

# Ambo

ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



OCTOBER 30, 2022

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HIEROMARTYR ZENOBIOS AND HIS  
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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

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The Life of Saint John Kochurov, Hieromartyr, Missionary in America, First Clergy Martyr of the Russian Revolution.

Father John Kochurov was born on July 13, 1871, in the village of Bigildino-Surky of the district of Danky in the Ryazan region, to a pious family of many children. His parents were the priest Alexander Kochurov and his wife Anna. Father Alexander Kochurov served almost all his life in the Church of Theophany in Bigildino-Surky village in the Diocese of Ryazan from the moment of his ordination on

March 2, 1857, and having combined all those years of service in the parish with the fulfillment of his obligations as a teacher of the God's Law in the Bigildin's public school, imprinted in the consciences of his sons, and particularly in that of John, the most spiritually sensitive of them, a radiant image of the parish priest, full of deep humility and high inspiration.

After his graduation from Saint Petersburg Theological Academy with the distinction of a true student, Fr. John was sent, in accordance with his long desire for missionary service, to the Diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska.

Not long after his marriage to Alexandra Chernyshova, Fr. John's arrival in protestant America put him in touch with a life dissimilar in many respects from his accustomed life in Orthodox Russia. For his first sojourn in the U.S.A. Fr. John arrived in New York, which with its mundane ways was so different from the spiritual life of the Russian cities. Not having yet learned the English language, Fr. John, thanks to the brotherly support of the New York Orthodox community — at that time of modest size — did manage to adjust himself to the life of the country, till then unknown to him, without any particular psychological or other complications. It must be noted that Church life in the Diocese of Alaska and the Aleuts was very different in character from that in other parts of the country, which was vast in its territory but rather small in the number of clergy. Specifically, the Russian Orthodox missions in Northern California, on the Aleutian Islands, and in Alaska had at that time already existed for about a hundred years, and Church life was conducted on a foundation of rather numerous parish communities which possessed significant financial resources, having become accustomed over several generations to life in America. But Orthodox life in the rest of the country was only being initiated, and it required a great deal of evangelical activity by the clergy to create normal Orthodox parishes within the multinational and multiconfessional local population. It was precisely to that part of the diocese that Fr. John was destined to be sent when he was ordained to the dignity of a priest on August 27, 1895, by the Most Reverend Nicholas, Bishop of Alaska and the Aleuts.

Fr. John's return to Russia in the summer of 1907 signified for him not only the beginning of his service in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg — familiar to him from his student years — but it challenged him with the need to apply the pastoral skills he had earlier acquired in America in the field of theological education. By order of the Saint Petersburg Church Consistory, in August 1907 Fr. John was assigned to the clergy of Holy Transfiguration Cathedral in Narva, and beginning August 15, 1907, he began to perform his duties as a teacher of Law in the male and the female gymnasiums in Narva.

The soldiers' riots that had taken place in the military headquarters at Tsarskoye Selo already during the first days of the Revolution, and the imprisonment of the royal family at Alexandrovsky palace over a period of many months, brought the town to the attention of representatives of the most extreme revolutionary elements. These circles had propelled the country toward the path of civil war, and eventually, complete internal political division, the beginnings of which lay in Russia's participation in the bloodshed of World War I. These developments gradually changed the quiet atmosphere of Tsarskoye Selo, diverting the inhabitants' attention from the conscientious fulfillment, day by day, of their Christian and civil responsibilities to Church and fatherland. And during all these troubled months the inspiring message of Fr. John continued to sound forth from the ambon of Saint Katherine's Cathedral, as he strove to instill feelings of reconciliation into the souls of the Orthodox Christians of Tsarskoye Selo, calling them to the spiritual perception of their own inner life, so that they might understand the contradictory changes taking place in Russia.

For several days after the October 1917 seizure of power by the Bolsheviks in Petrograd, reverberations from the momentous events happening in the capital were felt in Tsarskoye Selo. Attempting to drive Gen. Paul Krasnov's Cossack troops, which were still loyal to the Provisional Government, out of Tsarskoye Selo, the armored groups of the Red Guard — the soldiers and sailors supporting the Bolshevik upheaval — were coming there from Petrograd. On the morning of October 30, 1917, stopping at the outskirts of Tsarskoye Selo, the Bolshevik forces began to expose the town to artillery fire. The inhabitants of Tsarskoye Selo, like those in all of Russia, still did not suspect that the country was involved in a civil war. A tumult erupted, with many people running to the Orthodox churches, including Saint Katherine's, in hopes of finding prayerful serenity at the services, and of hearing from the ambon a pastoral exhortation pertaining to the events taking place. All the clergy of Saint Katherine's Cathedral eagerly responded to their flock spiritual entreaties, and a special Moleben, or prayer service, seeking an end to the civil conflict, was offered beneath the

