



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### Martyr Menas of Alexandria

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#### **Troparion – Tone 2**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

#### **Troparion – Tone 8**

Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors, the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while alive and after death. It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing:// Glory to our only God and Creator!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,:// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

The Lord snatched thee from the temporal army, making thee a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas; together with Hermogenes and Eugraphus with whom thou didst suffer, thou art granted an incorruptible crown.

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 2**

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

*v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

#### **Martyr Menas of Alexandria**

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead,

they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Euphrasius, the secretary of Saint Menas, and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

### **Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **Gospel: Luke 17:12-19**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

### **Service Schedule for the week of December 10**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Church School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Children's Yolka and Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Saturday December 16** – Bake Sale 8 AM – Noon; 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday December 17** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### **Weekly Giving**

December 3 – 43 adults, 14 youth, \$1,963

### **Parish Announcements**

Remember to partake in the Sacraments of Confession and Communion prior to the Nativity. If you need to schedule a particular time for Confession please contact Father Volodymyr. There is a sheet on the table across from the candle desk about preparation for Holy Confession.

The Sunday School children will perform their Christmas Yolka today during coffee hour. Please stay and enjoy the show!

Sunday School classes on Sunday December 24 and Sunday December 31 will not be held; classes will resume on Sunday January 7.

The Bake Sale will be held this coming Saturday December 16 from 8 AM to noon. We need baked goods, especially cookies, dropped off in Daria Hall no later than 2 PM on Friday December 15 so cookie trays can be assembled. Please mark the contents, especially if there are nuts in the baked goods. Any questions contact Nina Laushell or Darice Keyes.

Christmas Eve Supper will be held on Sunday, December 24 at 5 PM in Daria Hall. *Due to the Supper, we will not have Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.* There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please bring a Lenten dish to share (estimate 20-25 people). The Supper will be followed by Great Compline services in the church at 7:00 PM.

Archbishop Michael's mother, Ann Dahulich, fell asleep in the Lord on December 6. Services are as follows:

Monday December 11: Visitation at St. Michael's Church, Binghamton, NY starting 4 PM with Parastas at 7 PM, followed by a light meal.

Tuesday December 12: Visitation 9:00 AM followed by Divine Liturgy and Funeral Service at 10 AM. Interment at the parish cemetery followed by a Lenten luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Box 130, South Canaan, PA 18459; St. Michael's Church, 296 Clinton Street, Binghamton, NY 13905; or the Lourdes Hospice Program, 169 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905. Memory Eternal!