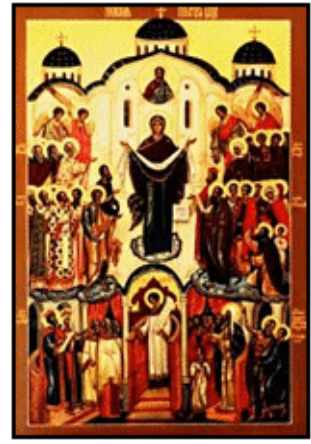




Our Sunday Bulletin
Protection of the Virgin Mary
Orthodox Church
Sunday June 13 2010
3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Tone 2
Martyr Aquilina of Byblos
St Triphyllius



Protection of the Virgin Mary

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Great Vespers
 Saturday - 4 PM
 Feast Days - 7 PM
 Divine Liturgy
 Sunday - 9:45 AM
 Feast Days - 9 AM
 Sunday Adult class 9Am
 Children's classes after liturgy

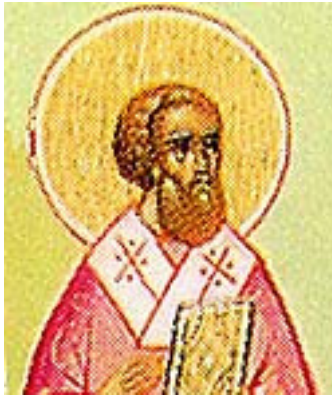
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Today's commemorated feasts and saints...

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2.

Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria (293). St. Triphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) in Cyprus (ca. 370). Ven. Andronicus (1395), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh, and Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbots, of Moscow (15th c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa (3rd-4th c.). St. Anna and her son, St. John, of Constantinople. Ven. Nun Alexandra of Divýevo (1789).

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.

And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://

“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 4 Troparion (Martyr Aquilina)

You lamb Aquilina calls out to you, O Jesus, in a loud voice:

“I love You, my Bridegroom and in seeking You, I endure suffering.

In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You,

and I died so that I might live in You.

Accept me as a pure sacrifice,

for I have offered myself in love!//”

Though her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

Tone 4 Troparion (Saint Triphyllius)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,

an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you;

your poverty enriched you.

Hierarch Father Triphyllius,

entreat Christ our God//

that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Martyr Aquilian)

You ascended to the heights through martyrdom, all-honorable Aquilina,

having purified your soul through the virtues of your virginity.

You were wounded with love for Christ your bridegroom,

before Whom you stand rejoicing with the Angels://

together with them unceasingly pray for us all!

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle)

1Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**2**through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**3**And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;**4**and perseverance, character; and character, hope.**5**Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**6**For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**7**For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.**8**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**9**Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**10**For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel)

22The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.**23**But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!**24**No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.**25**Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?**26**Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**27**Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?**28**So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;**29**and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.**30**Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?**31**Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'**32**For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.**33**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The Holy Martyr Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Her parents raised her in Christian piety. When the girl was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of the imperial governor Volusian accused her of teaching others not to follow the religion of their fathers. The girl firmly confessed her faith in Christ before the governor and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence the young confessor through persuasion and by flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured.

They struck her upon the face, then they stripped her and beat her with whips. The torturer asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of my hands".

The saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me."

They drilled through the martyr's ears with heated metal rods. The holy virgin fell down as if dead. The torturer thought that the girl had actually died, and he gave orders to throw her body outside the city to be eaten by dogs.

By night a holy angel appeared to St Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing."

The martyr went to the court of the governor and stood before Volusian. Seeing St Aquilina, he called for his servants and ordered them to keep watch over her until morning.

In the morning he sentenced St Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who did not obey the imperial decrees. When they led the saint to execution, she prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name.

A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God (+ 293). The executioner feared to disobey the governor's orders, so he cut off her head although she was already dead.

Christians piously buried the martyr's body. Later, her relics were taken to Constantinople and placed in a church named for her.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY.....JUNE 13 2010

SUNDAY 13 9am Adult class, 9:45 3rd Hr 1
10:00 Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY 15 6pm Prayer Service followed by
Parish Council mtg

SATURDAY 19 4pm Great Vespers

*****QUESTION*****

**Are there more Orthodox in Illinois than any state
in the USA ?**

*****NO*****

**The heaviest concentrations of Orthodox in America are in:
Alaska, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio.**

NEWS FROM SCRIP

We are pleased to announce that Six Flags tickets are now available at \$30 with an 8% discount. These tickets are redeemable for single one-day admissions at any Six Flags Theme Park and may be used for adults and children. With this ticket, you may be able to save because normal ticket prices range from \$30 (children) to \$50 plus.

This universal ticket is good for one admission at any Six Flags Theme Park. If your children or grandchildren are planning for a day of fun at Great America this summer, purchase the tickets from us and help the Mortgage Fund make some money, too.

Many of you were disappointed when the Visa prepaid card was discontinued. We now have an American Express prepaid card available in \$25, \$100, and \$200 denominations. The discount is 1.25%. Like, the Visa card, it can be redeemed anywhere.

ALL PARISH PICNIC

Our All-Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 22nd. We are looking for someone to chair this event. It can even be 2 people as co-chairs. Please let Father Chris know if you can do this!

ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Calling for Recipes!!! Dig out those favorite recipes and submit them for our 100 Anniversary Cookbook. Janice Barancyk is heading up the Cookbook Committee. Recipes are needed NOW!! Let's all help out to make this a great endeavor and fundraiser for our 100-Year Anniversary! Recipes are still needed in these categories: Soups & Salads, Appetizers & Beverages, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Cookies & Candy, Breads, This & That

(Misc.). Ron Hughes -- where is that Lenten Potato Soup recipe? Elizabeth Pederson-- where is that Graff recipe? The name of our cookbook is "Flavored with Love". Please help us make it a success!

PROJECT MEXICO

If you are interested in participating in next year's Project Mexico (July12-17, 2011), you will need to let Father Chris or Monika know. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by July 31st. Cost for each participant is estimated at \$1300. We will be building small houses for needy families.

No experience is necessary. This trip is a memorial to Archbishop Job, of blessed memory. We are hoping to have several from our parish participate, along with others in the Midwest Diocese. We are hoping to have some fundraiser events to help defray the cost for the participants. Please consider this mission to help our neighbors south of the border.

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