

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, October 25, 2020

Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople



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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Schedule for the Week of October 25, 2020

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople (ca. 355). Ven. Martyrii (Martyrius) the Deacon, Recluse of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–13th-14th c.). Martyr Athanasius the Fuller, at Salona in Dalmatia (3rd c.). St. Tabitha, the widow raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter (1st c.).

Weekly Calendar

(All Parishioners must review and follow the St. Nicholas Church Reopening Guidance when attending services in person.)

Monday, October 26, 2020

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting
(Zoom)

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Thursday, October 29, 2020

12:00 pm - Deadline for RSVP for Saturday Vespers and/or Sunday Liturgy

Saturday, October 31, 2020

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, November 1, 2020

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

10:45 am - Communion for Parish Children (Wait outside the main Church Doors)

Outdoor Fellowship Gathering to follow the Divine Liturgy (weather permitting)

Announcements

Prayers for Archbishop David's Health

Parish Faithful,

Of your charity please keep in prayer our beloved former rector, His Eminence, Archbishop David. His Eminence has been diagnosed with renal cancer and will be undergoing treatment in Indiana. Below please find an official statement from the Diocese of Alaska regarding Archbishop David's health. You may also read the statement here: <https://www.doaoca.org/ourarchbishopshealth>

October 5, 2020 Prophet Jonah (9th c. B.C.).

Dearly beloved Monastics, Clergy and Faithful of this God-protected Diocese of Alaska,

I have been diagnosed with renal cancer and will be receiving care in Indiana in the coming weeks. I want to assure you of my love and arch-pastoral prayers on your behalf even as I have to leave Alaska. I ask for you to remember me in your daily prayers. We will post regular updates on this page to keep you informed of my progress.

As I face this diagnosis I'm inspired by the admonishment of our heavenly intercessor and protector Saint Herman of Alaska:

"From this day, from this hour, from this moment; let us love God and do His Holy Will."

My dearly beloved, pray for me, that I live these words as I fight the good fight and keep the faith!

+ Archbishop DAVID

Please keep His Eminence in your God pleasing prayers.

Fr. Matthew Joyner



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

October 1, 2020

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! October is clergy appreciation month and the 2nd Sunday, October 11 is nationally recognized as Pastor Appreciation Day. Our clergy are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Clergy often have family events interrupted, including vacation time to minister to one of their flock.

Sadly, clergy are more likely to hear when someone is unhappy, but like the Ten Lepers in the Gospel, those who are pleased with their pastor often say nothing. The rate of clergy burnout is astounding (<https://www.pastoralcareinc.com/statistics/>), with around 1500 clergy a month leaving active ministry. In a recent article published on line the author lists six reasons why some clergy are ready to quit (<https://churchanswers.com/blog/six-reasons-your-pastor-is-about-to-quit/?fbclid=IwAR24hYx6exl1Zdqfvk7xw74xva3T3bqM8MGeZ3mgRhA69DYj7X5dYB-OHRw>). Much of the article has to do with trying to navigate through the Coronavirus requirements and related parishioners' conflicting demands and complaints about how to do so.

Unfortunately, some people believe the role of the clergy is to make them happy! Yet, the role of the priest is not to make people happy, it is to make them Holy! When I went to my second parish the council chairman greeted me and said, Fr. Mark your only role here is to make people happy. Without skipping a beat, I responded, "Our Lord, took on our Humanity, opened the eyes of the blind, the ears of the deaf, healed the withered hand, cleansed the lepers, raised up the lame and raised the dead, and they nailed Him to a tree! Why would I expect to be treated differently?" As far as pleasing the faithful, there are always a few who will never be happy with any priest. Anyone in a leadership position who talks behind the priest back should resign immediately for the good of the parish and his or her own salvation. A house divided cannot stand.

Our clergy are entrusted with a stewardship by the Lord for which they will answer. Let us pray that our clergy will always rise above seeking the praise of men, and seek to be faithful to their high calling and seek to please the Lord in all things.

For Clergy Appreciation Month, I would ask our Parish Councils to request the faithful of their parish to consider showing their appreciation in a few ways:

1. Attend the services regularly and all classes intended to enrich our faith.
2. Send a card and state five things you sincerely appreciate about your priest, as well as his matushka and family.
3. Consider either jointly or personally giving gift card(s) for the clergy's favorite coffee shop or restaurant.
4. Check out this list of possible gifts (<https://thepurposefulmom.com/15-gift-ideas-for-your-pastor.html>).

Finally, telling your pastor and his family you appreciate them should not just be limited to the month of October. Years ago, I remember hearing from a priest, *for every negative comment, we need to offer a hundred 'atta boys.'* Let us always seek to build one another up.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." August

Announcements

Announcements are back!!!

If you have something that you would like to have included in the bulletin for next Sunday, please provide the information to Jennifer Bzik by noon on Thursday. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we figure out new ways to do things during this challenging time.



Looking for a gift for someone?

We've got a perfect way to say "Thanks!" or "I'm Thinking of You".

Grocery Gift Cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card. Last year alone, your card purchases helped raise \$2,000 for our church.

Participating stores are: Giant, Valley Farm, and Weis Markets. Card denominations are \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100. Special value cards for \$200 and \$300 may be ordered upon request with advance notice. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

See Stephanie Pasquel for Grocery Gift Cards. (Cash or checks please.)

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Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 3 **Troparion** *(Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius)*

In holy zeal you dispelled the error of Arius and proclaimed the Trinity, one in essence. Holy martyrs Marcian and Martyrius, unshaken bulwarks of Orthodoxy, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy!

Tone 3 **Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 4 **Kontakion** *(Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius)*

From your youth you were good athletes, wise Marcian and Martyrius, vanquishing the Arian heretics; you kept the faith perfect by following in the footsteps of your bishop and teacher Paul, therefore, you are worthy to be with him in eternal life, as respected defenders of the Holy Trinity.

Tone 3 **Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)*

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! *(Ps. 46:6)*

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)

Epistle

(Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

Gospel

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now

he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers at the Divine Liturgy for the Health of the Servants of God:

Metropolitan Herman

Igumen David Lewis

Archbishop David Mahaffey

Archpriests: Thomas Edwards, John Perich, Rodion Pfeifer, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic

Priests: Matthew Joyner, Ian Shipley, John Nightingale

Matushki: Ashley Joyner, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Maryann Oselinsky, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, David Gowarty, Patricia Grammes, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Jonathan Hontz, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Pauline Kasick, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Olga Maksimova, Peter Marsh, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Mary Orzolek, Kylie Pinho, Ryan Pinkowicz, Kiera Pheiffer, Gordon Roberts, Clara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Robert Schainfeld, Cate Shea, Julia Smith, Julia G. Smolenski, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, John Uzick, Irene Witaneck

Child of God: Emily Estrin

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.