir, Lauren, Bella, Maximus, Karen** & family (many years), and in memory of the departed members of the **Kocic, Djordjevic, Piskulic, Stevanovic, Pavasovic, Mitrovic** and **Lebedina** families (memory eternal);

Greg and **Deonna Lindley**;

Phil and **Rose Hrabar**;

Rebecca Smith and **Donna Smith Signorelli** in memory of **Ruby H. Smith** and **William A. Smith** (memory eternal).