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NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

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TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 4

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.// By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

Kontakion – Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion – Tone 3

Today the new martyrs of Rus’ stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: “Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God// unto the ages of ages. Amen.”

Prokeimenon – Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us.

LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but

also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-39

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Gospel: Luke 21:8-19

And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them. But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.” Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, CAREGIVERS, AND DECEASED

Dates are when the name was added to the bulletin; names will remain in four bulletins and then removed. To add the name again, please email Darice at daricekeyes@gmail.com.

For the Sick / Caregiver

Liam (1/7)

Kelly (1/7)

Carmine (1/14)

Marianne (1/14)

Bill (1/14)

Anthony (1/14)

Michael (1/21)

Charlotte (1/21)

Bishop Matthias (1/21)

Hieromonk Silouan (1/21)

Subdeacon Serge (1/21)

Melody (1/21)

Nancy (1/21)

Father Paul (1/28)

Matushka Mary (1/28)

Alexandra (1/28)

For the Deceased

Pearl (1/7)

John (1/7)

Michael (1/14)

Katherine (1/14)

Olga (1/14)

Pauline (1/14)

Kyra (1/14)

Kurtis (1/21)

Margaret (1/21)

Barbara (1/21)

Gori (1/21)

Dorothy (1/21)

Nina (1/28)

Ivan (1/28)

SERVICES

Service Schedule for the week of January 28

Sunday January 28 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Chili Cook Off, Coffee Hour, and the Annual Parish Meeting in Daria Hall

Thursday February 1 – MEETING OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 7:00 PM Vespers with Litya

Friday February 2 – MEETING OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday February 3 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday February 4 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

DONATIONS

Weekly Giving

January 21 – 64 adults, 22 youth, \$1,823

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held today during Coffee Hour. All parishioners should plan on being in attendance for this yearly update on our parish.

The Ladies Assumption Altar Society will hold a bazaar/flea market in Daria Hall in early summer. Please bring gently used items to be sold. The items may be placed on the left side only of the stage in Daria Hall. See Alla with any questions.

Summer Camp for parish children will be held the last week of June (June 24-28). Ages 4 through 12 may attend, however children ages 4-6 are required to have a parent/guardian attend with them. There is no charge for camp. Please let Father Volodymyr know if you are interested in having your child(ren) attend; we will need several children to commit in order to have the camp.

Your donations are needed to sustain Coffee Hour. Very little is being donated every Sunday, so please remember to put some money in the basket on the food table so we can continue to have Coffee Hour. Thank you!

A sign-up sheet for House Blessing is on the table in the back of the church. Please sign up and Father Volodymyr will contact you to set up a time.

Coffee Hour Support Persons are needed. If you would like to volunteer to assist once or twice a month, please see Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Father Volodymyr. We encourage everyone to get involved in this weekly parish event.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! We are interested in your favorite recipes, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sewheat Manna – January 30

Edwin Correa Robles – January 30

Nina Shafran – January 30

Michael Toth – January 31

Aftan Chowansky – February 3

Nany Mitsos – February 3

Simeon Brasowski – February 3

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the refreshments in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM and after Holy Communion, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing, drying and putting away dishes, taking out the trash, and cleaning up the Coffee Room including turning off and cleaning the coffee and tea pots. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese, butter, or milk is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky or Alla Strauss.

SUGGESTED MENU:

Bagels / Breads

Donuts / Pastries

Frozen desserts are available to use from the two freezers in Daria Hall

Fruit

Salads

Tortilla chips & Salsa

Hummus

Sugar-free dessert

Oreos (non-dairy)

NOTE: Hosts may provide a luncheon for a specific event or holiday (panikhida, birthday, anniversary, holiday) with advance notice. The hosts will be responsible for all food preparation for such a luncheon.

Jan. 28 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING / Chili Cook-Off** - Bill & Margie DiCicco, Chris Kasmer

Feb. 4 Aftan Chowansky, Trudy Ellmore

Feb. 11 Eleni & Tom Sowanick, Sami Bachir

Feb. 18 Nour Ragab, Tyler Burger

Feb. 25 Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Matthew & Kris Bohush

Mar. 3 Karina Kotelnicki, Gabriela Plesa

Mar. 10 FOCA Club Breakfast Fundraiser

Mar. 17 **NO MEAT** Fiyori Habtesilasse, Gebrekvistas Amleset

Mar. 24 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss

Mar. 31 **FAST** Svetlana Sosedov, Guy Radcliffe

Apr. 7 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Vera Pschenyczny

Apr. 14 **FAST** Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Viktoryia Baranava

Apr. 21 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Paul & Patti Denko

Apr. 28 **FAST** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski

May 5 **PASCHA – NO COFFEE HOUR**

May 12 Nina Schmidt, Alla & Perry Strauss

May 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Valeria & Timothy Srock

May 26 Christina DiDonato, John Cassar

June 2 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Edwin Correa Robles

June 9 Manuel & Lourdes Montiel, Cole Johnson

June 16 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun

June 23 Nina Laushell, Lynne Sheedy & Bill Hazelton
June 30 Ludwig & Paula Koerte, Nina Shafran
July 7 Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, RamaziShubitidze
July 14 Melody Stavisky, Awet Tesfa
July 21 Nicholas & Samantha Torrisi, Herman & Francine Meyer
July 28 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
Aug. 4 **FAST** Luwam Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa
Aug. 11 **FAST** Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes
Aug. 18 Tony & Chris Villabon, Alan & Mimi Berck
Aug. 25 Alex Godun, Blake & Jessica Kilgore