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Divine Services
Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

MAY 11, 2008
HOLY MYRRHBEARING WOMEN
SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS

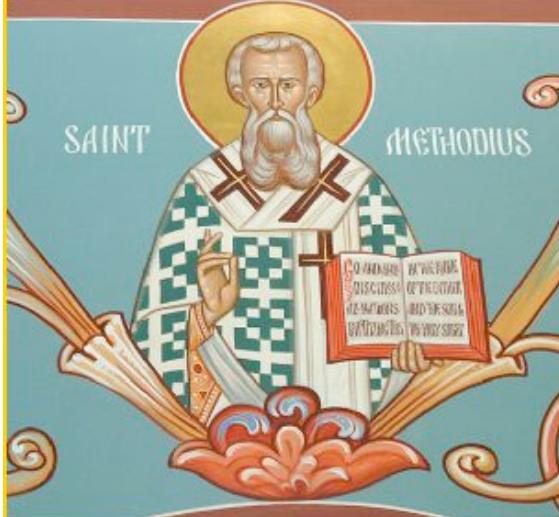


Christ is Risen!

ST. CYRIL



ST. METHODIUS



Indeed He is Risen!

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Equals of the Apostles, and Enlighteners of the Slavs came from an illustrious and pious family living in the Greek city of Thessalonica. St Methodius was the oldest of seven brothers, St Constantine [Cyril was his monastic name] was the youngest. At first St Methodius was in the military and was governor in one of the Slavic principalities dependent on the Byzantine Empire, probably Bulgaria, which made it possible for him to learn the Slavic language. After living there for about ten years, St Methodius later received monastic tonsure at one of the monasteries on Mount Olympus (Asia Minor).

St Constantine distinguished himself by his great aptitude, and he studied with the emperor Michael under the finest teachers in Constantinople, including St Photius, the future Patriarch of Constantinople (February 6).

St Constantine studied all the sciences of his time, and also knew several languages. He also studied the works of St Gregory the Theologian. Because of his keen mind and penetrating intellect, St Constantine was called "Philosopher" (wise). Upon the completion of his education, St Constantine was ordained to the holy priesthood and was appointed curator of the patriarchal library at the church of Hagia Sophia. He soon left the capital and went secretly to a monastery.

Discovered there, he returned to Constantinople, where he was appointed as instructor in philosophy. The young Constantine's wisdom and faith were so great that he won a debate with Ananias, the leader of the heretical iconoclasts. After this victory Constantine was sent by the emperor to discuss the Holy Trinity with the Saracens, and again he gained the victory. When he returned, St Constantine went to his brother St Methodius on Olympus, spending his time in unceasing prayer and reading the works of the holy Fathers.

The emperor soon summoned both of the holy brothers from the monastery and sent them to preach the Gospel to the Khazars. Along the way they stayed in the city of Korsun, making preparations for their missionary activity. There the holy brothers miraculously discovered the relics of the hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (November 25).

There in Korsun St Constantine found a Gospel and Psalter written in Russian letters [i.e. Slavonic], and a man speaking the Slavic tongue, and he learned from this man how to read and speak this language. After this, the holy brothers went to the Khazars, where they won a debate with Jews and Moslems by preaching the Gospel. On the way home, the brothers again visited Korsun and, taking up the relics of St Clement, they returned to Constantinople. St Constantine remained in the capital, but St Methodius was made igumen of the small Polychronion monastery near Mount Olympus, where he lived a life of asceticism as before.

Soon messengers came to the emperor from the Moravian prince Rostislav, who was under pressure from German bishops, with a request to send teachers to Moravia who would be able to preach in the Slavic tongue. The emperor summoned St Constantine and said to him, "You must go there, but it would be better if no one knows about this."

St Constantine prepared for the new task with fasting and prayer. With the help of his brother St Methodius and the disciples Gorazd, Clement, Sava, Naum and Angelyar, he devised a Slavonic alphabet and translated the books which were necessary for the celebration of the divine services: the Gospel, Epistles, Psalter, and collected services, into the Slavic tongue. This occurred in the year 863.

After completing the translation, the holy brothers went to Moravia, where they were received with great honor, and they began to teach the services in the Slavic language. This aroused the malice of the German bishops, who celebrated divine services in the Moravian churches in Latin. They rose up against the holy brothers, convinced that divine services must be done in one of three languages: Hebrew, Greek or Latin.

St Constantine said, "You only recognize three languages in which God may be glorified. But David sang, 'Praise the Lord, all nations, praise the Lord all peoples (Ps 116/117:1).' And the

Gospel of St Matthew (28:18) says, 'Go and teach all nations....'" The German bishops were humiliated, but they became bitter and complained to Rome.

The holy brothers were summoned to Rome for a decision on this matter. Taking with them the relics of St Clement, Sts Constantine and Methodius set off to Rome. Knowing that the holy brothers were bringing these relics with them, Pope Adrian met them along the way with his clergy. The holy brothers were greeted with honor, the Pope gave permission to have divine services in the Slavonic language, and he ordered the books translated by the brothers to be placed in the Latin churches, and to serve the Liturgy in the Slavonic language.

At Rome St Constantine fell ill, and the Lord revealed to him his approaching death. He was tonsured into the monastic schema with the name of Cyril. On February 14, 869, fifty days after receiving the schema, St Cyril died at the age of forty-two.

St Cyril commanded his brother St Methodius to continue with their task of enlightening the Slavic peoples with the light of the true Faith. St Methodius entreated the Pope to send the body of his brother for burial in their native land, but the Pope ordered the relics of St Cyril to be placed in the church of St Clement, where miracles began to occur from them.

After the death of St Cyril, the Pope sent St Methodius to Pannonia, after consecrating him as Archbishop of Moravia and Pannonia, on the ancient throne of St Andronicus (July 30). In Pannonia St Methodius and his disciples continued to distribute services books written in the Slavonic language. This again aroused the wrath of the German bishops. They arrested and tried St Methodius, who was sent in chains to Swabia, where he endured many sufferings for two and a half years.

After being set free by order of Pope John VIII of Rome, and restored to his archdiocese, St Methodius continued to preach the Gospel among the Slavs. He baptized the Czech prince Bořivoj and his wife Ludmilla (September 16), and also one of the Polish princes. The German bishops began to persecute the saint for a third time, because he did not accept the erroneous teaching about the procession of the Holy Spirit from both the Father and the Son. St Methodius was summoned to Rome, but he justified himself before the Pope, and preserved the Orthodox teaching in its purity, and was sent again to the capital of Moravia, Velehrad.

Here in the remaining years of his life St Methodius, assisted by two of his former pupils, translated the entire Old Testament into Slavonic, except for the Book of Maccabees, and even the Nomocanon (Rule of the holy Fathers) and Paterikon (book of the holy Fathers).

Sensing the nearness of death, St Methodius designated one of his students, Gorazd, as a worthy successor to himself. The holy bishop predicted the day of his death and died on April 6, 885 when he was about sixty years old. The saint's burial service was chanted in three languages, Slavonic, Greek, and Latin. He was buried in the cathedral church of Velehrad.

DEPARTED:

Archbishop Gregory + 4/16/08

Roberta Coleman + 4/8/08

Donna Casey + 4/26/08

James Shehan + 5/4/08

ILL-AFFLICTED:

Archpriest Pavel Soucek

Helen Baldner

Carol Bohurjak

Mary Chrewan

John Conrad

Joseph Gammalo

Henry & Julia Grabowski

Maria Hanzel

Christina Helle

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jason Kleps (cousin of Maca Tyler)

Jason is in Kirkuk, Iraq

Marian Kluchnik

Mary Ann Kovach

Dorothy Laskovich

John Matson

Olga Michailuk

Dan O'Donnell

Rebekah Samol

Julia Sankovic(child)

Mary Ann Silberhorn

William J. Spurlock

Elsie Sudnick

Harrison Ward (Child)

William & Suzanne Frazier & Unborn Child

Cara Ann Gartman & Unborn Child

Edward & Carol Jacak & Unborn Child

Tom & Nancy Mitchell & Unborn Child

William George & Mara Oprisko & Unborn Child

Nathan & Chelsea Pozderac & Unborn Child

Robby & Jacqui Prock & Unborn Child

William & Petra Turko & Newly Baptized Nicholas

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour Hosts:

- 5/11/08 Kate Zolikoff
5/18/08 Mary Swit/Tammy Ponomarenko
5/25/08 Dan & Lavinia Morris
6/1/08 Natalia Pricinovskis

Greeters:

- Eileen & Steven Bondor
Debbi Pinta/Michael Tabeling
Michael Tabeling/Paul Pangrace
Maca Tyler/ Sonia Vorell



Mothers' Day Brunch

~ TODAY ~
following

Liturgy - Parish Hall



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for the health of or in memory of your loved ones.

Contact Paul Pangrace or the Parish Office if you are interested.



ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLES

The long awaited Complete Orthodox Study Bibles are now available. We have been able to order them at a special price of \$29.95. Please see Paul Pangrace to place an order. One box is already gone!



WE HAVE A COLLECTION IN OUR LOST & FOUND BOX LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH. PLEASE CHECK FOR YOUR LOST ITEMS. REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DONATED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

Sixteenth Annual IOCC Banquet

The Metropolitan Cleveland Chapter of IOCC will hold it's 16th Annual Banquet at St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church, on **Monday, May 19**, doors open 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 ea. Please contact Frank Tkacz at 216-351-1011.

Finance Committee Meeting Monday, JUNE 2, 2008 5:30 PM

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped out with the processions at Pascha. Thank you to all who assisted with setting up the tomb and liturgies. Your help was very much needed and deeply appreciated.

Darrell Felon

Mothers' Day Brunch
~ TODAY ~
following
Liturgy - Parish Hall

RIDGE MANOR
BANQUET CENTER
is selling HOMEMADE

ROLLS!



APRICOT

ROLLS

NUT ROLLS

POPPYSEED
\$8.00 each.

Place orders by calling
Sharon Glagola at
216-749-5509.

Teen Retreat

CALLING ALL TEENS



You and your friends are invited to a **Teen Retreat, Wednesday, June 18 - Friday, June 20.** Bring your friends, including those from outside the parish, ages 9-12.

All accommodations, including tents and food, will be provided **free** of charge. BYOSB (bring your own sleeping bag). We will camp and enjoy the great outdoors including swimming at the beach.

Place: West Branch Reservoir, Ravenna, Ohio

QUESTIONS: Please see Fr. John or call Joyce or Michael Tabeling at (216) 521-9418 - email questions to mtabeling@sbcglobal.net.

Please call to confirm that you will attend. More details (including a Retreat agenda) will follow in future issues of the AMBO.

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DEAR PARISHIONERS:

St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral members have been greatly blessed with a generous donation in which our parish will be able to offer a scholarship program to its members.

The scholarship program is named THE ERNEST K. AND MARIE MATY SCHOLARSHIP FUND since they are the major contributors and initiators of this fund. It is through their generosity and kindness that our parish is able to do this.

A Scholarship Committee has been established and approved by Parish Council. Paul Pangrace is the committee chairman. The committee has met and formulated the applications. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is in need of assistance to further their education.

If you are interested in further information or an application, please contact Paul Pangrace at (440) 884-3115, or email the Cathedral office at office@sttheodosius.org.

**Glory to Jesus Christ. Glory Forever
The Scholarship Committee**

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 11
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Mothers' Day Brunch
following Liturgy in Parish Hall

Monday, May 12

Tuesday, May 13

Wednesday, May 14

Thursday, May 15
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment
@ Ridge Manor
6:30 PM Bible Study
@ Parish Hall

**MAY 2008
SPECIAL COLLECTION
- FRONT STEPS-**

Friday, May 16

Saturday, May 17
6:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, May 18
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
3:00 PM "*The Angel Cried*"
Choir Concert @ Cathedral

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Krishti U Ngjall! Vertet U Ngjal!
(Albanian)

Kristus vstal a mrtvych!

Opravdi vstoupil! (Czech)

Christus resurrexit! Vere resurrexit! (Latin)



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