

# Ambo

ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



MAY 8, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY  
MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

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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

Please check weekly schedule

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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. Saint Methodius was the oldest of seven brothers, Saint Constantine [Cyril was his monastic name] was the youngest. At first Saint Methodius was in the military and was governor in one of the Slavic principalities dependent on the Byzantine Em-

pire, probably Bulgaria, which made it possible for him to learn the Slavic language. After living there for about ten years, Saint Methodius later received monastic tonsure at one of the monasteries on Mount Olympus (Asia

Minor).

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

Saint Constantine studied all the sciences of his time, and also knew several languages. He also studied the works of Saint Gregory the Theologian. Because of his keen mind and penetrating intellect, Saint Constantine was called “Philosopher” (wise). Upon the completion of his education, Saint 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, Saint Constantine went to his brother Saint 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 Saint 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 Saint Clement, they returned to Constantinople. Saint Constantine remained in the capital, but Saint 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 Mo-

ravian 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 Saint Constantine and said to him, “You must go there, but it would be better if no one knows about this.”

Saint Constantine prepared for the new task with



fasting and prayer. With the help of his brother Saint Methodius and the disciples Gorazd, Clement, Savva, 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.

Saint 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 Saint 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 Saint Clement, Saints 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 Saint 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, Saint Cyril died at the age of forty-two.

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



After the death of Saint Cyril, the Pope sent Saint Methodius to Pannonia, after consecrating him as Archbishop of Moravia and Pannonia, on the ancient throne of Saint Andronicus (July 30). In Pannonia Saint 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 Saint 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, Saint Methodius continued to preach the Gospel among the Slavs. He baptized the Czech prince Borivoi 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. Saint 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 Saint 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, Saint 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.

## Parish Annual Meeting Next Sunday, May 15th, 2022

Reminder that our **Parish Annual Meeting** is next Sunday the 15th of May. The meeting will occur in the Cathedral right after a brief coffee hour. If you are a voting member it is very important that you attend this meeting so that we may have a quorum. We hope to see you there.

## Matching Campaign Results TBA

Due to time spent preparing for the Annual Meeting, the results are still pending. We hope to announce the total at the meeting and publish the results in the next Ambo. Special thanks again to our *Most Generous Benefactor*, and to everyone who contributed!

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets at 4:45-5:45PM, one day left to go: **June 4, 2022**

After a long break, we will resume supplying the Moms First program at **Merrick House** with 20 bags of groceries a month. I'm hoping we can still roughly fill a grocery bag for \$10, but any contribution is welcome and appreciated.

Envelopes for donations can be found in the church foyer, or see Dan Morris.

Thank you for generosity.

- Dan Morris

### VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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**THE IOCC CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE**

*invites you to the*

# *30th Anniversary Banquet*

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

Doors 4 pm | Dinner 5 pm

**ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

2151 W Wallings Rd. | Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Come and learn about how your support is helping families in places like Ukraine, Greece, Syria, Ethiopia, and right here in the US.

Tickets \$50 | RSVP by Friday, May 13

For tickets contact Frank Tkacz  
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**30<sup>th</sup>** | 1992-2022  
YEAR OF SERVICE



EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
**SENDS AN OPEN INVITATION**

*Theotokos of Vladimir*

# Annual Pan-Orthodox Luncheon



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church Hall  
6822 Broadview Road  
Parma, OH 44134

**Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2022  
**Time:** Doors open @ 12:00 AM  
Luncheon @ 12:30 PM

Enjoy the afternoon with good homemade appetizers / desserts along with a delicious luncheon menu

**Reservations required**  
**No tickets sold at the door**  
**Tickets:** Adults - \$15.00  
Children 6 to 12 - 7.50  
Children under 6 - FREE  
See Parish Representatives for tickets



## Program to include:

- Auction Gift Baskets / Door Prizes
- See Parish Representatives for tickets
- Or call Karen Felon (440-666-7538) or Helen Beverly (440-212-5545)
- Reservations must be made by Monday, May 9, 2022

All proceeds go to Orthodox organizations  
see list compiled by EOWG -- <https://www.eowgcle.org/charities>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 5/8/2022

### **Departed:**

**Archbishop Paul**

### **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Reader Ron** Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

**Reader Haralambos**

**Dan** Boerio

**Jennifer** Boerio

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Matthew** Ponomarenko

**Virginia** Medvec

**Stephen** Chwalyk

**Child Benjamin** Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

**Maggie** Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Margaret** "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Kristin** Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

**Child Anna Marie** Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

**Martha** Musil (*mother of Linda Kovach*)

**Michael** Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

**Peter**

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Robbie** Prock

**Gayle** Vidovich

**Phyllis** Gindlesperger

**Jeremy & Yvonne & unborn child**

**Alex** Medvec (*nephew of Virginia Medvec*)

**Stanislav**

**Laura**

**Lisa** Theodore

**Arlene** Czajkowski

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to

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Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 8

1 John 3:21-4:6  
 1 John 4:11-16  
 1 John 4:20-5:5  
 Mark 16:9-20  
 1 John 1:1-7  
 John 19:25-27; 21:24-25  
 Acts 6:1-7  
 Mark 15:43-16:8

### Monday, May 9

Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60  
 John 4:46-54

### Tuesday, May 10

1 John 3:21-4:6  
 1 John 4:11-16  
 1 John 4:20-5:5  
 John 21:15-25  
 1 Corinthians 4:9-16  
 Matthew 13:54-58  
 Acts 8:5-17  
 John 6:27-33

### Wednesday, May 11

Composite 2 - Proverbs  
 10, 3, 8

Proverbs 10:31-11:12

Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15

John 10:1-9

Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Matthew 5:14-19

Acts 8:18-25

John 6:35-39

### Thursday, May 12

Acts 8:26-39

John 6:40-44

### Friday, May 13

Acts 8:40-9:19  
 John 6:48-54

### Saturday, May 14

Acts 9:20-31  
 John 15:17-16:2

### Sunday, May 15

Luke 24:1-12

Acts 9:32-42

John 5:1-15

The day and dates above are clickable links. The links will take you to the OCA website for the Bible readings for that day.

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In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>



### **Sunday, May 8**

3rd Sunday of Pascha  
**Myrrhbearing Women, Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian**  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour to follow

### **Monday, May 9**

Prophet Isaiah (8th c. B.C.)

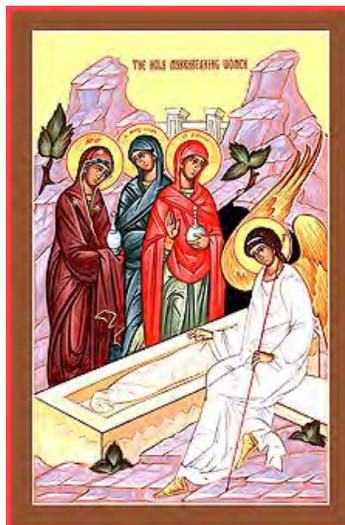
### **Tuesday, May 10**

Apostle Simeon the Zealot (1st c.)

### **Wednesday, May 11**

**Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavs**  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Liturgy

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



### **Thursday, May 12**

St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403)

### **Friday, May 13**

Virgin Martyr Glyceria at Heraclea, and with her, Martyr Laodicius, Keeper of the Prison (ca. 177)

### **Saturday, May 14**

Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios (251)  
 6:00 PM Great Vespers

### **Sunday, May 15**

4th Sunday of Pascha  
 Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.)  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Brief Coffee Hour  
**Parish Annual Meeting**