

GREATMARTYR PROCOPIUS OF CÆSAREA

The Holy Great Martyr Procopius, born Neanius, a native of Jerusalem, lived and suffered during the reign of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). His father was a Christian, but his mother remained a pagan; he was raised by her, receiving an excellent secular education. He was introduced to Diocletian early in the emperor's reign, and he quickly advanced in government service. Towards the year 303, when open persecution against Christians began, Neanius was sent as a proconsul to Alexandria with orders to mercilessly persecute the Church of God.

On the way to Egypt, Neanius had a vision similar to that of Paul on the road to Damascus. A divine voice exclaimed, "Neanius, why do you persecute Me?"

Neanus asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

"I am the crucified Jesus, the Son of God."

A radiant Cross appeared in the air, and Neanius felt an inexpressible joy; he was transformed from being a persecutor into a zealous follower of Christ, and he fought victoriously against the barbarians.

However, his own mother went to the emperor to complain that her son did not worship the ancestral gods. Neanius was summoned to the procurator, where he was solemnly handed the decree of Diocletian. He read it and tore it up in front of everyone. He was put in chains and sent to Cæsarea of Palestine. After torture, he was thrown into a dark prison. That night, a light shone in the prison, and the Lord Jesus Christ baptized the suffering confessor and gave him the name Procopius.

St. Procopius was repeatedly tortured to convince him to renounce Christ, but he remained steadfast in his faith. Inspired by his example, many of his former guards and Roman soldiers were martyred. His mother Theodosia became repentant and stood in the line of confessors and was executed. Finally a new procurator, convinced of the futility of the tortures to Procopius, sentenced the Greatmartyr to beheading by the sword. By night Christians took up his much-tortured body and, with tears and prayers, buried him.



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(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
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TONE 5

JULY 8, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Holy Greatmartyr Procopius of Cæsarea in Palestine;
Righteous Prokópy, Fool-for-Christ, Wonderworker of Ustiug;
Righteous Prokópy of Usya, Fool-for-Christ;
Appearance of the KAZAN' Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos;
The Weeping Novgorod Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos "OF TENDER FEELING;"
The SITKA Icon of the Most-Holy Theotokos*

"Aflame with divine zeal for the Lord, and protected by the power of the holy and life-giving Cross, you utterly destroyed the arrogant rage of the foe, O holy Procopius, and through your growth in faith, which enlightens us as well, you edify and exalt the whole Church of Christ."

Kondakion, Tone II

"Today, like the morning sun rising over us, your all-honored icon enlightens the world with rays of mercy. And our land reverently receives it as a divine gift from on high, glorifying you, O Birthgiver of God, Our Lady of Sitka, with joy magnifying Christ our God Who was born of you. Pray to Him, O Lady Mary, Queen and Theotokos, that all cities and lands be protected from our enemies, and that they will be saved who in faith venerate your most pure icon that has come to dwell with us, O Virgin Mother, who shows us the way to Christ."

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ROMANS 12:6-14

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:1-8

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, July 14 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, July 9	I Corinthians 5:9-6:11	Matthew 13:54-58
Tuesday, July 10 (St. Anthony)	I Corinthians 6:20-7:12	Matthew 14:1-13
Wednesday, July 11	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Matthew 4:25-5:12
Thursday, July 12	I Corinthians 7:12-24	Matthew 14:35-15:11
Friday, July 13	I Corinthians 7:24-35	Matthew 15:12-21
Saturday, July 14	I Corinthians 7:35-8:7	Matthew 15:29-31
	Romans 12:1-3	Matthew 10:37-11:1

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COMING EVENTS

JULY:

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| 8, TODAY | 6:00 p.m. Meeting for St. John of San Francisco Homeschool Co-op |
| 9, Monday | 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle |
| | 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting |
| 16, Monday | Cooking for St. Herman's House |
| 18, Wednesday | Serving dinner at St. Herman's House |
| 23-27 | All-American Council in St. Louis, MO |

OUR NEW SIGN!

You must have noticed the work on the new sign for our church. Quite a bit has been going on for the last several weeks. If all remains on track, we should be seeing the completed and working electronic sign in just a few weeks. Together with the sign, there will also be new lighting along the entire driveway. Foundations for the new lights have been built, but it will be a while before the actual new fixtures are installed.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, July 9, at 12:30 p.m. We are discussing Chapter 3 in the book Exodus. All are welcome.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Brenda Mavechik.

SUNSHINE:

If you know of a parishioner who could use a "thinking of you" message, please contact Dianna Kall at 216-741-2888 or email dkall@ameritech.net. Include parishioner's name, address, city and zip code as well as the need so an appropriate card can be sent.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Jewelann Stefanar.

HOMESCHOOL:

St. Matthew Church invites parents interested in homeschooling their children to a meeting about the St. John of San Francisco Homeschool Co-op, today, July 8, 6:00 p.m., at the temporary location of St. Matthew Church, which is 13601 Ridge Rd.; North Royalton. For further information, contact Kh. Bonnie (440-826-0662); Lisa (216-415-9126) or Susan (440-799-2488).

He who truly bestows charity, gives from his heart and with a loving heart.

He is truly merciful who converses with everyone heartily, and not only with intellect and lips,
but with sincere hearty respect to everyone,

preaching the Word of God, serving God with a true heart, not hypocritically -
in a word, one who embraces all and carries all in his heart by love,
despising everything material that may become a hindrance to love
between himself and his neighbor.

Such a one is truly merciful.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JULY 1	\$ 5010.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	53.00
BUILDING FUND	240.00
MORTGAGE FUND	220.00
CANDLES	135.00

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LETTERS TO ST. PAUL FROM ROME - IV

Dear Apostle,

So, you say, we are “justified by faith” and not “by the law,” nor “by works.” As to be justified by faith, it is “faith in Jesus Christ.” Further you state that all people are capable of being justified by faith. That is because Abraham was chosen by God to be “father of many nations” because of his faith, in other words, because of his faith in the God of “many nations.” Thus Abraham is father of all people and not just of the Jews. So I am beginning to understand that the law actually did apply to all people even though Jews considered it to be their law. But now your reasoning gets really interesting! It seems that however good the law may have been, it was very inadequate, because sin exists together with the law. You even say that sin is “aroused by the law”! Did God make a mistake giving us the law? What is the solution?

Seeking the truth, Yours Truly, N

Dear Truth Seeker,

Well, what then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I should not have known sin. I should not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, finding opportunity in the commandment, wrought in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died; the very commandment which promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, finding opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and by it killed me. So the law is good....

Did that which is good then, bring death in me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. We know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but the very thing that I hate! Now if I do what I do not want, ... then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!.... For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh.... He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [Romans 7:7-20, 24-25; 8:3-6]

May God’s love and kindness be with you, Paul