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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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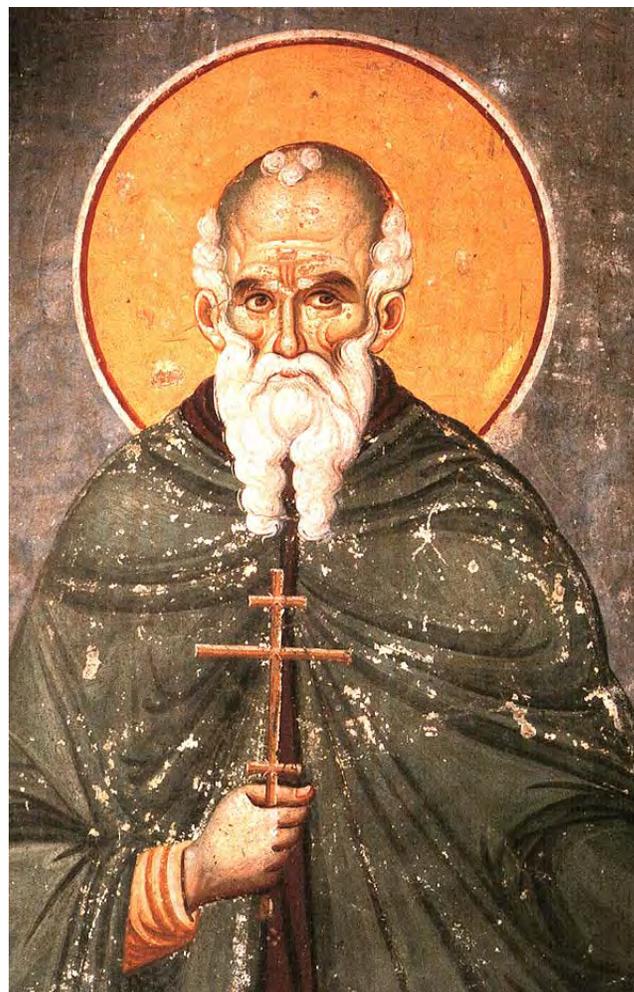
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JULY 3, 2022

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARTYR HYACINTH OF
CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA



Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples.

Saint Athanasius of Athos, in holy Baptism named Abraham, was born in the city of Trebezond. He was orphaned at an early age, and being raised by a certain good and pious nun, he imitated his adoptive mother in the habits of monastic life, in fasting and in prayer. Doing his lessons came easily and he soon outpaced his peers in study.

After the death of his adoptive mother, Abraham was taken to Constantinople, to the court of the Byzantine emperor Romanus the Elder, and was enrolled as a student under the renowned rhetorician Athanasius.

In a short while the student attained the mastery of skill of his teacher and he himself became an instructor of youths. Reckoning as the true life that of fasting and vigilance, Abraham led a strict and abstinent life, he slept little and then only sitting upon a stool, and barley bread and water were his nourishment. When his teacher Athanasius through human weakness became jealous of his student, blessed Abraham gave up his teaching position and went

away.

During these days there had arrived at Constantinople Saint Michael Maleinos (July 12), igumen of the Kyminas monastery. Abraham told the igumen about his life, and revealed to him his secret desire to become a monk. The holy Elder, discerning in Abraham a chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, became fond of him and taught him much in questions of salvation. One time during their spiritual talks Saint Michael was visited by his nephew, Nikēphóros Phocas, a military officer and future emperor. Abraham's lofty spirit and profound mind impressed Nikēphóros, and all his life he regarded the saint with reverent respect and with love. Abraham was consumed by his zeal for the monastic life. Having forsaken everything, he went to the Kyminas monastery and, falling down at the feet of the holy igumen, he begged to be received into the monastic life. The igumen fulfilled his request with joy and tonsured him with the name Athanasius.

With long fasts, vigils, bending of the knees, with works night and day Athanasius soon attained such perfection, that the holy igumen blessed him for the exploit of silence in a solitary place not far from the monastery. Later on, having left Kyminas, he made the rounds of many desolate and solitary places, and guided by God, he came to a place called Melanos, at the very extremity of Athos, settling far off from the other monastic dwellings. Here the monk made himself a cell and began to live an ascetical life in works and in prayer, proceeding from exploit to exploit towards higher monastic attainment.

The enemy of mankind tried to arouse in Saint Athanasius hatred for the place chosen by him, and assaulted him with constant suggestions in thought. The ascetic decided to suffer it out for a year, and then wherever the Lord should direct him, he would go. On the last day of this year's length of time, when Saint Athanasius set about to prayer, a heavenly light suddenly shone upon him, filling him with an indescribable joy, all the thoughts dissipated, and from his eyes welled up graced tears. From that

moment Saint Athanasius received the gift of tenderness, and he became as strongly fond of the place of his solitude as he had formerly loathed it.

During this time Nikēphóros Phocas, having had enough of military exploits, remembered his vow to become a monk and from his means he besought Saint Athanasius to build a monastery, i.e., to build cells for him and the brethren, and a church where the brethren could commune of the Divine Mysteries of Christ on Sundays.

Tending to shun cares and worries, Saint Athanasius at first would not agree to accept the hateful gold, but seeing the fervent desire and good intent of Nikēphóros, and discerning in this the will of God, he set about the building of the monastery. He built a large church in honor of the holy Prophet and Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, and another church at the foot of a hill, in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos. Around the church were the cells, and a wondrous monastery arose on the Holy Mountain. In it were a trapeza (dining area), a hospice for the sick and for taking in wanderers, and other necessary structures.

Brethren flocked to the monastery from everywhere, not only from Greece, but also from other lands, simple people and illustrious dignitaries, desert-dwellers having labored in asceticism for long years in the wilderness, igumens from many monasteries and hierarchs wanting to become simple monks in the Athos Lavra of Saint Athanasius.

The saint established at the monastery a cenobitic monastic Rule on the model of the old Palestinian monasteries. Divine services were served with all strictness, and no one was so bold as to talk during the services, nor to come late or leave the church without necessity.

The Heavenly Patroness of Athos, the All-Pure Mother of God Herself, was graciously disposed towards the saint. Many times he was privileged to see Her with his own eyes. By God's dispensation, there

once occurred such a hunger, that the monks one after the other quit the Lavra. The saint remained all alone and, in a moment of weakness, he also considered leaving. Suddenly he beheld a Woman beneath an ethereal veil, coming to meet him. "Who are you and where are you going?" She asked quietly. Saint Athanasius from an innate deference halted. "I am a monk from here," Saint Athanasius replied, and spoke about himself and his worries.

"Would you forsake the monastery which was intended for glory from generation unto generation, just for a morsel of dry bread? Where is your faith? Turn around, and I shall help you." "Who are you?" asked Athanasius. "I am the Mother of the Lord," She answered, and bid Athanasius to strike his staff upon a stone. From the fissure there gushed forth a spring of water, which exists even now, in remembrance of this miraculous visitation.

The brethren grew in number, and the construction

work at the Lavra continued. Saint Athanasius, foreseeing the time of his departure to the Lord, prophesied about his impending end and besought the brethren not to be troubled over what he foresaw. "For Wisdom disposes otherwise than as people judge." The brethren were perplexed and pondered the words of the saint. After giving the brethren his final guidance and comforting all, Saint Athanasius entered his cell, put on his mantiya and holy kulkolion (head covering), which he wore only on great feasts, and emerged after prolonged prayer. Alert and joyful, the holy igumen went up with six of the brethren to the top of the church to inspect the construction. Suddenly, through the imperceptible will of God, the top of the church collapsed. Five of the brethren immediately gave up their souls to God. Saint Athanasius and the architect Daniel, thrown upon the stones, remained alive. All heard the saint call out to the Lord, "Glory to Thee, O God! Lord, Jesus Christ, help me!" The brethren with great weeping began to dig out their father from the rubble, but they found him already dead.

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Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, and those with him. Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his "cubicularius" (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to

the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint's body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head. The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint's relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

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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Two Generous Donations!

We would like to express our gratitude towards two anonymous donors. One donor donated money for red altar covers, which Fr. Jan ordered from a Ukrainian orthodox tailor. Another donor, a couple, donated new blue vestments which came from St. Elizabeth Orthodox convent from Belarus. May our Lord reward your generosity and kindness!



Exciting Opportunity for Executive Director of Women's Center

We are seeking a Dedicated Christian and a passionate defender of life to serve as the Executive Director of our Women's Center. She should maintain a consistent life affirming belief, have strong interpersonal communication skills, organizational skills, and be comfortable with public speaking and media relations. The Executive Director will be responsible for efficiently guiding the organization in the successful realization and management of the Women's Center, under the guidance of the Board of Directors and Medical Director, adhering to the Mission Statement and Statements of Faith and Principles.

This is a full time position.

Resumes may be sent to: paulamk@roadrunner.com

PARISH SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 17TH

The Parish Council is calling a Special Meeting on Sunday, July 17th.

The two topics are the cemetery road repair plan and the window replacement in the Parish Hall (the one adjacent to the cathedral). As required by the Parish Bylaws, full details will be provided no fewer than eight days before the meeting.

Please make whatever arrangements can be made so that you can attend this meeting to guarantee a quorum. Thank you!

INCOMPLETE RECORDS ISSUE

Fr. Jan has found that there are probably some missing records for Baptisms, Christmations, Marriages, or Funerals from January 2020 until April 2021. Please if you know about any performed sacrament during that time, contact him to record it in the Parish Metric Book. Thankyou.



SAINTS PETER & PAUL ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Friday, August 19
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM



Saturday, August 20
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM



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Czar Dinner

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Piroghi Dinner

6 Piroghis with Cabbage & Noodles

Russian Hoagies

Sausage Sandwich with Piroghis & Russian Slaw

Beef Stroganoff Dinner

Sausage Hoagies with Slaw

Gyros

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Assorted Baked Goods

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2238 East 32nd Street | Lorain OH**

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp

2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417



St. Vladimir's Summer Camp offers three different sessions.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
When	July 3-9, 2022	July 10-16, 2022	July 17-23, 2022
Ages	8-12	10-17	13-17
Also Know	Ohio Younger	Junior Olympics	Ohio Older

Sessions 1& 3 are focused around crafts and service projects. Each camp week has a theme for the week and crafts and fun with father focus the learning times around that theme.

Session 2 is a sports based camp in which we also tie orthodox learning lessons with the resident priest into the week. We encourage Orthodox fellowship and encourage the campers to cheer on everyone. Trying to teach the campers that winning is more than medals, trophies and scores!



Visit www.stvladimirscampohio.com to register and check out more camp information. Or visit our Facebook Page or Instagram both St. Vladimir's Summer Camp

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 7/3/2022

Special Intentions:

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

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Reader Ron Latre (*cousin of Felons*)

Dan Boerio

Jennifer Boerio

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsy (*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*)

Lisa Theodore

Arlene Czajkowski

Athina

Betty Balasz (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Constantinos

David Dunn

Bryony Stroud-Watson

Amelia

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to ambo-theodosius@googlegroups.com

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

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 3

Genesis 14:14-20
Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17
Deuteronomy 10:14-21
Mark 16:9-20
Hebrews 13:7-16
John 17:1-13
Romans 5:1-10
Matthew 6:22-33

Monday, July 4

Romans 9:18-33
Matthew 11:2-15

Tuesday, July 5

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Matthew 11:27-30
Galatians 5:22-6:2
Luke 6:17-23
Romans 10:11-11:2
Matthew 11:16-20

Wednesday, July 6

Romans 11:2-12
Matthew 11:20-26

Thursday, July 7
Romans 11:13-24
Matthew 11:27-30

Friday, July 8
Romans 11:25-36
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 9

Romans 6:11-17
Matthew 8:14-23

Sunday, July 10

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3
Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15
Luke 24:1-12
Galatians 5:22-6:2
Matthew 4:25-5:12
Romans 6:18-23
Matthew 8:5-13

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Sunday, July 3

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia (108)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, July 4

Finding of the relics of Venerable Maximus the Greek (July 4, 1996)

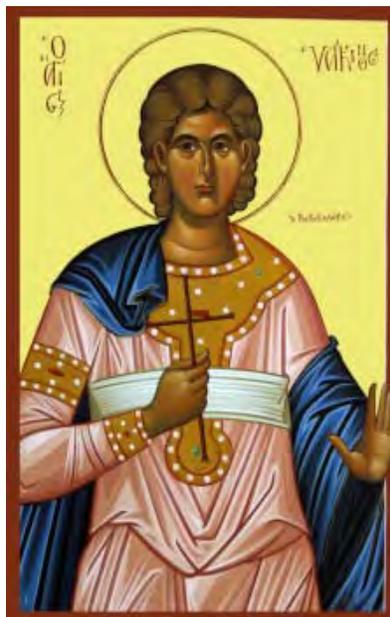
Tuesday, July 5

Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos, and his six disciples

Wednesday, July 6

Venerable Sisoës the Great

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2022



Thursday, July 7
Venerable Thomas of Mount Maleon

Friday, July 8
“Our Lady of Sitka” Icon of the Mother of God

Saturday, July 9
Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 10
Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Far Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour