

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2010 (Tone 3)

Hieromartyr Methodios of Patra, Bishop of Olympos



The Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara (Lycia in Asia Minor), was distinguished for his genuine monastic humility. Calmly and with mildness he instructed his flock, but he firmly defended the purity of Orthodoxy and he energetically contended against heresies, especially the widespread heresy of the Origenists. He left behind him a rich literary legacy: works in defense of Christianity against paganism, explications of Orthodox dogmas against the heresy of Origen, moral discourses, and explanations of Holy Scripture.

St Methodius was arrested by the pagans, steadfastly confessed before them his faith in Christ, and he was sentenced to death by

beheading in the year 312.

Blessed Prince Gleb Andreevich the Son of St Andrew Bogoliubsky

Holy Prince Gleb of Vladimir, named George in holy Baptism, was a younger son of the holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky (July 4). Under the influence of his pious parents he grew up with a deep faith, and from twelve years of age he led a solitary spiritual life. The parents did not hinder their son and even assisted him in spiritual growth. The prince especially loved the reading of holy books, he esteemed the clergy and he was charitable to all. Despite his young age, he chose for himself the exploit of strict fasting and prayerful vigilance. Prince Gleb died in the year 1174, at age nineteen.

His incorrupt relics were preserved and glorified by miracles. In the year 1238, during the time of the incursion of Batu upon the Russian Land, the Tatars burned the cathedral at Vladimir. In this conflagration perished Bishop Metrophanes, Great-princess Agatha, wife of Great-prince George Vsevolodovich (+ 1238), and many inhabitants of the city of Vladimir, who were locked in the cathedral church. The fire, however, did not even touch the tomb of

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, June 20 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following Liturgy - Visitors Welcome!

Wednesday, June 23 – Vespers 6:00pm

Friday, June 25 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am; Paraklesis 6:00pm

Saturday, June 26 – Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, June 27 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost - Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following Liturgy - Visitors Welcome!

EPISTLE READERS

June 20 - Joy Corey

June 27 - Sbdcn. Mark (Eric) Townsend

July 4 - Tabitha Townsend

July 11 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

July 18 - Reader Mark Fellego

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

June 20 - Team 5 - Poland, Townsend, Schaefer, Gallatin, Nolan, Milojevic, Johnson

June 27 - Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub M., Holmen, Goolsby, Vlahos, Fellego

July 4 - Team 2 - Corey, Tecca, Roth, Ranson

July 11 - Team 3 - Garbinski, Horton L., Tourous, Jenkin, Ayoub D., Weddle, O'Daniel

July 18 - Team 4 - Dancy, Goodsen J., Caldaroni, Brisbane, Sanman, Le Pley, Handeen

July 25 - Team 5 - Poland, Townsend, Schaefer, Gallatin, Nolan, Milojevic, Johnson

*Contact Mark Ayoub if you would like to join a lunch team, or have questions or comments.

PRAYERS OFFERED FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEPARTED:

We pray, O heavenly physician of our souls and bodies, look down upon your servants:

Lois (Mary Jo Neyman's sister), Steve Kane (working in Alaska for the summer), Heather and her mother (friends of Chelsea Stillman), Bill Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jacob Hunter (Dan Monaghan's cousin in Afghanistan), Angelica Mamalakis (mother of Philip Mamalakis), Mat. Michaela Fenn (wife of Fr. Mark Fenn), Fr. Michael Lewis, Mary-Claire Roth, Loraine Gross (grandmother of Mary Claire Roth), Jill Foss (friend of Jeane Wood), Deacon John Tershay, Peggy Humby (Trish Bartlett's mother), Annie Cusella (friend of Caldaroni's), Joan (Allyson Gross' Mother), Nancy Schrom (Mary Charles' mother), Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Wanda (Mother of Lavonne Ayoub), Jim Parker (Chammy Ott's father), Jason Remington, Moses Kemper, Nikolay (Oksana Johnson's father), Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, Cheyenne, Lynda (Michelle Fellego's mother), George Kucera, Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's mother) Newly reposed Margaret (mother of Rdr. Matthew Gallatin), *for you are the fountain of all cures, and we pray to you, O Lord, hear us and have mercy!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cleaning Teams – St. John needs YOU!

We are in the process of putting together new church-cleaning teams. This is a beautiful and practical way to serve our community, and only requires a couple hours every 4 or 5 weeks (depending on how many of us join a team). Many hands make for light work – so please consider joining a cleaning team. Please contact Adam Roth (208-664-3280) for more information, or to join a team!

Scrip Program - Since Albertsons is no longer participating in the Scrip program, we are taking in less income. However, Safeway and Super One are still taking part in the Scrip program. If you shop at Safeway and have a Club Card, you can have your purchases linked onto St. John's. If you shop at Super One, you can purchase scrip and use it as cash. Please see Barbara Garbinski, if you would like to use either Scrip program. It is an easy way of helping St. John's.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of Los Angeles & the West 2010 Parish Life Conference - June 30th to July 4th, hosted by Holy Resurrection Church, Tucson, AZ – Fr. Basil will be away for the conference. Father Nicholas will be filling in, and will be available during Fr. Basil's absence. The schedule of services will continue as normal.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

St. Gleb. Years later, in July 1410, Tatars again descended upon Vladimir. In plundering the city, they began to sack the cathedral church treasury, having murdered the door-keeper Patrick. Supposing that treasure was hidden in the saint's tomb, they set about to break it open. Just as the Tatars touched the stone crypt of St. Gleb, flames shot forth from it, and the Tatars fled the city in terror.

Through the prayers of the holy prince the city was saved from an incursion of Polish-Lithuanian plunderers in 1613.

The celebration of St. Gleb was established in the year 1702, and then also a service was written to him, and somewhat later, a Life. His relics rest in the Dormition cathedral in Vladimir. In the year 1774 the south chapel of the cathedral was dedicated to him. Prince Gleb is revered as the special patron and defender of the city of Vladimir.

Venerable Nahum, Wonderworker of Ohrid

Nahum was a disciple of Saints Cyril and Methodius and one of the Five Companions who most zealously labored with these Apostles to the Slavs. St. Nahum traveled to Rome, where he became well known for his miracle-working power as well as his great learning. He was knowledgeable in many languages. After his return from Rome, he and his companions settled on the shores of Lake Ohrid with the help of King Boris Michael. While St. Clement labored as bishop in Ohrid, St. Nahum founded a monastery on the southern shore of the lake. The monastery even today adorns that shore, just as the name of St. Nahum adorns the history of Slavic Christianity and has been a source of miraculous power and a refuge for the sick and the unfortunate through the ages. Many monks from throughout the Balkans gathered around St. Nahum. St. Nahum was a wise teacher, a unique leader of monks, a resolute ascetic, a miracle-working intercessor, and a spiritual father. A tireless worker, St. Nahum labored especially on the translation of the Sacred Scriptures and other ecclesiastical books from the Greek language into the Slavonic. He worked miracles both during his life and after his death. His miracle-working relics, to this day, amaze many with numerous miracles, healing grave illnesses, especially insanity. Nahum entered into rest in the first half of the tenth century and took up his habitation in the joy of his beloved Christ.

THE EPISTLE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL (For Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Wisdom of the Fathers

St. John Chrysostom – Be a Fool for Christ:

"Only a fool would attempt to change the world with a simple message of love and peace. So we can conclude that Jesus was a fool. Only fools would agree to follow such a man, and then continue his mission even after he had been killed. So we can conclude that the Apostles were fools. Only fools would take seriously the message which a bunch of fools were preaching, and accept that message. So we can conclude that all of us are fools. All this is hardly surprising. God did not choose a wise philosopher to proclaim the Gospel, but a humble carpenter. And for His Apostles He chose fisherman and tax collectors. Can we claim to be any better? Of course not. Even those among us who have been educated know that in relation to the Gospel our education is worthless. So let all happily admit we are fools. Then we will happily commit ourselves to trying to change the world. Yet weren't those Apostles cowardly and timid? Aren't we equally afraid of trying to persuade strangers to change their lives? Doesn't the crucifixion of Christ give us ample reason to be frightened? Yes; but his Resurrection gives us superhuman courage.

