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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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5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

SUNDAY OF THE
SAMARITAN WOMAN



The Holy Martyr Photina (Svetlana) the Samaritan Woman, her sons Victor (named Photinus) and Joses; and her sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev , Kyr-iake; Nero's daughter Domnina; and the Martyr Sebastian: The holy Martyr Photina was the Samaritan Woman, with whom the Savior conversed at Jacob's Well (John. 4:5-42).

During the time of the emperor Nero (54-68), who displayed excessive cruelty against Christians, Saint Photina lived in Carthage with her

younger son Joses and fearlessly preached the Gospel there. Her eldest son Victor fought bravely in the Roman army against barbarians, and was appointed military commander in the city of Attalia (Asia Minor). Later, Nero called him to Italy to arrest and punish Christians.

Sebastian, an official in Italy, said to Saint Victor, "I know that you, your

mother and your brother, are followers of Christ. As a friend I advise you to submit to the will of the emperor. If you inform on any Christians, you will receive their wealth. I shall write to your mother and brother, asking them not to preach Christ in public. Let them practice their faith in secret.”

Saint Victor replied, “I want to be a preacher of Christianity like my mother and brother.” Sebastian said, “O Victor, we all know what woes await you, your mother and brother.” Then Sebastian suddenly felt a sharp pain in his eyes. He was dumbfounded, and his face was somber.

For three days he lay there blind, without uttering a word. On the fourth day he declared, “The God of the Christians is the only true God.” Saint Victor asked why Sebastian had suddenly changed his mind. Sebastian replied, “Because Christ is calling me.” Soon he was baptized, and immediately regained his sight. Saint Sebastian’s servants, after witnessing the miracle, were also baptized.

Reports of this reached Nero, and he commanded that the Christians be brought to him at Rome. Then the Lord Himself appeared to the confessors and said, “Fear not, for I am with you. Nero, and all who serve him, will be vanquished.” The Lord said to Saint Victor, “From this day forward, your name will be Photinus, because through you, many will be enlightened and will believe in Me.” The Lord then told the Christians to strengthen and encourage Saint Sebastian to persevere until the end.

All these things, and even future events, were revealed to Saint Photina. She left Carthage in the company of several Christians and joined the confessors in Rome.

At Rome the emperor ordered the saints to be brought before him and he asked them whether they truly believed in Christ. All the confessors refused to renounce the Savior. Then the emperor gave orders to smash the martyrs’ finger joints. During the

torments, the confessors felt no pain, and their hands remained unharmed.

Nero ordered that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses be blinded and locked up in prison, and Saint Photina and her five sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Paraskev  and Kyriake were sent to the imperial court under the supervision of Nero’s daughter Domnina. Saint Photina converted both Domnina and all her servants to Christ. She also converted a sorcerer, who had brought her poisoned food to kill her.

Three years passed, and Nero sent to the prison for one of his servants, who had been locked up. The messengers reported to him that Saints Sebastian, Photinus and Joses, who had been blinded, had completely recovered, and that people were visiting them to hear their preaching, and indeed the whole prison had been transformed into a bright and fragrant place where God was glorified.

Nero then gave orders to crucify the saints, and to beat their naked bodies with straps. On the fourth day the emperor sent servants to see whether the martyrs were still alive. But, approaching the place of the tortures, the servants fell blind. An angel of the Lord freed the martyrs from their crosses and healed them. The saints took pity on the blinded servants, and restored their sight by their prayers to the Lord. Those who were healed came to believe in Christ and were soon baptized.

In an impotent rage Nero gave orders to flay the skin from Saint Photina and to throw the martyr down a well. Sebastian, Photinus and Joses had their legs cut off, and they were thrown to dogs, and then had their skin flayed off. The sisters of Saint Photina also suffered terrible torments. Nero gave orders to cut off their breasts and then to flay their skin. An expert in cruelty, the emperor readied the fiercest execution for Saint Photis: they tied her by the feet to the tops of two bent-over trees. When the ropes were cut the trees sprang upright and tore the mar-

tyr apart. The emperor ordered the others beheaded. Saint Photina was removed from the well and locked up in prison for twenty days.

After this Nero had her brought to him and asked if she would now relent and offer sacrifice to the idols. Saint Photina spit in the face of the emperor, and laughing at him, said, "O most impious of the

blind, you profligate and stupid man! Do you think me so deluded that I would consent to renounce my Lord Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols as blind as you?"

Hearing such words, Nero gave orders to again throw the martyr down the well, where she surrendered her soul to God (ca. 66).

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

A Letter from our friend the Reader Haralambos

To my friends at St. Theodosius,

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday the seventh of May ends my 35 year membership as I am transferring to Archangel Michael Orthodox Church. Come August, I am 80 years old. I live in Medina, 35 miles away and sometimes worry about things now. Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church is closer and of course the Liturgy is equally precious. It is interesting how we don't love each other in a human way, but in a divine way.

I will miss everyone.

Fr. Jan has graciously encouraged me to return when I can.

-Reader Haralambos

Boys' Night Lunch Out

Announcing a different men's outing! Join us at the **Tremont Treehouse** (just a short walk from the Cathedral's parking lot), **Saturday May 20 at 12:00 noon!**

Primarily a brunch menu, you won't leave hungry. Please let **Dan Morris** know if you can make it. <https://treehousecleveland.com>



Do you have about an hour that you can spare for St. Herman's?

We help serve lunch every 2nd Saturday of the month, and would like to have a few more volunteers to call upon.

From ~11:10AM - 12:15PM, and it would only be once every few months.

Please see Dan Morris if you'd like to help out.

Thank you and God bless you.



Note: The Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 21st, after Divine Liturgy

Landscaping Ministry

Spring is around the corner!

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church.

Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187**

Serbian Golf Outing Dinner & Music

Net Proceeds for the *Serbian Cultural Garden*

Saturday, July 8, 2023

**Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141**

SCRAMBLE FORMAT
WINNING FOURSOME WINS DINNER FOR EIGHT AT
THE SERBIAN CULTURAL GARDEN IN ROCKEFELLER PARK OR CASH

10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION (WITH A SHOT OF SLIVO)
11:00 A.M. TEE TIME

\$135 FEE INCLUDES:
18 HOLES * CART * ITALIAN LUNCH
PRIZES * MUSIC * DINNER

6:00 P.M. DINNER
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (BACK) HALL
2151 WEST WALLINGS ROAD, BROADVIEW HTS., OH 44147

NON-GOLFING SPOUSES, FRIENDS AND GUESTS WELCOME!
\$35.00 INCLUDES DINNER AND MUSIC

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **SERBIAN GOLF OUTING**

SEND CHECKS NO LATER THAN **JUNE 30, 2023**
FOR GOLF AND/OR DINNER TO:

**Serbian Cultural Garden
P.O. Box 91896
Cleveland, OH 44101**

For further information, call: (216) 716-4305
WEBSITE: www.serbianculturalgarden.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 5/14/2023

Deceased

William Sudnick

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Igor Gajewsky

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk

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

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

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

Margaret Peyton (Cathy's aunt)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

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

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child**

Mark

Susan Banks Yurik (*former parish secretary*)

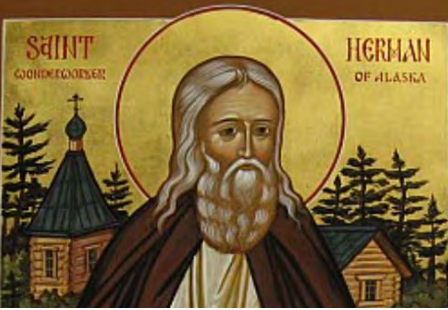
Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

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

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ST. HERMAN HOUSE COLLECTION

On the Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt we collected \$774.00 for St. Herman House.

At Paul Finley's banquet an additional \$1000.000 was also donated!

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need more people to help with our weekly coffee hours after Divine Liturgies on Sundays. Please contact **Cathy Weber** (weberc528@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. This is a wonderful way to facilitate fellowship and serve your church family. Perhaps you've already thought about helping out in this way? Then now is the time! Email Cathy, she will answer any questions you might have.



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Sunday, May 14

5th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, May 15

Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.)

Tuesday, May 16

Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great (368)

Wednesday, May 17

Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Thursday, May 18

Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra, and those with him who suffered under Decius (303)

Friday, May 19

Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and his companions (2nd-3rd c.)

Saturday, May 20

Unmercenary Physician Thallelaios at Aegae in Cilicia and his companions (ca. 284)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 21

6th Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Blind Man
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour