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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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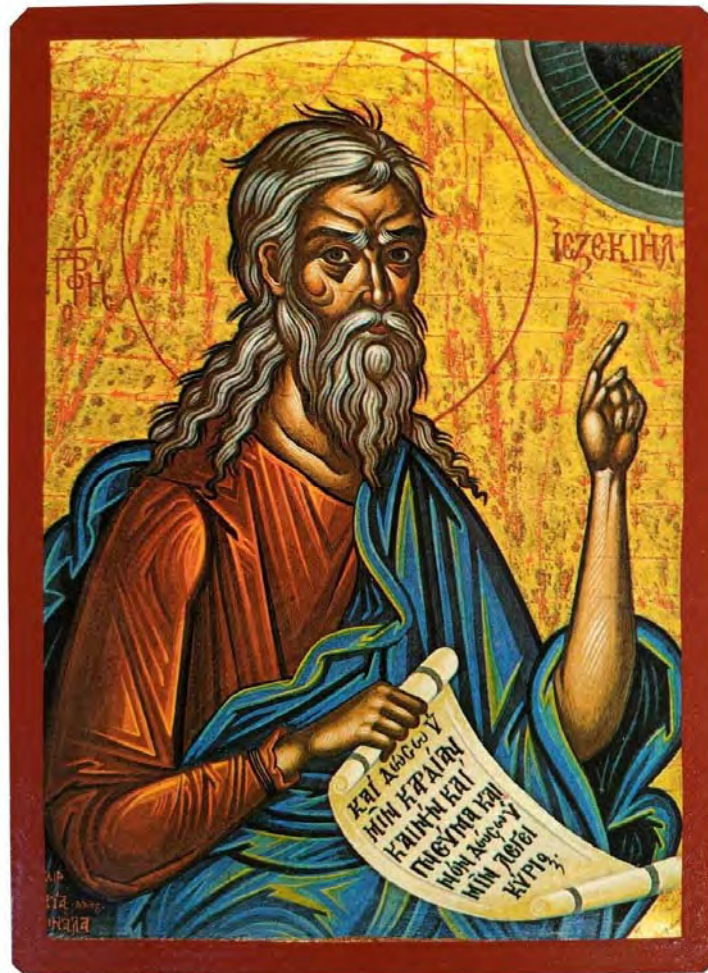
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JULY 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPHET EZEKIEL



The Holy Prophet Ezekiel lived in the sixth century before the birth of Christ. He was born in the city of Sarir, and descended from the tribe of Levi; he was a priest and the son of the priest Buzi. Ezekiel was led off to Babylon when he was twenty-five years old together with King Jechoniah II and many other Jews during the second invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar.

The Prophet Ezekiel lived in captivity by the River Chebar. When he was thirty years old, he had a vision of the future of the Hebrew nation and of all mankind. The prophet beheld a shining cloud, with fire flashing continually,

and in the midst of the fire, gleaming bronze. He also saw four living creatures in the shape of men, but with four faces (Ez. 1:6). Each had the face of a man in front, the face of a lion on the right, the face of an ox on the left, and the face of an eagle at the back (Ez. 1:10). There was a wheel on the earth beside each creature, and the rim of each wheel was full of eyes.

Over the heads of the creatures there seemed to be a firmament, shining like crystal. Above the firmament was the likeness of a throne, like

glittering sapphire in appearance. Above this throne was the likeness of a human form, and around Him was a rainbow (Ez. 1:4-28).

According to the explanation of the Fathers of the Church, the human likeness upon the sapphire throne prefigures the Incarnation of the Son of God from the Most Holy Virgin Mary, who is the living Throne of God. The four creatures are symbols of the four Evangelists: a man (Saint Matthew), a lion (Saint Mark), an ox (Saint Luke), and an eagle (Saint John); the wheel with the many eyes is meant to suggest the sharing of light with all the nations of the earth. During this vision the holy prophet fell down upon the ground out of fear, but the voice of God commanded him to get up. He was told that the Lord was sending him to preach to the nation of Israel. This was the beginning of Ezekiel's prophetic service.

The Prophet Ezekiel announces to the people of Israel, held captive in Babylon, the tribulations it would face for not remaining faithful to God. The prophet also proclaimed a better time for his fellow-countrymen, and he predicted their return from Babylon, and the restoration of the Jerusalem Temple.

There are two significant elements in the vision of the prophet: the vision of the temple of the Lord, full of glory (Ez. 44:1-10); and the bones in the valley, to which the Spirit of God gave new life (Ez. 37:1-14). The vision of the temple was a mysterious prefiguring of the race of man freed from the working of the Enemy and the building up of the Church of Christ through

the redemptive act of the Son of God, incarnate of the Most Holy Theotokos. Ezekiel's description of the shut gate of the sanctuary, through which the Lord God would enter (Ez. 44: 2), is a prophecy of the Virgin giving birth to Christ, yet remaining a virgin. The vision of the dry bones prefigured the universal resurrection of the

dead, and the new eternal life bestowed by the Lord Jesus Christ.

The holy Prophet Ezekiel received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking. He, like the Prophet Moses, divided the waters of the river Chebar, and the Hebrews crossed to the opposite shore, escaping the pursuing Chaldeans. During a time of famine the prophet asked God for an increase of food for the hungry.

Ezekiel was condemned to execution because he denounced a certain Hebrew prince for idolatry. Bound to wild horses, he was torn to pieces. Pious Hebrews gathered up the torn body of the prophet and buried it upon Maur Field, in the tomb of Sim and Arthaxad, forefathers of Abraham, not far from Baghdad. The prophecy of Ezekiel is found in the book named for him, and is included in the Old Testament.

Saint Demetrius of Rostov (October 28 and September 21) explains to believers the following concepts in the book of the Prophet Ezekiel: if a righteous man turns from righteousness to sin,

he shall die for his sin, and his righteousness will not be remembered. If a sinner repents, and keeps God's commandments, he will not die. His former sins will not be held against him, because now he follows the path of righteousness (Ez. 3:20; 18:21-24).



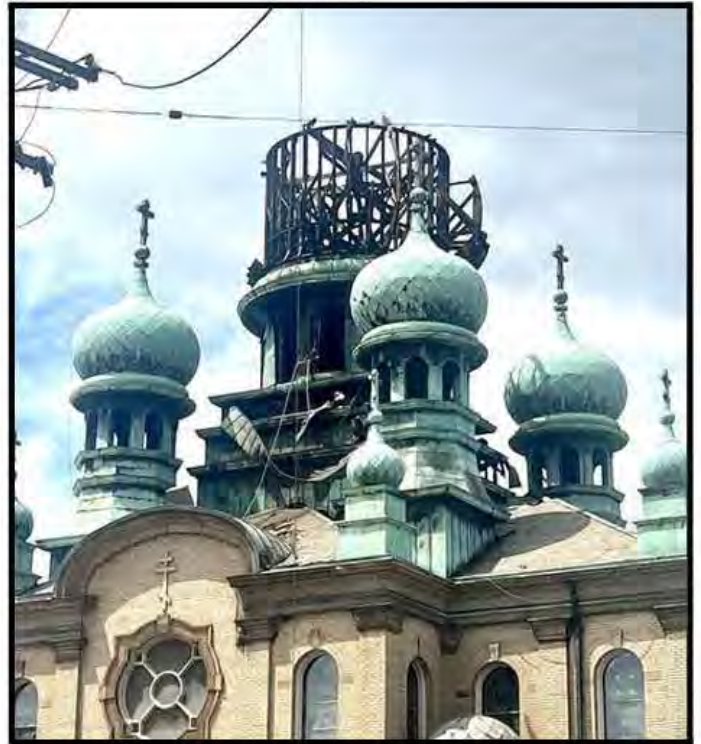
CHARITY PICNIC!

Sunday July 21st, 2024 - 12:00pm

Join us to help restore St. Theodosius
Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio!



Before



After

On May 28, 2024, St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral was severely damaged by a fire. This church was home for many generations of Eastern European immigrants, their descendants, and new converts who discovered the true faith.

Location: St. Sergius Russian Orthodox Cathedral

Address: 6520 Broadview Rd, Cleveland, OH 44134

Suggested Donation \$25

Cash bar

All proceeds will be donated to the restoration of the dome and the church.



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Sat. 1pm-11 pm

Sun. 12 noon-10 pm

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**“Godly Marriage and Virginity:
Paths to Holiness”**

DATE: September 20 – 22, 2024

**St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton, OH 44133**

- Friday, 9/20 7-9:00 pm 1st talk with Q & A
- Saturday, 9/21 9:30 am check in / continental breakfast
 10 – 12 2nd talk
 12 – 1 Lunch
 1 – 3 pm 3rd talk
 4:00 pm Vespers
- Sunday, 9/22 Join us for Sunday Liturgy with Father Josiah
 8:50 am Sunday Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with homily
 Luncheon after Liturgy

Father Josiah has published numerous articles and books and is also the founder of Patristic Nectar Publication, a non-profit ministry. His weekly homilies are entitled “The Arena Podcasts” and are available on Patristic Nectar Publications, Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Google Podcast. You can find links to his homilies at <https://www.saintandrew.net/arenapodcast>. His video reflections are available on YouTube under Patristic Nectar Films. His books will be available at the retreat at a wholesale discount.

Registration deadline: **September 8, 2024** – Register early. Seating is limited.
Contact: Cindy George at cindygeorge127@gmail.com
Steve Morgan at stevemorgx@pm.me
Leigh Frank at loberlinfrank@gmail.com

There will be a free-will offering to help cover expenses.

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 7/21/2024



Deceased

Matushka Annice Oleynik

John “Jack” Zimmerman

(Uncle of Nisi & Matushka Cindy)

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

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

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)*

Lonnie Ellis *(Husband to Debra Ellis)*

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz *(mother of Paul Z)*

Elizabeth Balasz

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

Michael Kalinich *(Uncle of Linda Kovach)*

Child McKenna Kranek

Linda Smotzer

Elena Rich *(Jerry Czajkowski's daughter)*

Donna Fabris *(Jerry Czajkowski's friend)*

Karen Slowey *(sister of Nancy Prock)*



Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar

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Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos.

During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople.



Portions of Saint Anna's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists.

Sunday, July 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Prophet Ezekiel

The Finding of the honored relics of the Venerable right-believing Great Princess and Nun Anna of Kashin,

Wonderworker

8:00 AM Blessing of Vehicles

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

Monday, July 22

Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalene

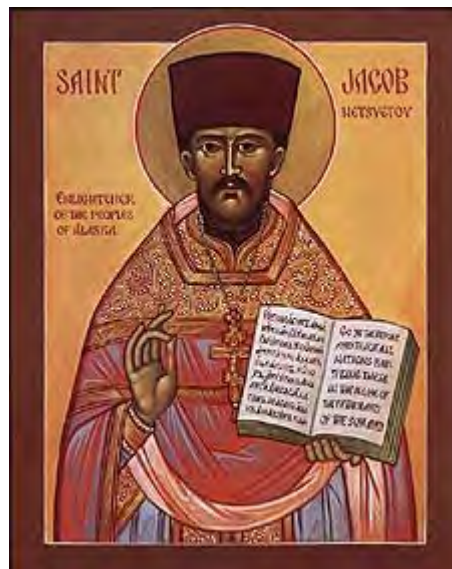
Tuesday, July 23

Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4th c.)

Wednesday, July 24

Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris, in Holy Baptism Romanus and Gleb, in Holy Baptism David (1015)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



Saint Jacob Netsvetov, July 26

Thursday, July 25

The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos

Friday, July 26

Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov), Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska (1864)

Saturday, July 27

Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (305)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, July 28

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour