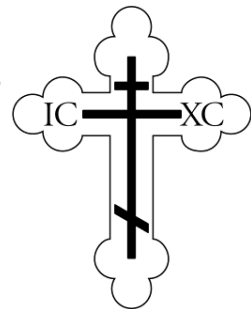
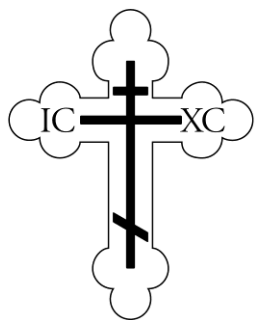


# Protection of the Virgin Mary

## Orthodox Church



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

## July 24, 2022

# Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb

### HYMNS OF THE DAY

#### Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

#### **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 2 – Troparion for Sts Boris and Gleb**

Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ,  
chaste Boris and guileless Gleb,  
You did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy,  
when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls.  
Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn  
while you rejoice with the Angels standing before the Holy Trinity.  
Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God,//  
and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved!

#### **Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion**

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

#### **Tone 3 – Kontakion for Sts Boris and Gleb**

Today your most glorious memory shines forth,  
noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb,  
for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God.  
Praying to Him before your sacred images,//  
we receive the gift of healing by your prayers, for you are indeed  
divine healers.

#### **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 5 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 11)**

You, O Lord, shall protect us  
and preserve us from this generation forever!

## **Tone 4 – Prokeimenon for Sts Boris and Gleb (Psalm 15)**

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will  
to the saints who are in His land!

## **Epistle: Romans 12.6-14 (Sunday)**

Brethren: Having gifts which differ according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

## **Romans 8.28-39 (Sts Boris and Gleb)**

Brethren: We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities

nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Gospel: Matthew 9.1-8 (Sunday)**

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### **John 15.17 – 16.2 (Sts Boris and Gleb)**

Jesus said to His disciples: "These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

# WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**New Dep.** Helen Wein

Maria Helen

**Ev.Mem.** Nikita Nepsha ('21)

Simeon Matuszak ('49)

Agnes Bagrukovich ('77)

Nicholas Tetarchik ('89)

## **Health & Salv.**

Archpr. Peter

Mat. Anne

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Tom

Jennifer

Larry

Rollie

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Claudia

Carol

Snezana

Ryan

Nathan

Kara

Djuro

Dominic

Declan

Hudson

Ayden

Hyland

Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

Alexander

Ronald

William

Wanda

Ivanka

Aaron

Karen

Sandra

Linda

Jim

John

Martha

Mark

Michelle

Irene

Michelle

Erika

Luke

Jo

Stephanie

Mary Ann

Robb

Desiree

Hanna

Jaroslava

Andrew

Andrew

Vadim

Hanna

Alex

Carl

Laura

Chrisan

Janice

Gerald

Olga

Janie

David

Sharon

Tanya

Renee

Carissa

Ashton

Doris

Laura

Duane

Elizabeth

Karen

Alexa

Miriana

Olga

Richard

Klaudia

Nicodemus

Nada

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

## **Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:**

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Following veneration of the cross, please join us in the hall and on the lawn for a **parish picnic in honor of St. Clement of Ochrid.**

For **Bible Study this week**, read Judith 13-16.

Our first **Women's Book Club** meeting will be on Thursday, August 4th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. We will meet every other Thursday evening. We are reading *Bringing Jesus to the Desert*. For anyone that is still interested in signing up, please see Matushka Jenna or Tiffany O'Day.

The Ladies' Sodality will hold their annual **Rummage Sale** this year on Thursday and Friday, **August 11 and 12**. Parishioners are asked to donate their gently used items for sale. Items may be dropped off in the parish Library starting Sunday, July 31. Questions can be directed to Sodality president Mary Ann Bertram.

### **Mark your calendars:**

July 27: **Divine Liturgy @ St. Panteleimon Orthodox Church** in Summit, IL for their parish feast day @ 10am  
**Bible Study @ 7pm**

July 28: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**

July 29: **Blood Drive 12-6pm**

Aug 1: Beginning of the **Dormition Fast** (Aug 1-14)

Aug 4: **Women's Book Club @ 6pm**

Aug 5: **Festal Vespers for the Feast of Transfiguration @ 6pm**

Aug 6: **Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration @ 10am**

Aug 14: **Lamentations for the Theotokos after coffee hour ~ 1pm**

Aug 15: **Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos @ 10am**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$1,560**

# **Archpastoral Message**

## **of His Grace, our Bishop Daniel**

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,  
and Beloved Faithful of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest:

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest, has already informed you of my election by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America to the See of Chicago. In accordance with the canonical and statutory provisions for the election of diocesan bishops, the Diocesan Special Assembly nominated me, and the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America canonically elected me as the twelfth bishop of Chicago. In accepting this election, I bow before the will of God expressed through voice of the bishops of the Church and give thanks to Almighty God, begging His Mercy as I enter upon this new ministry and as I begin to serve you as your diocesan bishop.

I have served as Administrator and then as Locum tenens of the Diocese since March 15, 2022. Throughout these months, I have experienced the prayerful support, hospitality, and love of the Diocese. I have been grateful for this new and blossoming relationship and look forward to now serving as your diocesan bishop. Desiring to establishing a firm foundation for our new bond and inspiration for the future, I look to the Gospel of Saint John. Among the post-Resurrection narratives included in John, we find the memorable exchange between the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Peter as they are gathered on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias:

*So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep" (John 21:15-17).*

This interaction, mirroring Peter's threefold denial of the Lord (Matthew 26:34; Mark 14:68; and Mark 14:72), redeems him of his faint-heartedness and highlights his deep love for Christ. It is the love which Peter professes that is the basis for his apostolic ministry. It is Peter's love for his Lord that will strengthen him in his martyric witness.

Within this Gospel passage we should also see ourselves. It is because of our love for the Lord that each one of us also takes up the work of feeding Christ's lambs and tending and feeding His sheep. Indeed, each one of us, baptized into Christ, is called to assume this task. We do it as bishops, priests, deacons, husbands, wives, monastics, parents, teachers, students, and dedicated lay faithful who, day by day, love and serve Christ by loving and serving our neighbor. I have been called to do this as a bishop and am now being called to perform this ministry as the Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest.

As I begin to serve you as your bishop, I ask for your prayers, patience, and support in this great mission. I invite you to join me in the ongoing task of feeding, tending, nurturing, and growing the Flock of Christ in our God-protected Diocese. May all of us work together in proclaiming the good news of salvation.

With love in Christ, our High Priest and Shepherd,

**+DANIEL**

Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

# Glory to God for all things!