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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

Please check weekly schedule
for specific days (last page).

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HIEROMARTYR BLAISE
BISHOP OF SEBASTE



The Hieromartyr Blaise (Blasius), Bishop of Sebaste, was known for his righteous and devout life. Unanimously chosen by the people, he was consecrated Bishop of Sebaste. This occurred during the reign of the Roman emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Licinius (307-324), fierce persecutors of Christians. Saint Blaise encouraged his flock, visited the imprisoned, and gave support to the martyrs.

Many hid themselves from the persecutors by going off to desolate and

solitary places. Saint Blaise also hid himself away on Mount Argeos, where he lived in a cave. Wild beasts came up to him and meekly waited until the saint finished his prayer and blessed them. The saint also healed sick animals by laying his hands upon them.

The refuge of the saint was discovered by servants of the governor Agrilaus, who had come to capture wild beasts to loose on the Christian martyrs. The servants reported to their master that Christians were hiding on the mountain, and he gave orders to arrest them. But those sent out found there only the Bishop of Sebaste. Glorifying God Who had summoned him to this ex-

plot, Saint Blaise followed the soldiers.

Along the way the saint healed the sick and worked other miracles. Thus, a destitute widow complained to him of her misfortune. A wolf had carried off a small pig, her only possession. The bishop smiled and said to her, "Do not weep, your pig will be returned to you..." To the astonishment of everyone, the wolf came running back and returned his prey unharmed.

Agrilaus, greeting the bishop with words of deceit, called him a companion of the gods. The saint answered the greeting, but he called the gods devils. Then they beat him and led him off to prison.

On the next day, they subjected the saint to tortures again. When they led him back to the prison, seven women followed behind and gathered up the drops of blood. They arrested them and tried to compel them to worship the idols. The women pretended to consent to this and said that first they needed to wash the idols in the waters of a lake. They took the idols and threw them in a very deep part of the lake, and after this the Christians were fiercely tortured. The saints stoically endured the torments, strengthened by the grace of God, their bodies were transformed and became white as snow. One of the women had two young sons, who implored their mother to help them attain the Kingdom of Heaven, and she entrusted them to the care

Saint Cyril Equal of the Apostles, Teacher of the Slavs (Feb 14), Constantine in the schema), and his older brother Methodius (April 6), were Slavs, born in Macedonia in the city of Thessalonica.

Saint Cyril received the finest of educations, and from the age of fourteen he was raised with the son of the emperor. Later, he was ordained as a priest. Upon his return to Constantinople, he worked as a librarian of the cathedral church, and as a professor of philosophy. Saint Cyril successfully held debates with iconoclast heretics and with Moslems.

of Saint Blaise. The seven holy women were beheaded.

Saint Blaise was again brought before Agrilaus, and again he unflinchingly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor ordered that the martyr be thrown into a lake. The saint, going down to the water, signed himself with the Sign of the Cross, and he walked on it as though on dry land.

Addressing the pagans standing about on shore, he challenged them to come to him while calling on the help of their gods. Sixty-eight men of the governor's retinue entered the water, and immediately drowned. The saint, however, heeding the angel who had appeared to him, returned to shore.

Agrilaus was in a rage over losing his finest servants, and he gave orders to behead Saint Blaise, and the two sons of the woman martyr entrusted to him. Before his death, the martyr prayed for the whole world, and especially for those honoring his memory. This occurred in about the year 316.

The relics of the Hieromartyr Blaise were brought to the West during the time of the Crusades, and portions of the relics are preserved in many of the lands of Europe [and his memory traditionally honored there on February 3].

We pray to Saint Blaise for the health of domestic animals, and for protection from wild beasts.

Yearning for solitude, he went to Mount Olympos to his older brother Methodius, but his solitude lasted only a short while. Both brothers were sent by the emperor Michael on a missionary journey to preach Christianity to the Khazars in the year 857. Along the way they stopped at Cherson and discovered the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement of Rome (November 25).

Arriving at the territory of the Khazars, the holy brothers spoke with them about the Christian Faith. Persuaded by the preaching of Saint Cyril, the Khazar prince together with all his people accepted Christianity. The grateful

prince wanted to reward the preachers with rich presents, but they refused this and instead asked the prince to free and send home with them all the Greek captives. Saint Cyril returned to Constantinople together with 200 such captives set free.

In the year 862 began the chief exploit of the holy brothers. At the request of Prince Rostislav, the emperor sent them to Moravia to preach Christianity in the Slavic language. Saints Cyril and Methodius by a revelation from God compiled a Slavonic alphabet and translated the Gospel, Epistles, the Psalter and many Service books into the Slavonic language. They introduced divine services in Slavonic.

