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### HIEROMARTYR PANCRATIUS, BISHOP OF TAORMINA IN SICILY

July 9, 2023

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

##### Troparion – Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood.// O Hieromartyr Pancratius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

##### Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

##### Kontakion – Tone 4

O Pancratius, thou wast revealed as a brilliant star for the people of Taormina. Thou wast also shown to be a sufferer for Christ.// Since now thou standest before Him, O blessed one, pray for those who honor thee.

##### Prokeimenon – Tone 4

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth.

The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter. It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily.

Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.

## **EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS**

### **Epistle: Romans 10:1-10**

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### **Gospel: Matthew 8:28-9:1**

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

## **SERVICES**

### **Service Schedule for the week of July 9**

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

**Saturday July 15 – ST VLADIMIR FEAST DAY** 9:30 Divine Liturgy; 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Potluck Supper in Daria Hall

**Sunday July 16 – ST VLADIMIR FEAST DAY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by Banquet in Daria Hall

## **DONATIONS**

### **Weekly Giving**

July 2 – 63 adults, 16 youth, \$2,583

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday, July 12 at 7 PM in the church basement.

Schedule for next weekend's St. Vladimir Feast Day:

Saturday July 15: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy served with Archbishop Michael

Saturday July 15: 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Potluck Supper in Daria Hall

Sunday July 16: 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy served with Archbishop Michael, including Ordination of Deacon Bohdan Chaikivskyi into the Holy Priesthood, followed by Banquet in Daria Hall

**Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. Today is the last day to sign up so please do so on your way out of church today. We will prepare food based on the number of people who sign up. Thank you.**

The Parish Council has developed and approved new parameters for Coffee Hour, which are listed below and are also posted in Daria Hall. We respectfully ask that hosts adhere to the new parameters. They were put into place by Father Volodymyr and the Parish Council to help us all spiritually in being able to get to services on time, and also relieving the financial burden on the hosts.

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

Pierogi making that was scheduled for July 20-21-22 has been canceled, and will be rescheduled when the weather is cooler.

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**

Herman Meyer – July 10

Chris Kasmer – July 10

Leah Tesfahune – July 13

Rebeca Medina – July 14

Nina Laushell – July 15

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

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

## **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.

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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 9 Nancy Mitsos, Karina Kotelnicki, Darice Keyes  
July 16 ST. VLADIMIR FEAST DAY BANQUET  
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, Vera Pschenyczny, 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 Sosedov, Nina Laushell  
Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
Oct. 1 Guy Radcliffe, Paul & Patti Denko, Francine Meyer  
Oct. 8 John Cassar, Christina DiDonato, Alla Strauss  
Oct. 15 Ramazi Shubidize, 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