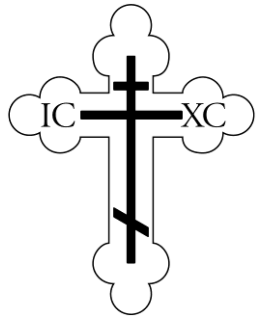
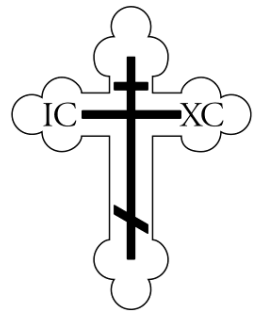


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**Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
parish hall after
Divine Liturgy for
coffee hour.**

November 10, 2019

Holy Apostles of the Seventy Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus and Tertius

The holy Apostles Erastus, Sosipater, Olympas, Rodion, Quartus, and Tertius were disciples of the Apostle Paul. They all lived during the first century.

St. Paul speaks of them in the 16th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans: “And Erastus, the city treasurer, greets you, and Quartus, a brother” (Rom 16: 23).

St. Sosipater, a native of Achaia, was Bishop of Iconium, where he also died. St. Paul mentions him in Romans 16:21.

St. Olympas (mentioned in Rom 16:15) was also a companion of the Apostle Peter.

St. Rodion was a kinsman of the Apostle Paul (Rom 16:11) and left the bishop's throne at Patras to go to Rome with the Apostle Peter.

Sts. Rodion and Olympas were beheaded on the very day and hour when St. Peter was crucified.

St. Quartus endured much suffering for his piety and converted many pagans to Christ, dying peacefully as a bishop in the city of Beirut.

St. Tertius, to whom Saint Paul dictated the Epistle to the Romans, was the second Bishop of Iconium, where also he died: "I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord" (Rom 16:22).

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 4 – Resurrectional Troparion

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:

"Death is overthrown!

Christ our God is risen,//

granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:

Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.

Deliver us from every form of evil

by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//

that He may save our souls.

Tone 3 – Troparion for the Holy Apostles of the Seventy

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Heróðion, Sosipáter,

Qúartus and Tértius,

entreat the merciful God,//

to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 4 – Resurrectional Kontakion

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!

Tone 2 – Kontakion for the Holy Apostles of the Seventy

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles,
you wisely destroyed the works of idolatry.
When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Master//
and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together,//
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 4 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Your works;
in wisdom have You made them all.

Epistle: Galatians 2.16-20

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Luke 10.25-37

At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked and passed by on the other side.

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

"On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

N.Dep. Madeline Petri

Juliana Thiel

Constantin Ardeleanu

Ev.Mem. John Pilenok ('14)

Mary Hodovin ('54)

Nicholas Chanaen ('56)

Velika Manivoloski ('77)

Ann Gregor ('88)

Anatol Meuch

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Salvation:

Mat. Anna

Archpr. Peter

Pr. John

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Julia

Warren

Carol

Tom

Elizabeth

Tina

Adam

Brittany

Jennifer

Lennox

Laila

Paula

Stacey

Jeramie

Olivia

Parker

Melissa

Jonathan

Matthew

Shaun

Gail

Maria

Barbara

Thomas

Carol

Jessica

Eduardo

Christine

Tom

Nicholas

Natalie

Barbara

Kristin

Linda

Phyllis

Kay

Fred

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Martin

Mark

Alexa

Paula

Alexandra

James

Joanne

Ronald

Michael

Joseph

Rachel

Kathleen

Paul

William

Michael

Frederick

Janet

N.Ill. Tasia

Jeffrey

Greta

Michael

Courtney

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At **Bible Study** this week, we will discuss Exodus 29-32.

Order forms for our **Thanksgiving Bake Sale** are available now in the narthex. **Orders are due by Nov 20** and will be available for pick-up during coffee hour on Sunday, Nov 24. Consider donating supplies (flour, butter, eggs, sugar...) or putting in time in the kitchen Nov 21-23, 10am-4pm.

This month we are collecting for the **Winfield Food Pantry**.

The **Women's Book Group** is reading *The Illumined Heart* by Frederica Matthewes-Green. Copies are available in the bookstore. Discussion is **Nov 16**. See Mat. Jenna for info.

For those planning an **end-of-year donation**, it would be a blessing for our treasurer to receive those in time to process before the holidays. Thank you!

This Friday begins **Advent**, the **40 days** we set aside to make ready to receive the new-born King at Christmas ("Let every heart prepare Him room"). Make your fast an opportunity to save more for **helping those in need**.

Next Sunday after Divine Liturgy we will serve the annual **memorial for Fr. Peter Rozdelsky**.

Mark your calendars:

Nov 12: **Ladies' Sodality** meeting @ 10am

Nov 13: **Bible Study** @ 7pm

Nov 14: **Faith Enrichment** @ 10am

Nov 15: First day of **Advent**

Nov 16: **Women's Book Group** @ 10am

Nov 17: **Livestream with Bishop Paul: Fasting as a Family**
www.midwestfamily.org @ 7pm

Nov 20: **Great Vespers** for the **Entry of the Theotokos** into the Temple @ 6pm

Nov 21: **Divine Liturgy** for the **Entry of the Theotokos @ 10am**

Nov 28: **Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving @10am**

Dec 1: **Tree decorating** after coffee hour

Dec 7: **St. Nicholas visits!** Church School buys & wraps gifts for a local family @ 9am

Last week's offerings to the Lord: \$2,491

The Acquisition of Possessions

A reflection by His Grace, our Bishop Paul

There is a lot of material wealth in this country. Many people have a good standard of living, and it shows by the kinds of things we have or are given. I gave up long ago buying gifts for anyone in my family, because they have so many things. I don't know what I could give them that they don't already have. So I resort to gift cards. It makes gift shopping for Christmas a whole lot easier. Here in Chicago, my Christmas shopping consists of a local trip to the Jewel-Osco grocery store, a visit to the gift card kiosk, and the Christmas gift card-holder part of the greeting card section.

We buy our children all kinds of sophisticated and expensive toys; let's not forget the Barbie dolls, and of course marketed toys from famous movies. Mel Brooks, playing "Yogurt" in the movie "Spaceballs," said the key to the Schwartz (instead of the Force), was "Merchandizing!" But it always amazes me how real young children get tremendous pleasure in going into a kitchen cabinet to take out pots and pans, banging them around, and maybe putting them back in, and taking them out again! Give a child some safe items from a junk drawer, and they will find something to do with them and be occupied for a while.

As we approach this Advent Fast, let us reflect on our acquisition of possessions. What do we really need versus what do we really want? What is our budget for gift buying?

Can a part of the budget be diverted to supporting a worthy charitable endeavor? If you have a local FOCUS chapter or something comparable to that, would a more appropriate family gift be to take a shift and work at serving a meal? You can even sit down and get to know some of the people that come seeking a meal.

This Sunday, November 10th is the Sunday when the Good Samaritan parable is read. It always is read just before the Fast begins. Most know this story and have heard many sermons preached on it. If Christ in that gospel reading is the image the Good Samaritan, what can the story teach about our possessions, how we use them, and to what end? What does Christ teach us about what it means to be a Good Samaritan? Finally, to what end do we acquire things, for what purpose?

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,

The unworthy +Paul

Glory to God for all things!