The holy brothers were then summoned to Rome at the invitation of the Roman Pope. Pope Adrian received them with great honor, since they brought with them the relics of the Hieromartyr Clement. Sickly by nature and in poor health, Saint Cyril soon fell ill from his many labors, and after taking the schema, he died in the year 869 at the age of forty-two. Before his death, he expressed his wish for his brother to continue the Christian enlightenment of the Slavs. Saint Cyril was buried in the Roman church of Saint Clement, whose own relics also rest there, brought to Italy from Cherson by the Enlighteners of the Slavs.

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:

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The St. Theodosius Events Committee Requests Your Ideas!

Please share any ideas for events you might have with either Wayne Vidovich or Nicholas Zolikoff. We need your ideas!

Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now *sponsor* a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.

Parish Game Night!

Join us for a **Parish Game Night** on Sunday, February 18th, at 4:00 PM.

Pizza and salad will be provided.

Games will be board games and card games, specific games yet to be determined.

A selection will be available. Come and play games!



AN UPDATE ON READER PAUL PANGRACE

Paul is now at Vista Springs Greenbriar Village. Consider paying a visit or giving him a call, he'd love to hear from us.

Vista Springs Greenbriar Village

Main Desk: (440) 340-4000

8668 Day Drive Apt 320

Parma, OH 44129



2024 Ancient Faith Men's Retreat

📅 Thu, August 22, 2024 - 04:00 PM EDT - Sun, August 25, 2024 - 01:00 PM EDT

📍 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923, USA

PLEASE NOTE: On "Order Summary," Zeffy automatically adds a suggested donation in order to keep their platform free for nonprofits, but you may remove this charge completely. Select "Other" and enter 0 to remove the fee. Ancient Faith cannot take responsibility if you do not remove the fee.

Please have your roommate(s)' contact information prepared when you register (email address and phone number). This is essential so all registrants receive important event information.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Forge enduring connections with Orthodox brothers, strengthen your faith, be encouraged, and challenge yourself at the first-ever Ancient Faith Men's Retreat. The retreat features four engaging speakers, daily services and Sunday Divine Liturgy, fellowship with like-minded Orthodox men, and more at the beautiful Antiochian Village Conference Center in Bolivar, PA. This is a four-day event, beginning Thursday evening and concluding after liturgy on Sunday.

SPEAKERS

Hieromonk Basil of Holy Cross Monastery in Wayne, West Virginia

Fr. John Strickland of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church in Poulsbo, Washington, and author of the *Paradise and Utopia* series and the podcast of the same name

Fr. John Oliver of St. Elizabeth Orthodox Christian Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and author of *Touching Heaven* and *Giver of Life* and host of the "Hearts and Minds" podcast

Fr. Michael Marcantoni of St. John Chrysostom Orthodox Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and host of the "On the Battlefield" podcast

DETAILS

Who's Invited: The Ancient Faith Men's Retreat is for Orthodox men who are college age and up! This is an openly Orthodox event. You do not have to be Orthodox to attend - if you want to be there, we want you there.

Roommates: Ancient Faith does not arrange roommates. You are responsible for finding your roommate and arranging to purchase your registration together.

Lodging Information: Lodging for the retreat is located at the conference center, *not* the camp. Rooms are configured like typical hotel rooms. For more information on accommodations and amenities, click [here](#).

Driving: There is plenty of free parking at Antiochian Village, so if you're within reach, this is a great way to come.

Airports: If you intend to fly, your best bet is Pittsburgh International Airport (1.5-2 hours drive from Antiochian Village). There is a closer, smaller airport in Latrobe, but airlines and flights are limited.

Airport Transportation: A shuttle is arranged for those flying into Pittsburgh International Airport for an additional cost. You are welcome to make separate arrangements, but do keep in mind that Uber and Lyft will not provide service to Antiochian Village from the airport. Please be sure your flights align with the shuttle schedule (details on the ticket description).

What to Wear: Please feel free to wear comfortable clothes. There will be activities available outdoors, although all the sessions will be indoors in the conference center. We will be celebrating Divine Liturgy together on Sunday morning, so pack "church clothes."

Cancellations & Refunds: Cancellations will be accepted and refunds until July 22, 2023. No refunds will be issued after this date. To cancel and receive a refund, email Ellie Bernasol (ellie@ancientfaith.com).

Ticket Transfers: Tickets are nontransferable. If a ticket holder is unable to attend, they may seek a refund before July 22, 2023.

Questions: Please don't hesitate to contact the guest coordinator, [Ellie Bernasol](mailto:ellie@ancientfaith.com) at ellie@ancientfaith.com with any questions.



SAINT TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

You are invited to celebrate

ALL THE GOOD

85 years of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary

honoring Mickey Herzak

Please Join

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon,
His Eminence Archbishop Michael,
and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00pm: Hierarchical Vespers

6:00pm: Cocktail Reception

7:00pm: Dinner & Celebration

Featuring The St. Tikhon's Mission Choir, Reflections from Alumni & Students, & More!

Woodside Event Center at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church
5025 East Mill Road, Broadview Heights, OH

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit
allthegood.stots.edu

Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, February 25

Questions or to purchase tickets over the phone, please contact David Getz, Administrative Assistant to the Dean at (570) 561-1818 x101 or david.getz@stots.edu.



**VISIT OF THE MOTHER OF
GOD OF TIKHVIN
SOVEREIGN LADY, QUEEN,
AND PROTETRESS OF THE
DIOCESE OF CHICAGO AND
THE MIDWEST**

Marking 20 years of her return to Tikhvin

On Thursday and Friday, February 22 & 23 the Cleveland Deanery of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest will host a visit of the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God. Services will be held at St. Nicholas in Mogadore, and St. Theodosios Cathedral, Cleveland. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

**Thursday
February 22**

6:30pm Akathist

**St. Nicholas Church
755 Cleveland Ave
Mogadore, OH**

Reception to follow.

**Friday
February 23**

**Divine Liturgy &
Moleiben 9:00am**

**St. Theodosius
Cathedral
733 Starkweather Ave
Cleveland OH**

All Welcome

Questions

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GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

31 January 2024

Beloved Friends in the Lord,

Greetings! The Orthodox Christian Community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon be honoring the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the first Sunday of the Great Fast. A celebration of this triumph of our Faith will take place on the evening of 24 March 2024, at 4:00pm. This service of Great Vespers will be hosted by Saint Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral (OCA), located at 733 Starkweather Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113. His Eminence, the Most Reverend Nicolae, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas, will preside as well as offer the homily.

Each year, the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy (GCCOC) solicits donations to help underwrite this celebration of our Faith, and this year, donations will be given to International Orthodox Christian Charities for humanitarian relief in Gaza. We humbly ask that you consider providing a contribution to the GCCOC; in return, you will be listed as a "Patron" within the handout at this special service.

If you wish to donate, we ask that you make checks payable to the "Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy," or simply the "GCCOC." Checks can either be given to your parish priest, or they can be mailed to the address below no later than 12 March 2024.

In Christ,
>>>Father Peter Simko
GCCOC Treasurer

2024 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY | PATRON DONATION

YOUR NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

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YOUR PARISH NAME _____

DONATION AMOUNT _____

GCCOC, c/o St. Innocent Orthodox Church, PO Box 38208, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 2/11/2024

Deceased

Archpriest Moses Berry

Special Intentions:

Fr. Micah Chisholm

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

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

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Mark

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Robert McKay (*friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic*)

Paul Eppelle (*father-in-law of Lauren Eppelle*)

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Aaron and Nadine Drummond (*Ellis*) & unborn child

Wasył Miroewski (*Uncle of Tim Clos*)

Amelia Thombs (*Sister of Ethan*)

Jeanine

Martha (*friend of Linda Kovach*)

Andrea Hochmann (*Clos*)

Yonathan and Melissa King (*Wojnicz*) & unborn child. (*daughter of Alex Wojnicz*)

Carol Schigel (*President Nisi's and Matushka Cindy's aunt*)

Justina Zolikoff

Walter Dimitrijevs

Kathleen LeVine (*friend of Lauren*)

Becky Howland (*Mother of Susan Steingass*)

Child Annemarie Louvison

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar
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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182
Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.

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St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cemetery

8200 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144 • Paul Webb, Cemetery Manager 216-296-9739

Grave Prices

Effective January 2024

All graves \$2,100.00 + \$400.00 perpetual care fee = \$2,500.00 total

All infant graves \$ 1000.00

Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

Jan 7 Gayle and Wayne	Feb 18 Sponsored by William Lynk (Mike and Sarah Brennan to host)
Jan 14 Sponsored by Mat. Ludmila Timko (Mat. Jana to host)	Feb 25 Georgi and Lina
Jan 21 Cindy and Nikol	Mar 3 Sarah and Mike Brennan
Jan 28 Sponsored by William Lynk (Joyce & Judy to host)	Mar 10 (Meatfare) Cathy and Tammy
Feb 4 Sponsored by Greg Born (Georgi and Lina to host)	Mar 17 (Cheesefare) Dan & Lavinia
Feb 11 Shawna	Mar 24 (Great Lent) Jana
	Mar 31 Joyce & Judy

Sunday, February 11

36th Sunday after Pentecost
Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316) 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Altar Society Meeting

Monday, February 12

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381)

Tuesday, February 13

St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia 1877)

Wednesday, February 14

Ven. Auxentius of Bithynia (ca. 470)
Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869)
6:00 PM Akathist

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



Repose of St. Cyril (February 14)

Thursday, February 15

Apostle of the Seventy Onesimus (ca. 109)
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment

Friday, February 16

St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan (1912)

Saturday, February 17

Great Martyr Theodore the Tyro ("the Recruit"—ca. 306)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, February 18

37th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of Zacchaeus
St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
4:00 PM Game Night