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### MARTYR TROPHIMUS AND 14 OTHERS IN LYCIA / HIEROMARTYR APOLLINARIS, BISHOP OF RAVENNA / ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (with coins) IN ST. PETERSBURG July 23, 2023

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **Troparion – Tone 6**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

##### **Troparion – Tone 4**

Thy holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercession, save our souls!

##### **Kontakion – Tone 6**

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

##### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

You have appeared as bright lamps, O holy martyrs! Illumine the whole creation with the brightness of your miracles. Deliver it from infirmity and drive away the deep darkness, // always interceding before Christ God for us all.

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!

*V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **Martyr Trophimus and 14 Others in Lycia**

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and thirteen martyrs with them, suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Brought to trial, they bravely confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, they broke the legs of the holy martyrs and threw them into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and they glorified Christ all the more. Unable to break the will of the holy confessors, the torturers beheaded them.

##### **Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna**

Saint Apollinaris was a disciple of the Apostle Peter, whom he followed from Antioch to Rome sometime during the reign of the Roman emperor Claudius (41-54). Saint Peter appointed Apollinaris as Bishop of Ravenna. Arriving in Ravenna as a stranger, Saint Apollinaris asked shelter of a local inhabitant, the soldier Irenaeus, and during their conversation he revealed the purpose for which he had come. Irenaeus had a blind son, whom Saint Apollinaris healed, after he had prayed to the Lord. The soldier Irenaeus and his family were the first people in Ravenna to believe in Christ. The saint

stayed at the house of Irenaeus and preached about Christ to everyone who wished to hear his words. One of the miracles that Saint Apollinaris performed was the healing of Thekla, the incurably sick wife of the tribune. Through the prayers of the saint, she got up from her bed completely healthy. Not only did she believe in Christ, but so did her husband the tribune. In their house Saint Apollinaris set up a small church, where he celebrated the Divine Liturgy. Saint Apollinaris ordained two presbyters, Aderetus and Calocyrus, and also two deacons for the newly-baptized people of Ravenna.

Saint Apollinaris labored with great zeal, preaching the Gospel at Ravenna for twelve years, and the number of Christians steadily increased. Pagan priests complained about the bishop to the governor Saturninus. The hierarch was brought to trial and subjected to grievous tortures. Thinking that he had died, the torturers took him out of the city to the seacoast and threw him into the water. The saint, however, was still alive. A certain pious Christian widow helped him and gave him shelter in her home. Saint Apollinaris stayed with her for six months, and secretly continued to preach about Christ. The saint's whereabouts became known when he restored the power of speech to an illustrious resident of the city named Boniface, whose wife had requested the saint to help her husband. After this miracle many pagans were converted to Christ, and once again Saint Apollinaris was brought to trial and tortured. His bare feet were placed on red-hot coals. They expelled him from the city a second time, but the Lord again kept him alive. The saint did not cease preaching until he left the city. For a certain time Saint Apollinaris found himself elsewhere in Italy, where he continued to preach the Gospel as before. Returning to his flock in Ravenna, Saint Apollinaris went on trial yet again and was sentenced to banishment.

In heavy fetters, he was placed on a ship bound for Illyrica and the Danube River. Two soldiers were responsible for escorting him to his place of exile. Three of the clergy voluntarily followed their bishop into exile. Along the way the vessel was wrecked and everyone drowned, except for Saint Apollinaris, his clergy and the two soldiers. The soldiers, listening to Saint Apollinaris, believed in the Lord and were baptized. Not finding any shelter, the travelers came to Moisia in Thrace, where Saint Apollinaris healed a certain illustrious inhabitant from leprosy. Both he and his companions were given shelter at the man's home. In this land Saint Apollinaris preached tirelessly about Christ and he converted many of the pagans to Christianity, for which he was subjected to persecution by the unbelievers. They beat the saint mercilessly, then they sent him back to Italy aboard a ship. After a three year absence, Saint Apollinaris returned to Ravenna and was joyfully received by his flock. The pagans, however, entered the church where the saint was serving the Divine Liturgy, scattered those at prayer, and dragged the saint before the idolatrous priests at the pagan temple of Apollo. The idol fell and shattered to pieces just as the saint was brought in. The pagan priests brought Saint Apollinaris to Taurus, the new governor of the district for trial. Apollinaris performed a new miracle, healing the son of the governor, who had been blind from birth. In gratitude for the healing of his son, Taurus tried to protect Saint Apollinaris from the angry crowd. He sent him to his own estate outside the city. Although Taurus's wife and son were baptized, he feared the anger of the emperor, and did not receive Baptism. However, he was filled with gratitude and love toward his benefactor.

Saint Apollinaris lived for five years at Taurus's estate and preached without hindrance. During this time pagan priests sent letters of denunciation to Emperor Vespasian requesting a sentence of death or exile for the Christian "sorcerer" Apollinaris. But the emperor told the pagan priests that the gods were sufficiently powerful to take revenge for themselves, if they felt insulted. All the wrath of the pagans fell upon Saint Apollinaris: they seized him and beat him fiercely as he was leaving the city for a nearby settlement. Christians found him barely alive and took him to the settlement, where he lived for seven days. During his final illness the saint did not cease to teach his flock. He predicted that after the persecutions ended, Christians would enter upon better times when they could openly and freely confess their faith. After bestowing his archpastoral blessing upon those present, the hieromartyr Apollinaris fell asleep in the Lord. Saint Apollinaris was Bishop of Ravenna for twenty-eight years, and he reposed in the year 75.

### **Icon of the Mother of God "the Joy of All who Sorrow" (with coins) in St. Petersburg**

The Icon of the Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow" (With Coins) was glorified in the year 1888 in St. Petersburg, when during the time of a terrible thunderstorm lightning struck in a chapel. All was burned or singed, except for this icon of the Queen of Heaven. It was knocked to the floor, and the poor box broke open at the same time. Somehow, twelve small coins (half-kopec pieces), became attached to the icon. A church was built in 1898 on the site of the chapel.



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## EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS

### **Epistle: Romans 15:1-7**

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35**

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

## SERVICES

### **Service Schedule for the week of July 23**

**Sunday July 23** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Saturday July 29** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday July 30** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

## DONATIONS

### **Weekly Giving**

July 16 – 141 adults, 21 youth, \$5,524

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Father Bohdan Chaikivskyi on his ordination into the Holy Priesthood last Sunday! God Grant You Many Years!

If you would like to travel to Arizona October 2-6 and visit St. Anthony Monastery, please speak with Father Volodymyr soon as he is putting together a list of travelers. There is space for 15 women and 15 men (children would stay in a room with a parent) at the Monastery Monday and Tuesday nights.

Spring water used to make coffee and tea is needed for Coffee Hour. Please donate a few gallons!

A Parish "Directory" with photos and identifying names of all parishioners is in the works. This will help us all with "putting a face to the name"! When you are at Daria Hall for Coffee Hour, please see Awet Tesfa to get your picture taken.

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

Marianne Guagenti – July 26

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

## COFFEE HOUR

Please remember the Coffee Hour Helpers do not bring any refreshments for Coffee Hour, but are there to assist in setting up for Coffee Hour. Hosts are responsible for: Providing the refreshments, setting up in Daria Hall at 9:00 AM with guidance from the Helper, cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing and drying dishes, and taking out the trash. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Stavisky, Alla Strauss, or the Helper assigned to your Coffee Hour date.

### COFFEE HOUR PARAMETERS:

1. Plan on providing refreshments for 50 people.
2. Food items are limited to: 4 doz. Bagels/breads (2 doz. per host)  
4 doz. Donuts/pastries (2 doz. per host)  
Fruit  
2 gallons water for coffee (1 gallon per host)  
Green Salad  
Sugar-free dessert/pie  
Tortilla chips & salsa

### NOTE: For Fasting Coffee Hour:

Bagels (except egg & cheese bagels) and some breads (rye) are non-dairy.

Oreos and most apple pies are non-dairy.

Hosts may provide homemade non-dairy breads and/or desserts.

3. Hosts will be informed in advance if cream cheese/Tofu cream cheese, butter/margarine, or milk is needed.
4. The church will provide coffee, tea, assorted coffee creamers, peanut butter, jelly, paper products, water bottles, and juice.
5. 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.
6. Hosts take home or give away ALL leftover refreshments so the freezer and refrigerator do not get clogged with unused food.

(The last name listed is the Coffee Hour Helper)

- July 23 Tyler Burger, Sami Bachir, Nina Laushell  
July 30 Nour Ragab, Eleni Athanatos, Francine Meyer  
Aug. 6 **FAST** Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Gabriella Plesa, Alla Strauss  
Aug. 13 **FAST** Trudy Ellmore, Herman & Francine Meyer  
Aug. 20 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Guy Radcliffe, Awet Tesfa  
Aug. 27 Ladies Assumption Altar Society  
Sept. 3 Tahara & Germain Ortiz, Alan & Mimi Berck, Alla Strauss  
Sept. 10 Olga & James Bates, Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Darice Keyes  
Sept. 17 Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Svetlana Sosodov, Nina Laushell  
Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
Oct. 1 Vera Pschenyczny, Paul & Patti Denko, Francine Meyer  
Oct. 8 John Cassar, Christina DiDonato, Alla Strauss  
Oct. 15 Ramazi Shubitidze, Ilonica & Corneliu Balasa, Nancy Mitsos  
Oct. 22 Tony Vashkevich, Manny & Lourdes Montiel, Awet Tesfa  
Oct. 29 Nina Laushell, Alex Godun, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 5 Tamara Karkusova, Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky, Francine Meyer  
Nov. 12 Natalia Kolomatskaia, Matthew & Kris Bohush, Alla Strauss  
Nov. 19 **FAST** Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 26 **FAST** Gebrekvistos Amleset, Awet Tesfa  
Dec. 3 **FAST** Nicholas Torrisi, John Honey, Nina Laushell  
Dec. 10 **FAST** Victoryia Baranava, Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos  
Dec. 17 **FAST** Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Melody Stavisky, Darice Keyes  
Dec. 24 **FAST** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Alla Strauss  
Dec. 31 Nebiat Tesfa, Luwam Tesfa, Francine Meyer