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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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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

* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

AUGUST 16, 2015
IMAGE OF CHRIST
“NOT-MADE-BY HANDS”

MARTYRS FLORUS AND LAURUS



AUGUST 18

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Sts Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16

Aug. 16 1 Cor. 9:2-12
Matt. 18:23-35

Aug. 18 2 Cor. 5:15-21
Mark 1:16-22

Aug. 21 2 Cor. 7:10-16
Mark 2:18-22

Aug. 17 2 Cor. 5:10-15
Mark 1:9-15

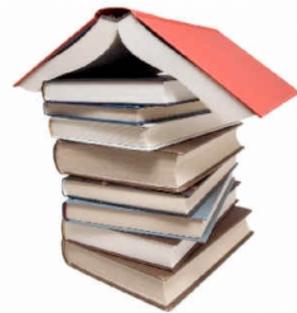
Aug. 19 2 Cor. 6:11-16
Mark 1:23-28

Aug. 22 1 Cor. 1:26-29
Matt. 20:29-34

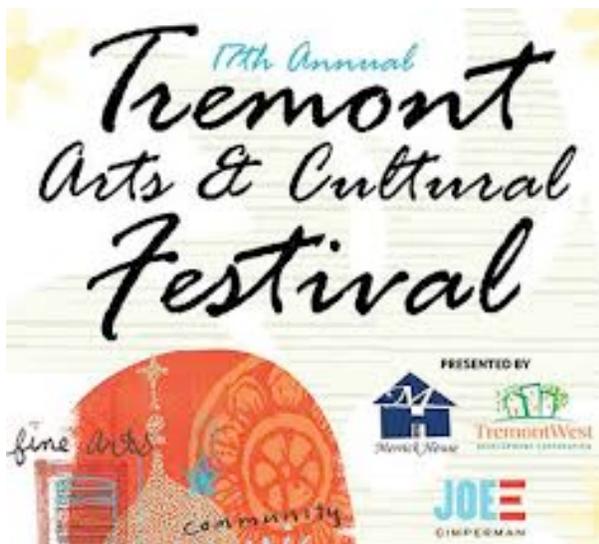
Aug. 20 2 Cor. 7:1-10
Mark 1:29-35

**Another dog day of summer or a Boys' Night Out? It's your call, but we're going for the night out to Prosperity Social Club on Sunday, August 23rd at 5:00 PM. Address is 1109 Starkweather, across from Lincoln Park, same side of the street as the Cathedral.
Please see Daniel Morris to join.**

**Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild
Book Review @ Parish Hall
Saturday, September 12th, 2015
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM**



**Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival
Saturday and Sunday,
September 19th & 20th, 2015**



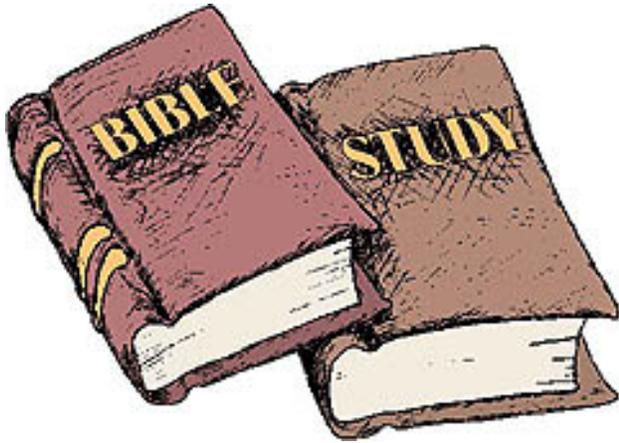
We are looking for volunteers to fill the ministry of sharing our love for Christ; an opportunity to welcome guests to experience the beauty of St. Theodosius Cathedral.

We need your help at the booth in Lincoln Park and to greet & welcome guests and lead tours of the Cathedral.

We will be developing the schedule for both days for 1 hour blocks of time.

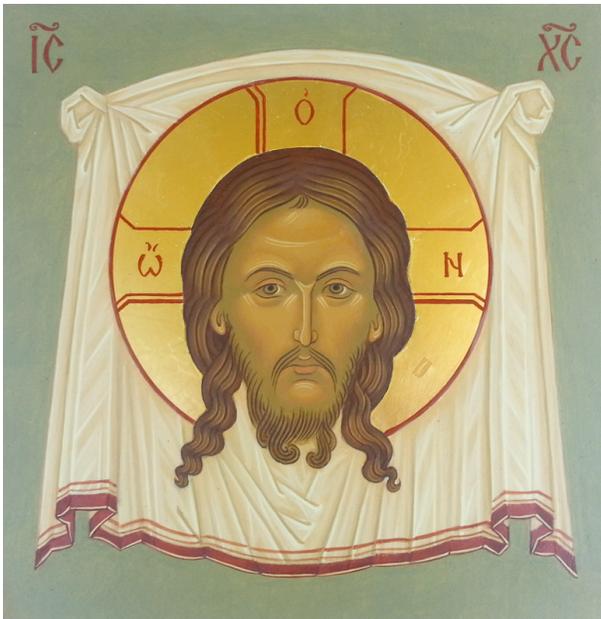
Please see Michael Tabelaing, Joyce Tabelaing or Tammy Ponomarenko.

In the interim, if you have questions, please call us at 216-521-9418.



**Faith Enrichment
begins Thursday,
September 17th
at 11:00 AM at
Ridge Manor.**

**FOCA Annual Picnic
Thursday, August 27th, 2015
@ 6:00 PM
Metroparks by the
Memphis Kiddie Park**



**In August, the church
commemorates
the Icon of Christ
“Not Made by
Hands,” also
commonly known as
the “Holy Napkin,”
the “Mandylinion,” or
the “Holy Face.”**

FOCUS
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Emergency food needs

- Canned vegetables. All
- Dry pastas noodles. All
- spaghetti sauce
- table salt
- peanut butter
- canned tuna
- Mayo
- salad dressing

Any nonperishable items

***** Please note:
St. Herman's is in
great need of the
items to the left,
due to a summer
slump in giving.*****

**Coffee Hour is sponsored
today by the Altar Society in
honor of their Patron Saint's
Day which was on the
Feast of Dormition.**



The Cathedral Chapter of the F.O.C.A. extends its appreciation for the wonderful support our parish has given to the recent fundraising events we have sponsored. Our activities together with similar efforts by chapters across the country allowed the National F.O.C.A. to meet a pledge made four years ago to St. Tikhon's Seminary and its Married Student Housing project. That pledge was fulfilled at the recent All American Council held in Atlanta Georgia with the presentation of a check in the amount of \$300,000 to Archbishop Michael. Again, thank you for your support and assisting us in this very important seminary project.

18th All-American Council
July 20-24, 2015
Atlanta, GA

Delegate's Report

The All-American Council is a gathering of bishops, clergy and lay delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico. Its purpose is to pray together, discuss the state of the Church, share experiences and ideas, and then to deliberate and make decisions affecting the life of the Church. There have been eighteen such gatherings to date.

The most recent All-American Council was held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Hilton Atlanta Hotel from July 20 to July 24, 2015. Fr. John and I attended as delegates representing our parish. Observers are permitted at the sessions but must be registered in advance.

There were two major considerations set before the Council this year. The first was a revision of the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America. This revision was necessary to make the by-laws more cohesive, consistent and clear. It provides guidelines for governing the Church to both ecclesiastical and secular authorities. The revised Statute was approved, adopted, ratified and confirmed by the Council. A copy of the Statute will be available at the Coffee Hour today or upon request. It can also be viewed on line.

The second important consideration was a resolution to change the way the central administration of the Church is funded. It proposed a move to proportional giving from the dioceses. The formula was criticized for being too complex but after much discussion and firm endorsement from the metropolitan, the resolution was passed. A copy of the resolution will be in my notebook at the Coffee Hour today or can be viewed on line.

Before the convening of the Council, reports are published on line from all boards, commissions, departments, institutions and the Metropolitan Council. These reports have been printed out and are in my notebook which I will have available for you to read at the Coffee Hour today. During the Plenary Sessions oral additions and comments are made to these reports. One report from the IOCC was especially poignant pointing out the need of children in Syria living in tent camps, displaced from their homes by the fighting there. Fr. John suggested to the body of delegates that each of us donate \$20 to help this cause and an immediate collection was taken on the floor. Over \$11,800 was collected with the promise of a few more credit-card donations to come after the end of the session in hopes of boosting the total to \$12,000. Well done, Fr. John! It was the high point of the day.

The theme of this Council was "How to expand our mission" which was also the theme of the first All-American Sobor held in 1907. Many of the workshops offered variations on this theme. I attended one given by Fr. David Rucker and his wife Rozanne who are missionaries for OCMC. Their narrative went from starting a mission parish in Kentucky to baptizing thousands in small remote villages in Guatemala to working in Alaska as teachers at St. Herman's Seminary. They were a truly inspiring couple that simply glowed with spirit and energy for expanding the mission of the Church.

On a more personal note, I bring the parish greetings from Will Oprisko, a former member, Seminarian Paul Kappanadze and Fr. George Volkovinsky who now has a parish in Edwardsville, PA, near St. Tikhon's Seminary. The Diocese of the South offered hospitality as warm as its weather and the spirit and enthusiasm they bring to the faith is invigorating and contagious. I found the reports and presentations interesting and the Church better organized and more focused on its mission. I wish to thank the parish for this experience. It was an honor to represent you.

Yours in Christ,
Susan Lentz



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Phyllis Miklos
07-10-15

Helen Kuligowski
07-27-15

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic
Protopresbyter Rastko Trbuhovic
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mother Anna

Mary

Michael

Betty Balasz

Judy Baughman

Carol Bohurjak

Frank Byndas

Navada Coneley

Anne Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's
sister-in-law*)

Christine Crichton

Thomas Crichton (*Joseph Crichton's
brother*)

Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's
brother*)

Cindy Durkalski

Nashwa Fam

Peter Fickinger (*friend of Joseph
Crichton*)

Julia Grabowski

Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's
cousin*)

Sandee Holod

Matthew Hunley (*Phyllis
Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

Donna Jacak

Victor Jacak

Patrick Jacobson (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)

Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Diane Kearsley (*Janice Tkacz's
sister*)

Maher Khalil

Thomas Khalil

John Kovalski (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Dorothy Laskovich

Paul Laskovich

Paul Mihal

Anna Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of
Helen Antonik*)

Jillian Oppenheim

Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's
mother*)

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's
sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's
mother*)

Liz Peterson (*Joseph Crichton's
friend*)

Cindy Powkowski

Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)

Dorothy Romig

Julia Sankovic (*Child*)

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's
mother*)

Janice Tkacz

Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul
Pangrace*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

**Steve & Laura Zvara
& Unborn Child**

**Jason & Rachel Wojnicz
& Unborn Child**

**Douglas & Kaitlyn Evans
& Unborn Child**

**Please note that names will remain on the list for
approximately one month and then removed.
If you desire that a name be relisted please contact the
office at 216-741-1310.**

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

8/16/15	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
8/23/15	Joy & David Pfeiffer
8/30/15	Mat. Cinday Zdinak & Mat. Jenn Boerio
9/6/15	Dan & Lavinia Morris
9/13/15	Nick & Kate Zolikoff
9/20/15	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk
9/27/15	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio

Greeters:

Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Karen Felon & Michael Tabeling
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Karen Felon & Sonia Vorell
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Michael Tabeling & Linda Smotzer
Karen Felon & Paul Pangrace



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 1,493.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 5,045.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey



ST. MARY ROMANIAN Festival

August 21st -23rd



• FUN

• GOOD FOOD

• ENTERTAINMENT

Fri. 4:30-11 pm

Sat. 2-11 pm

Sun. 12 noon-10 pm

LOCATED IN WESTPARK
JUST SOUTH OF I-90, WARREN ROAD EXIT
3256 Warren Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111
(216) 941-5550. Directions: www.smroc.org

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**



6th Annual

European Festival

**Saturday, September 12, 2015
11 AM - 11 PM**

**COME EXPERIENCE CULTURES
FROM ACROSS EUROPE!**

**Live Music & Dancing
Craft Fair and Religious Gifts
Ethnic Cuisine, Bakery, Beer & Wine
Church Services, Tours & Speakers
Basket Raffles & Cash Prizes
Children's Activities** 

**5390 W. 220th St. Fairview Park, OH
stmmeurofest.com | 216.906.3463**

Inside on the main stage

- 11:30 Piast Polish Artistic Folk Ensemble
- 12:00 Cleveland Saxon Dance Group
- 12:30 Cannon Irish Dancers
- 1:00 STV Bavaria
- 1:30 Tribal Fire Dancers
- 2:30 STV Bavaria
- 3:00 St. Demetrios Greek Dancers
- 3:30 St. Sava Serbian Dancers
- 4:00 Syrena Polish Dance Group
- 5:00 Geauga Highlanders Pipes & Drums



**6:30- "Jimmy K. & Ethnic Jazz"
10:30 Polka and more!**

Guest Speakers in the Church

- 1:00 Rev. Michael Lee, Byzantine priest
- 3:00 Rev. Dennis Hrubciak, former pastor
- 2:00 & 4:00 Church Tours

Sisters of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery

Church Services

- 6:00 PM Vespers (Evening Prayers)
- 11:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Catholic Mass)

Menu

Hand-pinched Potato Cheese Pierogi
Chicken Paprikash, Potato Pancakes
Stuffed Cabbage, Pork Goulash
Hot Dogs, Kielbasa & Kraut
Cabbage & Noodles
Nut & Poppyseed Roll and other Bakery

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES

Baseball Night at Progressive Field

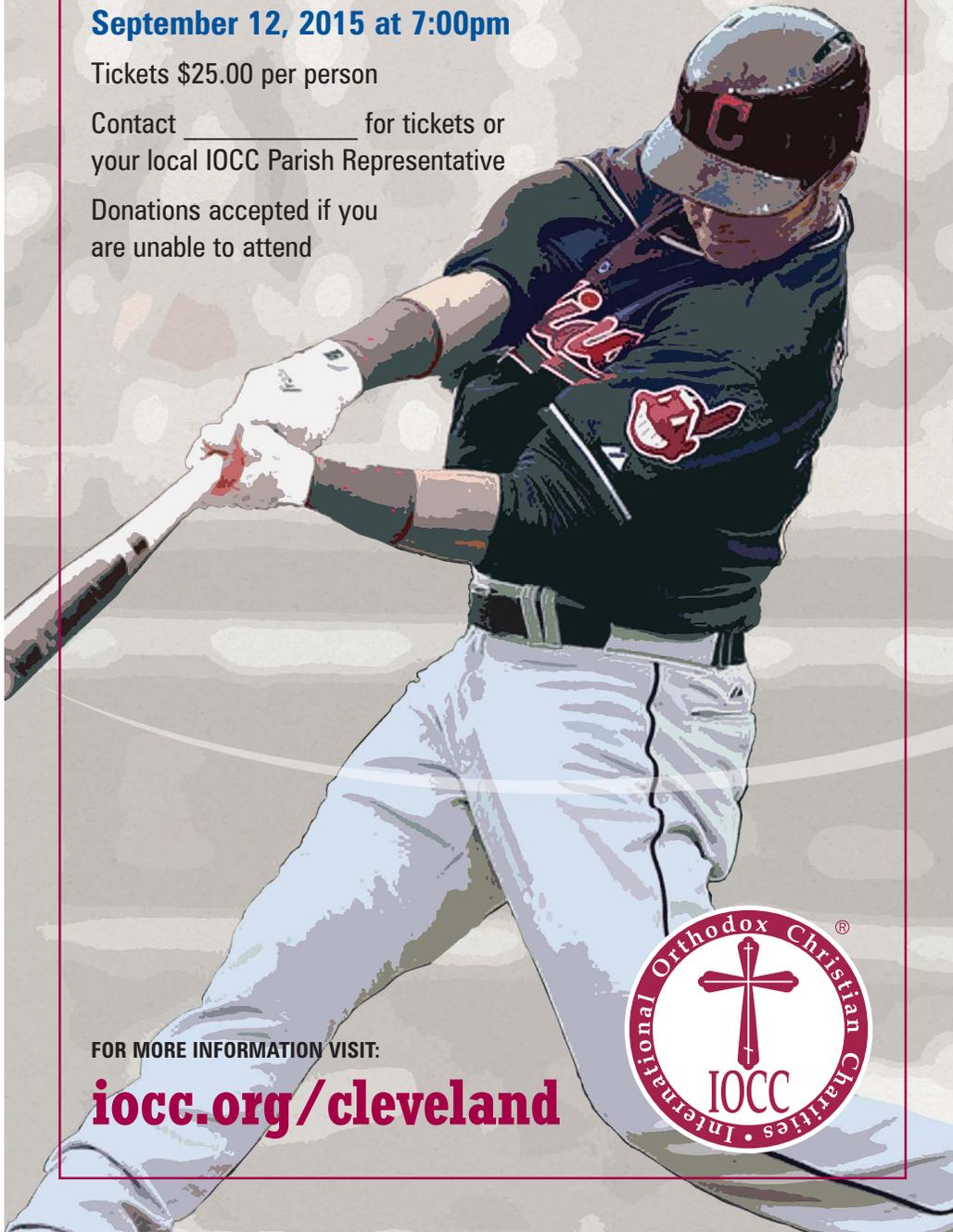
CLEVELAND INDIANS VS DETROIT TIGERS

September 12, 2015 at 7:00pm

Tickets \$25.00 per person

Contact _____ for tickets or
your local IOCC Parish Representative

Donations accepted if you
are unable to attend



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

iocc.org/cleveland



Contact: Frank Tkacz 216-789-3267

6th Annual

Fr. Prislopsky Memorial Dinner Lecture

**An Orthodox Christian
Perspective on
The Religion of Islam**



Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Thomas Soroka, rector of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mckees Rocks, PA and noted contributor to Ancient Faith Radios, The Path.

Tuesday, September 22, 2014

Woodside Party Center

Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes Dinner at 6:30 pm

Presentation to Follow

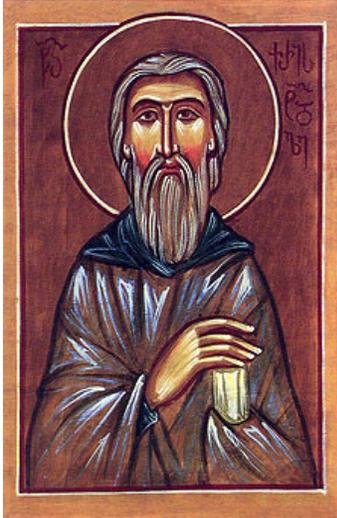
Donation: \$10 per person

RSVP Required Through Church Office:

(440) 526-5192

Our Minds Also Lead Us to God

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



On August 18 the Church celebrates the memory of the Venerable Christodoulos the Philosopher.

Born in the 11th century, young John, as he was named at birth, loved to learn from books and read everything he could get his hands on. Though John especially loved Scripture and knew he wanted to live by Christ's teachings, his curious mind led him to read about other faiths as well. He enjoyed discussions with wise people, which were another source of learning. He further broadened his knowledge by learning several languages.

John also admired and was inspired by the simple, prayerful life of monastics. So when he told his mother and father that he wanted to become a monk, they weren't surprised. Unlike some parents, who are concerned that they will never become grandparents, they raised no objections.

He was tonsured with the name Christodoulos, and as a monk he continued to think and learn. Because he particularly wanted to be able to defend Christianity in a hostile environment, he memorized the holy book of Islam, the Quran. This enabled him to debate with anyone, and to show the truth of Christianity clearly.

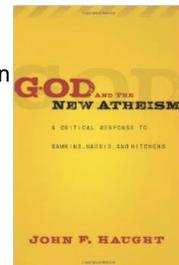
Saint Christodoulos spent many years on the island of Patmos, where he established a famous monastery named for another person of learning he greatly admired—Saint John the Theologian. The monastery's library preserved many precious books that might otherwise have been lost in the violent attacks that Christians frequently endured in those times. That preservation made it possible for others to learn and think deeply—a fitting legacy for a saint referred to as "Philosopher."

In our own day, some writers called the "new atheists" deny that our rational minds can lead us to God. They contend that the mind is only concerned with facts that can be demonstrated, and faith is not based on such facts. Therefore faith is not rational, and not real.

In his book "God and the New Atheism," John F. Haught offers several convincing objections to this assertion. One is that the new atheists, without seeming to realize it, place complete faith in the ability of their own minds to understand reality. John Haught asks, "If our minds are nothing but the accidental outcome of a mindless evolutionary process, why should we trust them at all?" He also points out that the atheists have faith that there is truth to be understood, and that is worth trying to understand. But they have no basis for this faith; it's simply an assumption.

What is the faith of believers in God? Haught says it certainly is not the "belief without evidence" that the new atheists accuse it of being. Rather it is "...an adventurous movement of trust that opens reason up to its appropriate living space, namely, the inexhaustibly deep dimension of Being, Meaning, Truth, and Goodness... Faith is what opens our minds to the infinite horizon in which alone reason can breathe freely..."

Saint Christodoulos, who used his mind to investigate that infinite horizon, would agree.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2015

Sunday, Aug. 16
IMAGE OF CHRIST
"NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS"
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, Aug. 17
MARTYR MYRON
BL. THEODORET,
ENLIGHTENER OF THE LAPPS

Tuesday, Aug. 18
MARTYRS FLORUS AND
LAURUS
VEN. JOHN OF RILA

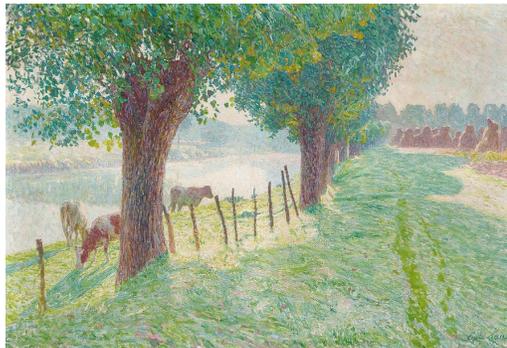
Wednesday, Aug. 19
MARTYR ANDREW
STRATELATES
AND HIS COMPANIONS

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

AUGUST
Special Collection
**ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP**



Thursday, Aug. 20
PROPHET SAMUEL
HIEROMARTYR PHILIP,
BISHOP OF HERACLIUS

Friday, Aug. 21
APOSTLE OF THE 70
THADDEUS
VEN. AVRAMII OF SMOLENSK
4:30 PM St. Mary Romanian Festival

Saturday, Aug. 22
MARTYR AGATHONICUS
AND HIS COMPANIONS
2:00 PM St. Mary Romanian Festival
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Aug. 23
MARTYR LUPUS
HIEROMARTYR IRENAEUS,
BISHOP OF LYONS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
12:00 PM St. Mary Romanian Festival
5:00 PM Boys' Night Out @ Prosperity
Social Club



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