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### PROPHET OBADIAH (ABDIA) / MARTYR BARLAAM OF CAESAREA, IN CAPPADOCIA November 19, 2023

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **Troparion – Tone 7**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

##### **Troparion – Tone 4**

Armed with youthful fervor, thou didst endure martyrdom in old age and didst glorify Christ. Thou didst offer Him thy right hand as a whole burnt offering and thy holy soul as a blameless sacrifice.// Intercede that all that be granted forgiveness, Great-martyr Barlaam.

##### **Kontakion – Tone 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

##### **Kontakion – Tone 3**

Though weak with old age thou didst vanquish the Evil One in thy mighty contest, O Barlaam. Thou didst endure the rack like one without a body, and didst steadfastly endure the burning of thy hand.// Therefore, God the Word has crowned thee with a crown of glory.

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 7**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace.  
V. *Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **Prophet Obadiah (Abdia)**

The holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab’s wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3 ff). Ahab’s successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by the holy Prophet Obadiah. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (4/2 Kgs 1). From that moment Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterward, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of the Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains

predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles (Vs. 15) and that the Savior would come forth from Sion (Vs. 17). The holy Prophet Obadiah, whose name means servant (or worshipper) of the Lord, was buried in Samaria. In iconography, the Prophet Obadiah is depicted as a grey-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: “In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Idumea.”(Obadiah 8).

**Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea, in Cappadocia**

The Holy Martyr Barlaam lived in Antioch of Syria. During Diocletian’s persecution against Christians, the aged Saint Barlaam was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed himself a Christian.

The judge, wanting to compel the saint to renounce Christ, ordered that Saint Barlaam be brought to the pagan altar. His right hand was placed over it, and a red-hot censer burning with incense was put into his hand. The torturer thought that a physically weak old man could not endure the pain and would drop it on the altar. In this way he would involuntarily be offering sacrifice to the idol. However, the saint held on to the censer until his hand fell off. After this, the holy Martyr Barlaam surrendered his soul to the Lord.

**EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS**

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22**

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Gospel: Luke 12:16-21**

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ‘And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

**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**

Archpriest Andrew (10/29)  
Liam (10/29)  
Kelly (10/29)  
His Grace, Bishop Matthias (10/29)  
Archpriest Andrew (10/29)  
Archpriest John (10/29)  
Vera (11/5)  
Nancy (11/5)  
Archpriest Paul (11/5)  
Matushka Mary (11/5)  
Alexandra (11/5)

Haydee (11/5)  
Michael (11/19)  
Charlotte (11/19)  
Natasha (11/19)  
Subdeacon Serge (11/19)  
Melody (11/19)  
Ruslan (11/19)  
Petranka (11/19)  
Nikolaiy (11/19)  
Bojanka (11/19)

**For the Deceased**

Robert (10/29)  
Margaret (10/29)  
Terri (10/29)  
Gertrude (10/29)  
Vincente (10/29)  
Baby Michael (10/29)  
Baby George (10/29)  
Baby Alexander (10/29)

## SERVICES

### Service Schedule for the week of November 19

**Sunday November 19** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Monday November 20** – **ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS** 7:00 PM Vespers w/ht Litya

**Tuesday November 21** – **ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

**Saturday November 25** – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday November 26** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

## DONATIONS

### Weekly Giving

November 12 – 65 adults, 19 youth, \$2,719

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Thanksgiving! If you are traveling, please be safe. Turkey is permitted to be eaten on Thanksgiving during the Nativity Fast.

The Ladies Altar Society is selling raffle tickets for three different Christmas wreaths. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 for each wreath. Winners will be drawn starting today, November 26, and December 3. Thank you for your support!

Christmas items are for sale in Daria Hall to support the Sunday School. Please stop and shop!

The Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will be at our church on Saturday December 16 and Sunday December 17. The icon will arrive before 5:00 PM Vespers on Saturday. The icon is known to have rendered miracles in healing, so everyone is encouraged to attend services on Saturday and Sunday. After services, veneration and anointing will take place.

The FOCA Club will be selling Christmas cards (pictures from our church) again this year. The cost is \$15 for 12 cards and envelopes. Sample cards will be available in Daria Hall – if you wish to order a specific number of one or more cards, you may pre-order. Otherwise, there are 3 cards each of 4 different images in a pack. Please see Nina Laushell, Mimi Berck, or Francine Brady to order or ask questions. Cards will be available early December. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events for the Parish Children:**

Today – Parish children will decorate the Christmas tree in Daria Hall during Coffee Hour. Children will also prepare Christmas cards for parishioners who are unable to attend services.

December 10 – Children's Yolka program during Coffee Hour

**Yolka practices will be held today, November 26, and December 3. If you wish your child(ren) to participate, please make sure they are in attendance on these dates.**

There will be five openings for the Parish Council in 2024. Voting will take place at our Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Sunday January 28, 2024. If you are interested in running for Parish Council, please speak with Father Volodymyr.

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. ***It is important to get your picture taken soon!***

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

John Cassar – November 24

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 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.
  - Fruit
  - Oreos and most apple pies are non-dairy.
  - Hosts may provide homemade non-dairy breads and/or desserts.
  - Salad
  - Tortilla chips & salsa
  - Sugar-free dessert/pie
  - Hummus
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 third name listed is the Coffee Hour Helper)

- Nov. 19 **FAST** Sophie Dumas, Melissa Braun, Nina Laushell  
Nov. 26 **FAST** Gebrekvistas Amleset, Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Francine Meyer  
Dec. 3 **FAST** Nicholas Torrisi, Lynne Sheedy, Darice Keyes  
Dec. 10 **FAST** Victoryia Baranava, Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt, Francine Meyer  
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  
Jan. 7 Darice Keyes, Anne Cheslock  
Jan. 14 James & Monia Pitra, Valeria & Timothy Srock, Awet Tesfa  
Jan. 21 Olga & James Bates, Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Darice Keyes  
Jan. 28 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** - Bill & Margie DiCicco, Chris Kasmer, Nina Laushell  
Feb. 4 Aftan Chowansky, Matthew & Nana Barrett, Melody Stavisky  
Feb. 11 Eleni & Tom Sowanick, Sami Bachir, Darice Keyes  
Feb. 18 Nour Ragab, Tyler Burger, Francine Brady  
Feb. 25 Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Matthew & Kris Bohush, Melody Stavisky  
Mar. 3 Karina Kotelnicki, Gabriela Plesa, Alla Strauss  
Mar. 10 Blake & Jessica Kilgore, Alex & Rebeca Medina, Nina Laushell  
Mar. 17 **NO MEAT** Fiyori Habtesilasse, Gebrekvistas Amleset, Awet Tesfa  
Mar. 24 **FAST** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss

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Mar. 31 **FAST** Svetlana Sosedov, Guy Radcliffe, Melody Stavisky  
Apr. 7 **FAST** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Vera Pschenyczny, Darice Keyes  
Apr. 14 **FAST** Corneliu & Florica Balasa, Viktoryia Baranava, Francine Meyer  
Apr. 21 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Paul & Patti Denko, Awet Tesfa  
Apr. 28 **FAST** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Anna & Leon Brasowski, Nina Laushell  
May 5 **PASCHA – NO COFFEE HOUR**  
May 12 Nina Schmidt, Alla & Perry Strauss