

MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS IN SYRIA

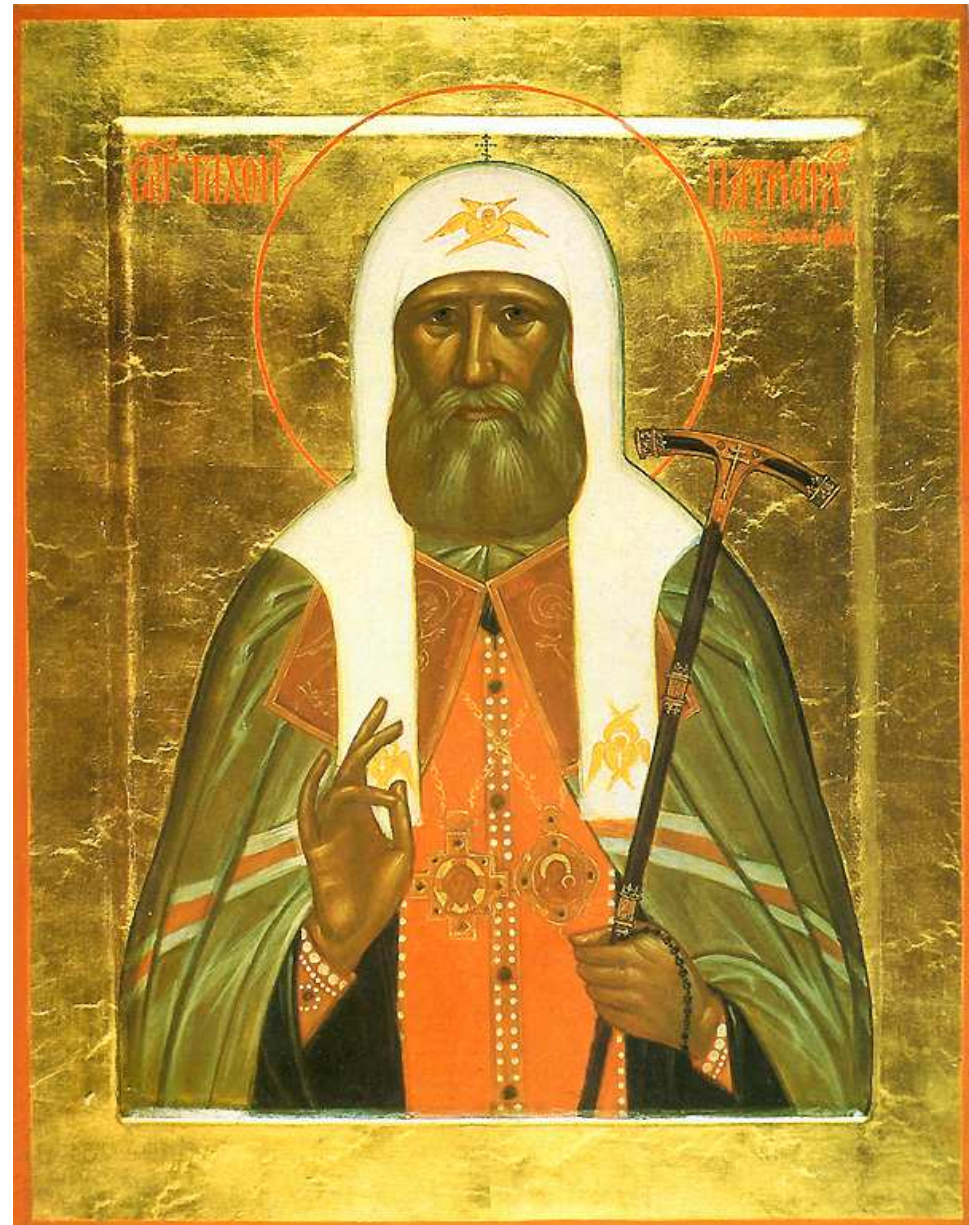
The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshipped Him only.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants and rings) and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words and demonstrated the folly of worshipping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria—Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. “My fathers and benefactors!” he said. “Have pity on yourselves and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures.” The holy martyrs replied, “For us life is Christ, and to die is gain.” The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria;
Ven. Sergius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves;
Ven. Sérgii, Abbot of Nurma, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh;
Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozérsk;
Martyrs Julian the Presbyter and Cæsarius the Deacon, at Terracina;
Virgin Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus; Martyr Polychronius the Presbyter*

“Your holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Troparion, Tone IV

Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

Tuesday, October 9

“Chosen by God in a turbulent time, you glorified God in complete holiness and attained greatness through humility. You showed forth the power of God through simplicity and piety; you laid down your life for the Church and her people. O holy confessor and patriarch, Tikhon, pray to Christ God to Whom you were also crucified, that He may save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 7:11-16

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, October 13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, October 8	Philippians 2:12-16	Luke 7:36-50
	Philippians 2:17-23	Luke 8:1-3
Tuesday, October 9	Hebrews 7:26-8:2	John 10:9-16
Wednesday, October 10	Philippians 2:24-30	Luke 8:22-25
Thursday, October 11	Philippians 3:1-8	Luke 9:7-11
Friday, October 12	Philippians 3:8-19	Luke 9:12-18
Saturday, October 13	II Corinthians 1:8-11	Luke 6:1-10

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 8, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
Church School Assembly
Last day of donations for St. Mary of Egypt; for Basket Raffle
- 15, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 20, Saturday 9:00—1:00 EOWG Pan Orthodox Seminar at St. Mary Church
- 28, Sunday HTOC Parish Meeting

HOLY TRINITY OUTREACH:

We are having a food drive for St. Mary Of Egypt. Please donate non-perishable items now through Sunday, Oct. 14. Collection tables are in the Hall. Contact Marilyn Cobbs at 440-237-1280 for info.

PARISH MEETINGS:

Our Parish Council will meet on Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.
Our annual Parish Meeting is on Sunday, October 28, following the Divine Liturgy. Plan to attend.

PLEDGE CARDS:

Please remember to return your Pledge Card for the upcoming calendar year. Our fiscal year has already begun and pledges are needed for financial planning.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Our next book is Crazy John. Please read pages 11-42.

“TIMELESS CHRISTIANITY”

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD., author and scholar of Byzantine liturgy and host of an online catechetical program, will speak at Notre Dame College on Sunday Oct. 21, 3:00-5:00. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

FLOWERS:

The flowers are offered by the Crowder and Riley Families in memory of Frank and Mary Kostohryz.

FOOD SALE:

Next Sunday is our Second Sunday Food Sale. Bake and cook your favorite autumn foods or some family favorites and bring them to the Fellowship Hall.

PANORTHODOXY:

See Joanne Stoyka for tickets (\$15) to the program on Oct. 20, at St. Mary Church. Rev. Chad Hatfield and other presenters will speak on Pan Orthodoxy. A continental breakfast and lunch are included.

ST. HERMAN’S FUNDRAISER:

We are having our annual Meatloaf Luncheon in our Fellowship Hall on Nov. 4, to raise funds for the monthly meals we serve at St. Herman’s House. See Jewelann for tickets. The Basket Auction is again included. If you have a business contact for auction items and / or an interest in offering items and / or gift cards, contact Dianna Kall, 216-741-2888. Items are needed before Monday, Oct. 15, for ticket pre-sales.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN:

We are again conducting a special collection to help parishioner Aaron Rutz offset the costs of his second year at St. Vladimir Seminary. A basket is at the rear of the church. If writing a check, please make it out to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.”

ST. JOHN CHURCH ANNUAL DINNER:

See info in Fellowship Hall for dinner and \$1000 raffle at St. John’s Church in Campbell on Nov. 11.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 30	\$ 4752.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	90.00
BUILDING FUND	115.00
MORTGAGE FUND	185.00
CANDLES	66.00
SEMINARIAN	560.00
HALL ROOF FUND	2000.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	20.00

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THE SAINTS AMONG US - SAINT INNOCENT OF ALASKA

As members of the Orthodox Church who live in North America, we can indeed be very proud to have as one of our founders a man who is universally recognized as an extraordinary Christian missionary. His accomplishments and vision form a legacy of evangelization that remains a vital source of inspiration for us today, and it will surely continue into the future. St. Innocent was born as John Veniaminov on August 26, 1797, just around the time that the Russian government began establishing outposts on its Alaskan territory. The sanctions given by Russian Imperial authorities to develop profitable fur trading included sending Orthodox clergy to minister to the traders and to evangelize Alaskan natives. The first missionary group of ten priests and monks from the Valaam Monastery, which included St. Herman, arrived on Kodiak Island in 1794. Of that original group only St. Herman was to remain, dying in Alaska in 1836.

St. Innocent was born near the Siberian city of Irkutsk where he studied at the pastoral school and seminary. As a young married priest, he was chosen and agreed to do missionary work in Alaska, arriving on the remote Aleutian Unalaska Island in 1823. Unalaska Island and Kodiak are almost 1,000 miles apart, and so Sts. Innocent and Herman never met. Later in life, St. Innocent was to credit St. Herman for beneficial spiritual intercessions. For some dozen years, St. Innocent labored in Unalaska, from where he travelled to other islands and the mainland to preach, teach and baptize various Alaskan tribes. He learned native languages and translated the Gospel and Catechism. The Ascension Church on Unalaska Island which he founded remains a functioning parish. In 1834 he was transferred to Sitka, which had become the capital city of the colonial Russian territory. There he learned yet another native tribal language and continued his work. His missionary endeavors were remarkable in scope and energy, but he also found time for scientific study of nature and local cultures. His writings and studies were of high merit, and he was honored with membership in the Russian Academy of Sciences. He also became an accomplished craftsman, constructing homes, furniture and clocks, examples of which can be seen in the church museum in Sitka.

After his wife died in 1838, St. Innocent was consecrated Bishop, with his see being in Sitka. There he supervised the building of St. Michael's Cathedral, which still stands as a working parish and popular tourist attraction. In 1852 his residence became Yakutsk, Siberia, where he continued in evangelization and translations, his diocese now encompassing an area almost as large as the continental United States. After thirty years of constant missionary work, now partially blind and feeble, in 1868 St. Innocent was made Metropolitan of Moscow, one of the highest ranking positions in the Russian Orthodox Church. He served faithfully until his death in 1879, using every opportunity to talk about and encourage support of evangelization. He is commemorated on March 31, the date of his death, and on October 6, the date of his canonization in 1977. The Church honors him with the special title "Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of North America." He is depicted twice in our church, on the back wall with the other Saints of North America, and in the sanctuary, together with Sts. Herman and Elizabeth the New Martyr, all of whose relics were placed inside our Altar Table.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus