

Prayer Requests

Departed:

Jennie Pimsner +10/07/06
Michael Kohan +10/30/06

Ill-afflicted:

Protodeacon Peter Homik
Elsie Sudnick
Helen Baldner
Mary Marhefka
Eva Dudich
John Clements
Eileen Eschuk
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Mary Ann Mishko
John & Ann Shuleva
Jan Tkacz
Jeanne Twitchell
Alexander Kuzminec
Billy J Spurlock
James Sheehan
Julia Zimmerman
Debra Ellis
Mary Wazevich
Valentina Ponomarenko
Christine Helle
Kluchnik Family
Tamara Halm (sister of Victor & George Ponomarenko)
Charlotte Marko (Andrew's mother)
Roy A. Baldner
Jennie Curran
Michael & Jennifer Turczyk

Maura & Will Oprisko & Un-born Child
Emily & Jason Grimes & Un-born Child

Upcoming Events

- 📌 November 25 - Jewelry & Collectibles Sale @ Ridge Manor
- 📌 December 16 - Cookie Sale @ Ridge Manor
- 📌 December 17 - Cathedral Open House & Christmas Concert
- 📌 December 17 - Bring in all "Angel Tree" Gifts
- 📌 December 27-29 - Parish Teen Retreat

St. Theodosius

Jewelry & Collectible Sale
Come early for best selection

November 25, 2006
Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
One day only event



HUGE SELECTION OF BARBIE II 1/2" DOLL CLOTHES

Jewelry & Collectible Sale

Sale at Ridge Manor located at 8200 Biddulph Rd. Brooklyn, Oh
Contacts: Marie Maty: 440.777.0118
Virginia Medvec: 440.892.4562
Donna Jacak 330.225.0939

If you have donated items for the Jewelry & Collectibles sale and require a letter stating what was donated, please contact Marie Maty at 440.777.0118.

Thanks to all of you for your donations!

Parish Council News

👉 The next Parish Council Meeting is 6:00 PM, Thursday, November 30, 2006 @ Ridge Manor. Any parish member is welcome.

Coffee Hour & Greeters Schedules

Coffee Hour Hosts:

11/19 Joyce Tabeling
11/26 Maca Tyler & Judy Schwind
12/03 Kate Zolikoff
12/10 Mary Swit, Tammy Ponomarenko
12/17 Patti Sankovic & Natalia Pricinovskis
12/24 Maca Tyler

Greeters:

Deb Pinta & Linda Smotzer
Linda Smotzer & Virginia Medvec
Deb Pinta & Tom Broslawik
Paul Pangrace & Maca Tyler
Steven & Eileen Bondor
Mike Tabeling & Karen Felon

2006 Dues

\$250.00 per
Adult member
(18 and older)



Prophet Obadiah (Abdias)

The Holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichern, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3 ff). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by St Obadiah. Through the prayer of St Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but St Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (4/2 Kgs 1).

From that moment St Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterwards, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of St Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the New Testament Church. The holy Prophet Obadiah was buried in Samaria.

Repose of St. Philaret (Drozdo) the Metropolitan of Moscow

Saint Philaret (Drozdo) was born on December 26, 1782 in Kolomna, a suburb of Moscow, and was named Basil in Baptism. His father was a deacon (who later became a priest).

The young Basil studied at the Kolomna seminary, where courses were taught in Latin. He was small in stature, and far from robust, but his talents set him apart from his classmates.

In 1808, while he was a student at the Moscow Theological Academy at Holy Trinity Lavra, Basil received monastic tonsure and was named Philaret after St Philaret the Merciful (December 1). Not long after this, he was ordained a deacon.

In 1809, he went to teach at the Theological Academy in Petersburg, which had been reopened only a short time before. Hierodeacon Philaret felt ill at ease in Petersburg, but he was a very good teacher who tried to make theology intelligible to all. Therefore, he worked to have classes taught in Russian rather than in Latin.

Philaret was consecrated as bishop in 1817, and was appointed to serve as a vicar in the diocese of Petersburg. He soon rose to the rank of archbishop, serving in Tver, Yaroslavl, and Moscow. In 1826, he was made Metropolitan of Moscow, and remained in that position until his death.

The Metropolitan believed that it was his duty to educate and enlighten his flock about the Church's teachings and traditions. Therefore, he preached and wrote about how to live a Christian life, basing his words on the wisdom of the Holy Fathers. His 1823 CATECHISM has been an influential book in Russia and in other countries for nearly two hundred years.

The reforms of Tsar Peter the Great had abolished the patriarchate and severely restricted the Church, placing many aspects of its life under governmental control. Metropolitan Philaret tried to regain some of the Church's freedom to administer its own affairs, regarding Church and State as two separate entities working in harmony. Not everyone shared his views, and he certainly made his share of enemies. Still, he did achieve some degree of success in effecting changes.

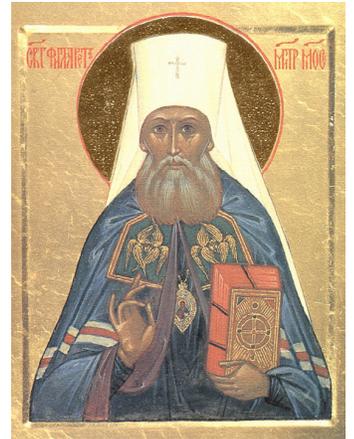
One day, Archimandrite Anthony (Medvedev), a disciple of St Seraphim of Sarov (January 2), paid a call on his diocesan hierarch. During their conversation, Fr Anthony spoke of the patristic teaching on unceasing prayer, and he may have told the Metropolitan something of St Seraphim. St Philaret felt a deep spiritual kinship with Fr Anthony, who soon became his Elder. He made no important decision concerning diocesan affairs, or his own spiritual life, without consulting Fr Anthony. St Seraphim once told Fr Anthony that he would become the igumen of a great monastery, and gave him advice on how to conduct himself. It was St Philaret who appointed him as igumen of Holy Trinity Lavra.

Metropolitan Philaret wanted to have the Holy Scriptures translated into modern Russian, so that people could read and understand them. Fr Anthony, however, criticized the unorthodox ethos of the Russian Bible Society, which was popular during the reign of Alexander I. In his eagerness to have the Bible translated into modern Russian, St Philaret at first supported the Bible Society without realizing how dangerous some of its ideas were. The first Russian translation of the Bible was printed during the reign of Tsar Alexander II.

Under the direction of his Elder, Metropolitan Philaret made great progress in the spiritual life. He also received the gifts of unceasing prayer, clairvoyance, and healing. It is no exaggeration to suggest that St Philaret himself was one of the forces behind the spiritual revival in nineteenth century Russia. He defended the Elders of Optina Monastery when they were misunderstood and attacked by many. He protected the nuns of St Seraphim's Diveyevo Convent, and supported the publication of patristic texts by Optina Monastery.

Metropolitan Philaret was asked to dedicate the new Triumphal Gate in Moscow, and Tsar Nicholas I was also present. Seeing statues of pagan gods on the Gate, the Metropolitan refused to bless it. The Tsar became angry, and many people criticized the saint's refusal to participate. He felt that he had followed his conscience in this matter, but still felt disturbed by it, and so he prayed until he finally dropped off to sleep. He was awakened around 5 A.M. by the sound of someone opening the door which he usually kept locked. The Metropolitan sat up and saw St Sergius of Radonezh (September 25) leaning over his bed. "Don't worry," he said, "it will all pass." Then he disappeared.

Two months before his death, St Philaret saw his father in a dream, warning him about the 19th day of the month. On November 19, 1867, he served the Divine Liturgy for the last time. At two in the afternoon, they went to his cell and found his body. He was buried at Holy Trinity Lavra.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday November 19

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday November 20

6:00 PM Vespers

Tuesday November 21

Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday November 22

Thursday November 23

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday November 24

Saturday November 25

9:00 AM Jewelry & Collectibles Sale at Ridge Manor

6:00 PM Vespers

Sunday November 26

24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

'Through His incarnation God gave us the model for a holy life and recalled us from our ancient fall. In addition to many other things, He taught us, feeble as we are, that we should fight against the demons with humility, fasting, prayer and watchfulness.'

St. Hesychios in "On Watchfulness and Holiness"



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