arches of the church, which was jammed with worshippers. Afterwards, the dean of the Cathedral, the archpriest N. Smirnov, together with two other priests, Fr. John and Fr. Steven Fokko, reached a decision to organize a sacred procession in the town, with the reading of fervent prayers for a cessation of the fratricidal civil strife. The pages of the newspaper All-Russian Church Social Messenger presented, for several days, the testimony of a certain Petrograd newspaper correspondent describing the events which had taken place, as follows: "The Sacred Procession had to be relocated under the conditions of an artillery bombardment, and notwithstanding any predictions it was rather crowded. The lamentations and cries of women and children drowned out the words of the peace prayer. Two priests delivered sermons during the procession, calling the people to preserve tranquility in view of the impending trials. I was fortunate enough to understand clearly that the priests' sermons did not contain any political tinges."

The Holy Procession lingered. Twilight changed into darkness. Candles were lit in the hands of the praying people. Everybody was singing.

Precisely at that time the Cossacks were withdrawing from the town. The priests were warned about it. Isn't it time to stop the prayers?! We shall carry our duties to completion, they declared. These have departed from us, and those who are coming are our brothers! What kind of harm will they do us?!

Wishing to prevent an outbreak of fighting in the streets of Tsarskoye Selo, the Cossack leadership began to withdraw troops from the town on the evening of October 30, and on the morning of the 31st the Bolshevik forces entered Tsarskoye Selo, encountering no opposition. One of the anonymous witnesses to the aftermath of these tragic events wrote a letter to the

prominent Saint Petersburg Archpriest F. Ornatsky, who himself was destined to receive martyrdom at the hands of the godless authorities. The writer told in simple but profound words of the passion-bearing that became the destiny of Fr. John. "Yesterday (on October 31)," he wrote, "when the Bolsheviks, together with the Red Guard, entered Tsarskoye Selo, they began to make the rounds of the apartments of the military officers, making arrests. Fr. John (Alexandrovich Kochurov) was conveyed to the outskirts of the town, to Saint Theodore's Cathedral, and there they assassinated him because of the fact that those who organized the sacred procession had allegedly been praying for a victory by the Cossacks, which surely was not, and could not have been, what actually happened. The other clergymen were released yesterday evening. Thus, there has appeared another Martyr for the Faith in Christ. The deceased, though he had not been in Tsarskoye Selo for long, had gained the utmost love of all, and many people used to gather to listen to his preaching."

The Petrograd journalist mentioned earlier reconstructed a terrifying picture of Fr. John's martyrdom and its aftermath, ascertaining these details: The priests were captured and sent to the headquarters of the Council of the Working and Soldiers Deputies. A priest, Fr. John Kochurov, was trying to protest and to clarify the situation. The next morning the body was brought into the former palace hospital. According to the newspaper *The Peoples' Affair*, the head of the State Duma, together with one of its members, saw the body of the priest, but the pectoral cross was already gone from his breast.

To read the original in its entirety, find it at <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/31/103122-priestmartyr-john-kochurov>

## 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 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. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: **Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - [st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)**



**ST. THEODOSIUS LADY'S BRUNCH!** Ladies of St. Theodosius Parish, it is time for the first **Lady's Brunch** which will take place on November 13th, 2022, at **The South Side at 12:00 PM**. If interested, contact **Erin Zawolowycz** in person or at [zombiekitten1213@gmail.com](mailto:zombiekitten1213@gmail.com). Please RSVP by November 6, thank you!

### **Budget Approval Meeting: November 6**

The Budget Approval Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 6th after Divine Liturgy. All information will be sent to parishioners by email. Please submit your email to the parish office or Fr. Jan if you haven't done so yet. If you don't have an email address, please contact us so we can mail you this information ahead of time (216 574-4886).

**Note: This is not the Ambo mailing list, this is a separate list.**

### **WEEKLY AKATHIST AND LECTURE ON THE HOLY THEOTOKOS**

The Most Holy Theotokos took the most important place of all of mankind in the incarnation of Christ. In the Nativity hymns we chant:

*The angels offer You a hymn; the heavens, a star;  
the Magi, gifts; the shepherds, their wonder;  
the earth, its cave; the wilderness, the manger:  
and we offer You a Virgin Mother.*

Every week on Wednesday after the Akathists, Fr. Jan will offer a short reflection on the prefigurations of the Mother of God in the Old Testament.

### **TIME FOR YE OLDE**

## **Boys' Night Out**

Good news, Gentlemen! We are set for a pre-Nativity fast Boys' Night Out!

Sunday Nov. 6, at 5PM. Heck's Cafe on Bridge Avenue in Ohio City.

Please join us for good food and good fellowship.

Let Dan Morris know if you plan to attend.



**Little Known Fact:** October is **Clergy Appreciation Month!** Special thanks to our Dean and Priests, our Sacristans, Subdeacons, and Readers. We very much appreciate all of the hard works you perform, seen and unseen.

-The St. Theodosius Parishioners

### **The Altar Society Presents: THE ST. THEODOSIUS COOKIE WALK**

The Altar Society will be baking cookies for the **annual cookie walk** on October 28 & November 11 @ 9:30am. All are welcome to join-in! If you are unable to join us please consider a making a monetary donation.

Questions? Ask **Susan Lentz** or **Joyce Tabelaing**.

Mark your calendars now. This year's Cookie Walk will be on held on December 9th & 10th.



*Theotokos of Vladimir*

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND  
UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast  
love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*

\*\*\*\*\* **DATE CHANGE** \*\*\*\*\*

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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- ♥ **Fellowship and Refreshments** Prepared by Ladies of St. Theodosius
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- ♥ **Distribute gifts** for Nursing Home and shut-in parishioners
- ♥
- ♥ **Book Review:**
- ♥ **"Giver of Life – The Holy Spirit in Orthodox Tradition"**  
-- Discussion led by Sub-deacon Leon Felon



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*as of 10/30/2022*

### **Departed:**

John Miklos (father/father-in-law of David & Lauren Miklos)  
Anthony Sykaluk

### **Special Intentions:**

Deacon Paul Mitchell (Tom Mitchell's father)  
Subdeacon Theodore Lentz  
Reader Paul Pangrace  
Reader Frank Tkacz  
Reader Ron Latre (cousin of Felons)

Daniel 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  
Michael O'Brien (friend of Arlene)  
Joseph Czajkowski (son of Jerry)  
Carol Nielsen (Paul Pangrace's sister)  
Matthew Ponomarenko  
Virginia Medvec  
Stephen Chwalyk  
Benjamin Udell (son of Michael and Lacey)  
Jeffrey Parhamovich (brother of Karen Felon)  
Margaret Parhamovich (sister-in-law of Karen Felon)  
Margaret Peyton (Cathy's aunt)

Kristin Robinson (friend of Nicholas Kozak )  
Jean Woycitzky Thompson (Frank's cousin )  
Anna Marie Luvison (daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison)  
Martha Musil (mother of Linda Kovach )  
Deborah Parhamovich (sister of Karen Felon )  
Grace Mary Parhamovich (mother of Karen Felon )  
Peter  
Gayle Vidovich  
Emilja (child of Jeremy & Yvonee)  
Elizabeth Balasz  
Christina Hile (Nisi & Cindy's sister)  
Lonnie Ellis (Husband to Debra Ellis)  
Robert Martin Prock  
Jennifer Humphrey  
Andrew Mytrohovich  
Georgij and Tsvetelina and newborn Sara  
Anna-Marie  
John Baker  
Andrew (Nephew of Deborah Finley)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan [st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)  
Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182  
Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<p><b>Sunday, October 30</b> John 20:19-31 Galatians 1:11-19 Luke 8:26-39</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, November 1</b> Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11 Luke 11:34-41</p>	<p><b>Friday, November 4</b> Colossians 2:1-7 Luke 12:2-12</p>	<p><b>Sunday, November 6</b> Isaiah 43:9-14 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 31</b> Hebrews 13:7-16 Luke 12:32-40 John 10:9-16 Philippians 4:10-23 Luke 11:29-33</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 2</b> Colossians 1:18-23 Luke 11:42-46</p>	<p><b>Saturday, November 5</b> 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 Luke 9:1-6</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3 John 21:1-14 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8 Matthew 10:1, 5-8 Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 8:41-56</p>
	<p><b>Thursday, November 3</b> Colossians 1:24-29 Luke 11:47-12:1</p>		

### ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

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#### Sunday, October 30

Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

#### Monday, October 31

Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov (1917)

#### Tuesday, November 1

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenarys Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345)

#### Wednesday, November 2

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidephorus, Anempodistus, and 7,000 with them, of Persia (ca. 341-345)  
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



#### Thursday, November 3

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalás the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.)  
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

#### Friday, November 4

Hieromartyr Seraphim (Samoilovich), Archbishop of Uglich (1937)

#### Saturday, November 5

Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

#### Sunday, November 6

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenarys  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour