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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
for specific days (last page).
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Martyrs Galaction and his
wife Epistemis, at Emesa
(November 5)

There was a rich and distinguished couple named Kleto-phon and Leukippe, who lived in the Syrian city of Emesa, and for a long time they were childless. They gave much gold to the pagan priests, but still they remained childless.

The city of Emesa was governed by a Syrian named Secundus, put there by the Roman Caesars. He was a merciless and zealous persecutor of Christians, and to intimidate them he ordered that the instruments of torture be dis-

played on the streets. The slightest suspicion of belonging to "the sect of the Galilean" (as thus Christians were called by the pagans), was enough to get a man arrested and handed over for torture. In spite of this, many Christians voluntarily surrendered themselves into the hands of the executioners, in their desire to suffer for Christ.

A certain old man by the name of Onuphrius concealed his monastic and priestly dignity beneath his beggar's rags. He walked from house to house in Emesa, begging alms. At the same time, whenever he saw

the possibility of turning people away from the pagan error, he preached about Christ.

Once, he came to the magnificent house of Leukippe. Accepting alms from her, he sensed that the woman was in sorrow, and he asked what was the cause of this sadness. She told the Elder about her familial misfortune. In consoling her, Onuphrius began to tell her about the one true God, about His omnipotence and mercy, and how He always grants the prayer of those turning to Him with faith. Hope filled the soul of Leukippe. She believed and accepted Holy Baptism. Soon after this it was revealed to her in a dream that she would give birth to a son, who would be a true follower of Christ. At first, Leukippe concealed her delight from her husband, but after the infant was born, she revealed the secret to her husband and also persuaded him to be baptized.

They named the baby Galaction and his parents raised him in the Christian Faith and provided him a fine education. He could make an illustrious career for himself, but Galaction sought rather an unsullied monastic life in solitude and prayer.

When Galaction turned twenty-four, his father resolved to marry him off and they found him a bride, a beautiful and illustrious girl by the name of Episteme. The son did not oppose the will of his father, but by the will of God, the wedding was postponed for a time. Visiting his betrothed, Galaction gradually revealed his faith to her. Eventually, he converted her to Christ and he secretly baptized her himself.

Besides Episteme he baptized also one of her servants, Eutolmius. The newly-illumined decided on the initiative of Galaction, to devote themselves to the monastic life. Leaving the

city, they hid themselves away on Mount Publion, where there were two monasteries, one for men and the other for women. The new monastics had to take with them all the necessities for physical toil, since the inhabitants of both monasteries were both old and infirm.

For several years the monastics struggled in work, fasting and prayer. Once, Episteme had a vision in her sleep: she and Galaction stood in a wondrous palace before a radiant King, and the King bestowed golden crowns on them. This was a prefiguring of their impending martyrdom.

The pagans became aware of the existence of the monasteries, and a military detachment was sent to apprehend their inhabitants. But the monks and the nuns succeeded in hiding themselves in the hills. Galaction, however, had no desire to flee and so he remained in his cell, reading Holy Scripture. When Episteme saw that the soldiers were leading Galaction away in chains, she began to implore the Abbess to permit her to go also, since she wanted to accept torture for Christ together with her fiancé and teacher. The Abbess tearfully blessed Episteme to do so.

The saints endured terrible torments, while supplicating and glorifying Christ. Their hands and legs were cut off, their tongues were cut out, and then they were beheaded.

Eutolmius, the former servant of Episteme, and who had become her brother in Christ and fellow ascetic in monastic struggles, secretly buried the bodies of the holy martyrs. He later wrote an account of their virtuous life and their glorious martyrdom, for his contemporaries and for posterity.

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 Cathedral chapter of the FOCA will again be supporting the St. Nicholas Day Project of the national organization. The goal of this project is to collect gift cards for seminarian families from St. Herman's (Alaska), St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's seminaries. While you shop, we ask that you consider picking up a gift card in the amount of \$10 or more from Walmart, Amazon, Kohls or Target. In the past, this project has been very successful and the families have been grateful for the assistance it provides. It is necessary to have the gift cards by Nov. 28 to distribute them on time. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Leon or Barb Sheean by phone 216 371-1173 or email b.sheean@att.net.

Boys' Night Out is Back!

Boys' Night Out resumes Sunday, Nov 14th at 5:00PM at Heck's Café in Ohio City! Gents, mark your calendars for this fun, meat-filled evening out and let Dan Morris know if you'll be attending.

Link: <https://www.heckscafe.com/>

Heck's Ohio City * 2927 Bridge Ave. Cleveland Ohio 44113

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Church School meets at 5:00-5:45PM on the following dates:

November 6, 2021

March 5, 2022

June 4, 2022

December 4, 2021

April 2, 2022

February 5, 2022

May 7, 2022

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

FAITH ENRICHMENT

Thursdays at 11:00 AM, Classes are held in the hall by the cathedral.

Contact Subdeacon Leon at 440 666-7601, or Reader Paul Pangrace at 440 884-3115.

We hope to see you there!

Searching the SCRIPTURES

Celebrate the landmark **Jesus Christ Series** (SVS Press) with author **Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev** and top biblical scholars presenting their latest research.



November 11-12, 2021

Attend in person or
online

www.svots.edu/events



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*

NOTE: Date Change

**Saturday, November 20, 2021
10:00 A.M.**

**BUNA VESTIRE ORTHODOX CHURCH
7140 Fitch Road
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138**

- ♥ **Fellowship and Lenten Refreshments** Prepared by Ladies of Buna Vestire
- ♥
- ♥ **Fall Fundraiser** update
- ♥
- ♥ **Distribute gifts** for Nursing Home and shut-in parishioners
- ♥
- ♥ **Topic: "Christ's Second Advent" – He is coming back here!** Question and Answer Discussion with Father Andrew Harmon from St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church



MUSIC & ART FROM
ST. HERMAN HOUSE- FOCUS CLEVELAND

Make a Joyful Noise!

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, followed by a short program and musical performances by the St. Herman House community. Artwork by current and former residents will be on display throughout the evening.

November 8, 2021 | Doors Open At 6:30p.m.

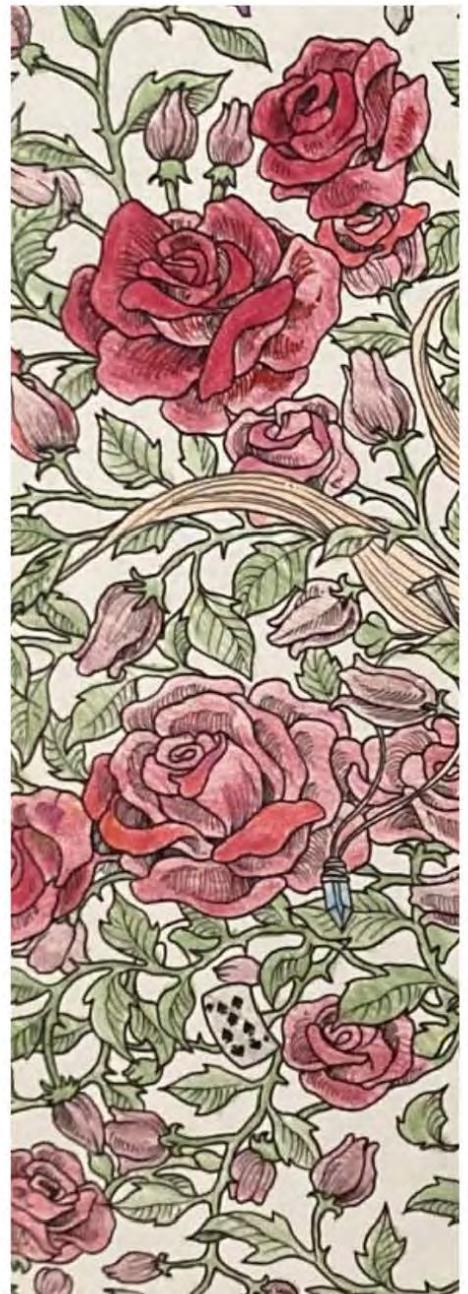
**Sts. Constantine and Helen
Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

3352 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Hts, OH 44118

Parking on site.

Tickets: \$25

Purchase tickets at www.sainthermans.org/event
or call Santhe Loizos at 216-232-6003



Virtual National Youth Retreat & Tour

“Where Saints Have Walked”

A Visit to America’s Oldest Monastery

A gathering of Orthodox Youth in grades K-12

Friday November 26, 2021

100-4:00pm (EST) via Zoom

Join our Retreat Leaders:

Archimandrite Sergius and the Monastery Brotherhood

As they share the history of Saint Tikhon’s monastery and the lives of the many holy men and women who lived there while following Christ.

Advance Registration Required by November 21, 2021

To register go to our registration page at

<https://forms.gle/UrUgGMQjFGsuTz8M9>

or visit our website www.orthodoxfellowship.org

Free-will donations in place of registration fees can be made at

<https://sttikhonsmonastery.org/files/donate/>



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PRAYER REQUESTS

10/31/2021

Departed:

Alexander Chernushin

Fr. Maximos

Special Intentions:

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

Protodeacon Dan Boerio

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Jennifer Boerio

Reader Frank Tkacz

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Mary Kay Weber

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Alexander Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Stephen Chwalyk

Michael Novail (*friend of Subdeacon Leon*)

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

Arlene Czajkowski

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother-in-law of Karen Felon*)

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

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

Steve Zvara

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*)

Michelle Blocksom (*Cindy & Nisi's cousin*)

Ron Latare (*friend of Ken*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

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

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Michael Novak (*friend of Darrell & Karen Felon*)

Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Robby Prock (*son of Marshall*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by
emailing them to

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BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 31

John 20:11-18
 Hebrews 13:7-16
 Luke 12:32-40
 John 10:9-16
 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
 Luke 8:26-39

Monday, November 1

Philippians 2:12-16
 Luke 11:29-33

Tuesday, November 2

Philippians 2:17-23

Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday, November 3

Philippians 2:24-30
 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, November 4

Philippians 3:1-8
 Luke 11:47-12:1

Friday, November 5

Philippians 3:8-19
 Luke 12:2-12

Saturday, November 6

2 Corinthians 1:8-11
 Luke 9:1-6

Sunday, November 7

Isaiah 43:9-14
 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
 Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
 John 20:19-31
 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8
 Matthew 10:1, 5-8
 Galatians 1:11-19
 Luke 8:41-56

ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

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>
 Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



Sunday, Oct 31

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, Nov 1

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenarys Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota

Tuesday, Nov 2

Martyrs Acindynus, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidophorus Anempodistus, and 7,000 with them, of Persia

Wednesday, Nov 3

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalás the Deacon, of Persia

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021



Thursday, Nov 4

Ven. Joannicius the Great

Friday, Nov 5

Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa

Saturday, Nov 6

St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople
 Church School 5:00 PM
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, Nov 7

20th Sunday After Pentecost

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenarys
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM
 (Synaxis of the Archangel Michael)